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PUBLIC MINUTES
February 11, 2022
2:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Midwifery Council was held at 7 Eagle Square on February 11, 2022. The public also had access through the Zoom link provided on the Council's website.

Members present:

Sherry Stevens, NHCM, Council Chair (SS)
Heidi Rinehart, M.D. (HR)
Mark Carney, M.D. (MC)
Kate Hartwell, NHCM (KH) (remote via Zoom*)

OPLC Staff:

Jenna Wilson, Board Administrator
Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator
Attorney Michael Haley, NHDOJ AGO -- Counsel

*Chairperson SS previously approved KH's remote attendance as authorized by RSA 91-A:3 III, (a) because her physical attendance at the meeting was not reasonably practical. Pursuant RSA 91-A:3 (e), a member participating in a meeting authorized by these statutes is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote. As such, all votes were roll call votes; additionally, all votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Chairperson Sherry Stevens, NHCM, called the meeting to order at 2:07PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Review of Public Minutes** from meeting on January 14, 2022: HR requested an editorial change to the last paragraph. On motion of HR and second by SS, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Public Minutes of January 14, 2022, as amended.
2. **Administrative Rules**
 - a. **Mid 401 Draft:** The Council reviewed the Mid 400 Initial Proposal draft with assistance from Attorney Michael Haley. The Council discussed the need to establish a Rules Committee so that they have more time to review and make changes to the rules

- b. **Initial Application Changes:** Tabled, pending further review from the Council and Rules Committee.
- c. **Reciprocity Procedures:** Tabled, pending further review from the Council and Rules Committee.

3. License Applications: None.

4. Hearings: None.

5. Old Business:

- a. HB1061 – The Bill is still in House ED&A Committee. An Executive session is scheduled to be held on March 1, 2022.
- b. SS discussed that the licensing records on the OPLC website do not all match the records she has been keeping herself. Jenna Wilson offered to review the records to see if she could find why there were differences.
 - i. SS asked Jessica Whelehan if there has been any progress with OPLC’s renewal software and if the renewing Midwives will be able to upload their applications with less difficulty this year. Ms. Whelehan explained that changes to the software are always being made to improve functionality and that she would work with DoIT to address issues if they came up.

6. New Business:

- a. Council administrated NH jurisprudence examination - Location considerations: On motion of HR and second by SS, the board voted unanimously to table the discussion until the next meeting due to time constraints.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

At 3:31PM, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, and upon motion by SS and second by MC, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into non-public session because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person discussed other than a Board member.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

At 3:54PM, SS announced the Board was back in Public Session and moved to seal the non-public minutes to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, 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. The motion was seconded by HR; the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to seal the non-public minutes.

Meeting Schedule Change: On motion of MC and second by HR, the Council voted unanimously to change the March 11, 2022 meeting to March 15, 2022 at 1:00PM to ensure a quorum was available to meet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Sherry Steven adjourned the meeting at 4:01PM.