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MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020, MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Midwifery Council (the “Council”) was held via ZOOM on July 14, 2020, beginning at 8:00 a.m., with the following members present:

Sherry Stevens, NHCM, Chair (SS)

Amy Darling, NHMC (AD)

Kathryn Hartwell, NHMC (KH)

Heidi Rinehart, MD (HR)

Evelyn Aissa, Public Member (EA)

- I. Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2020. Upon motion by HR, with a second by EA, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.
- II. Public Hearing.
 - a. Jessica Davis (8:19 a.m.) Jessica Davis presented evidence, which was recorded. Hearing closed at 8:34 a.m.

III. FIRST NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:36 a.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:2, 91-A:5, and upon motion by SS with a second by HR, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations, and because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Council member. Roll call vote.

[Minutes recorded separately]

At 8:58 a.m. upon motion by HR, with a second by KH, , the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter public session.

At 8:58 a.m. upon motion by SS, with a second by EA, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public

disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Council member or render the proposed action ineffective.

SS moved to accept Jessica Davis's renewal application, noting that the Council would accept her peer reviews and that it would normally not accept her CEUs, but because of the Governor's Orders, it would accept her CEUs at this time. AD seconded. The Council voted unanimously via roll call vote in favor of the motion.

IV. Applications New & Renewal: N/A.

SS noted she had looked to see if the Red Cross had begun CPR certifications in the areas of those licensees who need CPR and NRP (JD and ML). As of yesterday, CPR had not started in those particular areas, but others. SS inquired whether LBC can send out letter to JD and ML noting stating classes are available and noting they had 90 days to submit current cards. LBC to follow up.

V. New Business: N/A

VI. On-Going Business

- a. M & M form revision. SS discussed that a rules change was needed, which can be done with Tom Broderick. If anyone else has changes needed to be made, should be done all at once. KH stated the Council should revisit the definition of morbidity. The Council should redefine morbidity so that it is not just a hospital stay greater than 24 hours. SS stated that if the Council is going to open up rules, they need to do it is all at once. SS will contact Tom Broderick, and send out information to committee members. HR--wonders if it makes sense for definition of morbidity to be death of client during pregnancy or during 6 weeks after birth. Neonatal mortality means fetal demise after 20 weeks or death of newborn within 6 weeks of birth. Then it is more clear; the way it sounds currently is that morbidity only means maternal death postpartum. The language is strange. KH—there is not a clear definition of fetal death v. miscarriage in rules. SS would like to have those definitions written and, if possible, references to them, submitted and put on FTP site can all review it.
- b. New Born Jaundice protocols (Kate and Mark). KH—everything is written out. Did not upload it as Mark needs to approve. KH has composed letter to midwives regarding protocols. KH has an article that is a pretty comprehensive article about newborn jaundice that is a refresher. Once Mark approves cover letter, KH will email it everyone.
- c. Birth Center Owner Update Rules. KH—wanted to let Council know she is working with DHHS regarding rules for birth centers.

VII. SECOND NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 9:15 a.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:2, 91-A:5, and upon motion by SS with a second by EA, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to conduct a non-public session for the purpose

of discussing investigations, and because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Council member.

[Minutes recorded separately]

At 9:43 a.m., upon motion by SS, with a second by AD, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter public session.

At 9:43 a.m. upon motion by SS, with a second by HR, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Council member or render the proposed action ineffective.

At 9:45 a.m., upon motion by SS, with a second by HR, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting: August 14, 2020, at 8 am

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 a.m.