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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**8:30 AM on Friday, June 10, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Midwifery Council was held at 7 Eagle Square on June 10, 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)  
Beth Gaby, NHCM (BG)  
Kate Hartwell, NHCM (KH) by Zoom

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jenna Wilson, Board Administrator (JW)  
Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator (JMW)  
Attorney Michael Haley, Counsel, NHDOJ AGO (MH)

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

Mark Carney, M.D.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Chairperson Sherry Stevens (SS) called the meeting to order at 8:36AM.

1. **REVIEW OF PUBLIC MINUTES:** On motion of HR and second by SS, the Council voted\*unanimously to approve the public minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2022, as presented.
2. **LICENSURE**
  - a. **Allura Gayle Eckey:** On motion of HR and second by SS, the Council voted to conditionally approve the application provided that the applicant pass the State of NH jurisprudence exam.
  - b. **Juliana Taylor:** After review, the Council determined that this renewal application is incomplete because it is missing 1 of the 6 required peer reviews and Ms. Taylor's BLS certification is missing the in-person skills session. It was noted that Ms. Taylor's NPR certification is still valid until November of this year. On motion of SS and second by HR, the Council voted to conditionally approve Ms. Taylor's renewal application pending submission of 6 separate peer reviews and the in-person part of the BLS course. JW will contact Ms. Taylor and ask her to submit the missing information.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:

- c. The Council continued discussion regarding the definition of “**significant morbidity**” as it relates to reporting Morbidity & Mortality events. SS would like to work with the Council and the midwifery community to come up with something other than a 60-hour hospital stay. Sherry presented a definition proposed to her by Kathryn Cranford, ND, Naturopathic Childbirth Practitioner.

### 4. RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS:

- a. **Mid 401.01 & Mid 407.01** Definitions and Reporting Significant Morbidity and Mortality. SS opened the public hearing at 9:13 AM and read the required information pursuant to RSA 541-A. Morgan Gaines, NHCM presented comment to the Council and the Council continued to discuss possible changes to the definitions and M&M event reporting requirements . The public hearing was closed at 9:44 AM. The deadline for submitting written comment is 4:00PM on June 20, 2022.
- b. **Mid 500** Scope of Midwifery Practice. SS opened the Advance Public Comment hearing at 9:45 AM and read the required information pursuant to RSA 541-A. SS noted that the Council had received written comment from the NH Midwives Association which was uploaded with the meeting materials. There was no additional public comment received and the hearing was closed at 10:00AM.

### 5. OPLC UPDATES & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. JW explained that new software, OnBoard, will begin implementation within the next few weeks and to expect an email with an invitation to create an account. The use of OnBoard will eliminate use of the FTP site and the documents on the FTP will be archived.
- b. JW reminded the Council to complete the Administrative Law Training if they have not already done so.
- c. SS noted that HB1061 will be going to an interim study committee at the end of June. Representative Mark Alliegro contacted SS for input, and he told SS that he would also be contacting the OPLC. Representative Alliegro advised SS that he is trying to get other legislators involved but told SS that he may be the only person working on the bill if he cannot find help.

### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

On motion of SS and second by HR, the Council voted to by rollcall vote to enter non-public session at 10:58AM for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Council business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Council’s executive and deliberative privileges.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION:** SS announced the Council was back in public session at 11:12AM.

### **SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

On motion of SS and second by BG, the Council voted to by rollcall vote 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 Council member or render the proposed action ineffective.

**ADJOURNMENT:** SS adjourned the meeting at 11:17AM.

*Next meeting: July 15, 2022, at 1:00PM*