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August 14, 2020, Public Meeting
Midwifery Council

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Midwifery Council (the “Council”) was held via ZOOM on August 14, 2020, beginning at 8:08 a.m., with the following members present:

Sherry Stevens, NHCM, Chair
Amy Darling, NHMC
Kathryn Hartwell, NHMC
Mark Carney, MD
Evelyn Aissa, Public Member

Also Present:

Lindsey B. Courtney, Executive Director (LBC)
Penny Taylor, Administrator (PT)
Thomas Broderick, Attorney (TB)

1. Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2020. Upon motion by SS, which was seconded by KH, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.
2. OPLC Agency Update (LBC). LBC provided an update regarding the agency.
3. Applications New & Renewal:
 - a. Marissa Davis. SS presented information regarding this applicant. SS noted the application was just provided and still needs to be reviewed. SS will look at application and let PT or SC know what is missing, so that the letter can be provided to the applicant.

4. New Business:

- a. Client requesting waiver of rules. KH explained request. There has been some significant research/changes in care when it comes to people who have RA and how pregnancies are managed. When rules were written, it was high risk. But with treatment, it is not. She has written request to waive rules.

LBC noted there is no authority for Council to waive substantive rules. SS noted this could be a rule change. LBC noted the Council could request emergency order to authorize to waive substantive rules. Upon motion by SS, which was seconded by AD, the Council voted unanimously to seek emergency order to authorize the Council to waive substantive rules.

- b. Birth Centers. KH noted the birth center owners are looking at revising their code of administrative rules, but under the umbrella of DHHS. Adrian not that she has been working on it for four years. LBC will provide contact to KH regarding rules individual at DHHS.

5. On-Going Business

- a. M & M form revision. SS noted that the emergency rule was about to expire. SS noted she called the Red Cross and they are providing certifications, so perhaps the Council does not need the emergency rule. MC noted there is likely a backlog of NRP and CPR classes. KH noted this is important; most midwives are not regularly doing NRP, so having the refresher is vital. KH would vote to have the emergency rule expire before the November recertification. TB noted the current emergency rule will expire October 10, 2020. The Council can wait for it to expire or vote to repeal it. SS noted the next batch of renewals is end of November, so the applications will be submitted in October. The emergency rule may apply to them. SS—motion to allow emergency rule that people can use expired NPR/CPR certification cards to expire October 10, 2020, and that in renewal letter note that the emergency rule will expire, and if something changes, will notify TB regarding an emergency rule. AD seconded. The Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the motion.

M&M Form. MC could not find the form. SS—on the website, the form is there under forms. Council reviewed the ongoing revisions to the M&M Form.

Discussion ensued. Council will continue to review and bring back to next Council meeting. TB asked SS to email draft to TB so TB can go through and put changes to rule text together for next meeting. SS noted she also sent letter that identified changes made related to the rule. SS will upload and send to TB.

- b. New Born Jaundice protocols (Kate and Mark). KH noted that MC can review the cover letter and KH will post on the FTP site for review next meeting. MC will also review the article. KH and MC will have it ready for next meeting. Definitions are what HR had given the Council last meeting.

6. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 9:14 a.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, and upon motion by SS with a second by AD, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to conduct a non-public session because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Council member.

At 9:28 a.m., upon motion by AD with a second by MC, the Council voted unanimously via roll call vote to adjourn the non-public session and enter public session.

At 9:28 a.m., upon motion by SS with a second by MC, the Council 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.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting: September 11, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.