



Midwifery Public Meeting Minutes

Midwifery Council

May 12, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

@ 7 Eagle Square Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Mark Carney, Martha Testerman, Elizabeth Gaby, Kathryn Hartwell, Sherry Stevens; Michael Gianunzio (Board Admin); Traci Weber (Board Admin) Elizabeth Eaton (Board Counsel)

Absent: Heidi Rinehart

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:44 am by Chairman, Kathryn Hartwell.

II. Review of Draft Public Minutes of April 14, 2023

Motion:

Upon motion made by Kathryn Hartwell and second of Sherry Steven, members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

III. Public Appearances – Bethany Cottrell, Director of Board Administration and Licensing Division presented an OPLC update advising of the new Public Information Officer position and the new initiatives to provide better communication to the licensees and the public. An example of a blast email could be a rule change, or any licensing updates. OPLC also has new public platforms as well Facebook, and Twitter in which to better communicate.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

V. Old Business - The M and M form has been updated on the Board's website. It is vital that these reports are forwarded to the chair as soon as received so the Chair can review for urgency. These forms get submitted to OPLCLicensing11@oplc.nh.gov. Additionally, please include in the subject line of the email, "SUBMIT TO BOARD ADMINISTRATOR".

VI. New Business - None

VII. Licensing

A. Acadia Gantz Application – Board advised, the applicant has submitted all documentation and is with the Licensing Division to issue the license.

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Mid 407.02 Kathryn Hartwell drafted a letter to be sent to all licensees regarding the new rules. Board agreed it should be sent out to all licensees. Administrator Weber will send to Administration and the Public Information Officer for approval and preparation to be sent out through the new process.
- B. Mid 500 - Board members have agreed to work on the Mid rules Definitions, Mid 501.01, 501.02, 501.03 and bring any suggested changes to next meeting.
- C. Legislative Updates – provided by Board Counsel.

SB 655 – there isn't too much in this bill that effects the Midwifery Council. There is a section regarding a broader scope of telemedicine. Music Therapy.

HB 655/HB 532 – there is a list of items the legislature wants to be addressed, social worker compact. Remove the subjective requirements like essays from Board requirements. Switching additional Board's to Advisory Boards. Eliminating conflicting statutes. Separating the complaint process from the Discipline process to provide a clear line between the two. Midwifery has not been mentioned, but Board Counsel is watching and waiting for any updates. OPLC is preparing a document to submit for the 18th in preparation for the 22nd legislative meeting.

Board Counsel will notify the Board Administrator to alert the Board of any updates. HB 2 takes a lot away from the Board's however, the Board's still need to work on the Mid 500's (Scope of Practice). The Board should also come up with a Matrix/checklists to provide to licensing to follow when reviewing an application. A workgroup session will be scheduled with the Board and administration to create this.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon motion by Kathryn Hartwell and second of Sherry Stevens members voted to enter into nonpublic session at 9:18 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 9:34 a.m.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon motion by Sherry Stevens at 9:34 am and second of Martha Testerman, 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 10:16 a.m.