



Midwifery Public Meeting: September 9, 2022

Public Meeting Minutes

Sep 9, 2022 at 8:30 AM EDT

7 Eagle Square Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Mark Carney, Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell, Heidi Rinehart, Sherry Stevens

Guests Present:

Lauren Warner, Jessica Whelehan, Jenna Wilson

I. Call To Order

Sherry Stevens called the meeting to order at 8:44AM.

The Council discussed that Sherry Stevens' term expires on 9/28/2022 and the Council will need to vote for a new chairperson. The Council would like OPLC to send an email to all current licensees to solicit interest for a replacement Council member. The Council indicating that the statutory requirement to be a NH resident for 5 years could be lowered to 3 years and still be effective .

II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes of the 8/12/22 meeting as presented.

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Mark Carney. Passed

III. Public Appearances

None

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Jurisprudence exam transition update

Jenna Wilson relayed to the Council that OPLC is proceeding with the exam as recently revised but the Council may make changes or add/remove questions without cost.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. New AAP Guidelines for Hyperbilirubinemia (Presenters: Mark Carney)

Clinical Practice Guideline Revision: Management of Hyperbilirubinemia in the Newborn Infant 35 or More Weeks of Gestation

<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/150/3/e2022058859/188726/Clinical-Practice-Guideline-Revision-Management-of>

Dr. Mark Carney discussed the recently released AAP Guidelines for Hyperbilirubinemia and what impact it may have on midwifery in NH, including the need for the Council to make changes to administrative rules for standards of care.

VII. Licensure

None.

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Draft Legislation

The Council worked with Attorney Lauren Warner, OPLC Board Counsel, to review a OPLC's proposed draft language for the upcoming legislative session which will make changes to RSA 326-D. Notable amendments included adding M&M reports; clarifying types and uses of uterotonics; correcting outdated names of medications in the formulary; clarifying how Vitamin K is administered and when; and, adding references to certified nurse midwives and doctors of naturopathic medicine.

The Council discussed the possibility of adding a pharmacy course requirement and adding antibiotics for Group B Strep to the formulary. However, it was determined that the pharmacology course should be added to the administrative rules for now and adding antibiotics to the statute should be changed after the rule has been in place for a period of time.

Motion: to accept the draft legislation as amended during the meeting, and to authorize her to review the changes made by Attorney Warner for approval on behalf of the Council and recommend the changes to OPLC for submittal to the legislature.

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Mark Carney. Passed.

B. Mid 500 - Scope of Practice

Tabled by Sherry Stevens because the rules are not close to date of expiration.

IX. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session is conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion: to enter into non-public session at 10:38AM for the reasons outlined above.

Motion moved by Sherry Stevens and motion seconded by Heidi Rinehart. Passed by roll call vote.

X. Resume Public Session

The Council resumed public session at 10:50AM

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion: to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting for the reasons outlined above.

Motion moved by Heidi Rinehart and motion seconded by Sherry Stevens. Passed.

XII. Adjournment

Sherry Stevens adjourned the meeting at 10:51AM.