



Midwifery Public Meeting Minutes

Midwifery Council

Apr 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

@ 7 Eagle Square Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Mark Carney, Martha Testerman, Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell, Heidi Rinehart, Sherry Stevens; Chris Senko (Board Admin); Elizabeth Eaton (Board Counsel)

Guest: Tina Kelly

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 am by Chairman, Kathryn Hartwell.

II. Review of Public Minutes

Review public minutes of 3/10/2023 meeting

Motion:

The minutes of the March 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

Upon motion made by Heidi Rinehart and second of Elizabeth Gaby, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

III. Public Appearances - None

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates - None

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Licensing

A. Acadia Gantz Application

Members reviewed the application of Acadia Gantz. It was noted that Ms. Gantz attended the Birthwise School which is currently closed, however, on prior review of the syllabus of the school, the anatomy and physiology course meets the requirements for licensure. It was also noted that Ms. Gantz's file was missing her high school diploma.

Motion:

Upom motion by Sherry Stevens and seconded of Kathryn Hartwell, members voted unanimously to approve the application of Acadia Gantz, pending receipt of high school diploma.

Motion carried.

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Mid 401.01 and Mid 407.01 - Board vote to adopt

Tina Kelly was present to review the process to adopt Mid 401.01 and Mid 4017.01.

Motion:

Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell and seconded of Heidi Rinehart, members voted unanimously to adopt the rules as presented. Motion carried. Kathryn Hartwell indicated that she would draft language for review to send to midwives regarding the changes.

B. Mid 500 - Board to review intial draft of proposal

Members briefly reviewed draft and agreed to review at a future meeting.

C. Legislative Updates

Attorney Eaton provided an update on legislation. Changes being proposed to HB655 were reviewed. It was noted that these changes may impact the complaint process. Members discussed the morbidity and mortality forms (M and M forms) and the need to revise the process through revising the Administrative Rules. Additionally, the M and M forms are considered self-reports and not complaints.

Upon motion by Heidi Rinehart and second of Mark Carney, members voted to propose an amendment to HB655 to include a requirement that the hiring of an expert to review a midwifery complaint, would be contingent upon approval by the Midwifery Council.

Motion carried.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upom motion by Heidi Rinehart and second of Kathryn Hartwell, members voted to enter into nonpublic session at 10:05 am 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 carried.

X. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell and second of Sherry Stevens, members voted unanimously to resume public session at 10:29 a.m.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell at 10:29 am and second of Sherry Stevens, members voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the non-public session 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.

XII. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell and second of Sherry Stevens, members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned.