



Midwifery Public Meeting Minutes

Midwifery Council

Jul 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

Board Members Present: Kathryn Hartwell, Chair (KH), Sherry Stevens (SS), Heidi Reinhart, Virtual (HR)

Absent:

Dr. Mark Carney, Pediatrician

Martha Testerman, Public Member

Elizabeth Gaby, Certified Midwife

- I. Call To Order 8:31 am – **No Quorum of the Council, the attending Council members worked on Mid 500 rules with Rules Coordinator, Tina Kelly. All other matters Tabled to the next meeting.**
- II. Review of Public Minutes
- III. Public Appearances
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
 - A. HB 655
 - B. Complaint process
 1. Liz reviewed the new complaint / adjudication process
 - C. HB 594
 1. Reciprocity Bill, if anyone has a license that is active in good standing in another jurisdiction, they can get a license in NH as long as the requirements in other states are substantially similar to ours.
 2. Sherry – if other states have the CPM, that is going to be a great starting point.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Discussion regarding any hospitalization greater than 48 hours
 - B. Birth Injury Center Question

Our office does not usually allow the posting of other entities on our website, but I am not entirely familiar with your Council yet. This may be just an FYI.

- A. Adopted 400's.
 - 1. Looking at the definition of significant morbidity, this leaves the midwife to decide what is significant morbidity, Liz concurs. They might need to open the 400's so they can add bullet points to more clearly establish what should be reported on the M&M report.
- B. 502.02.03(c)1-3: Revisit this at next meeting. Do not want to dissuade free-birth clients from seeking assistance.
- C. 500's
 - 1. Rules review, and work session through 502.02 (d) 7.

VII. Licensure

- A. Martha Andrews - Tabled

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. SB 105 Birth Certificate Bill
This has passed both House & Senate, but the Senate has to concur with the house amendment. It is not a done deal yet, Per Board Council.

IX. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session 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.

X. Resume Public Session

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.

XII. Adjournment 11:30 a.m.