

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
MIDWIFERY LIAISON COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, February 24, 2014  
12:30 PM  
Hudson Room- 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Newark, New Jersey**

A meeting of the New Jersey Midwifery Liaison Committee was held on February 24, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act with previous notification having been sent to the Secretary of State. The meeting was called to order by Karen Criss, Chair of the Committee at 12:30 PM.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Karen Criss, C.N.M. (Chair), G. Louise Aucott, C.N.M., Christine Danser, C.N.M., Bevin Cahill, C.N.M., Dina Aurichio, C.P.M. and Karen Shields, C.N.M. (participating telephonically)

Excused:

Dr. Fred Silverberg

Also Present:

Steven Flanzman, Deputy Attorney General

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst

William V. Roeder, Executive Director

Robert Petronglo, Assistant to the Executive Director

**II. MINUTES**

MOTIONED BY MS. AUCOTT, SECONDED BY MS. AURICHIO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE OCTOBER 21, 2013 OPEN SESSION MINUTES.

**III. INTRODUCTIONS**

Executive Director Roeder introduced the new Assistant to the Executive Director, Robert Petronglo, to the Committee. Mr. Roeder explained that Mr. Petronglo will be assisting the administrative office in the day-to-day operations of the various committees falling under the Board of Medical Examiners.

**IV. APPOINTMENT DATES**

The members of the Committee serve three year terms. Currently, there are no members seeking to relinquish their position on the committee though most of the committee members are on hold over status.

THE COMMITTEE, AFTER A MOTION BY MS. AURICHIO AND SECOND BY MS. DANSER, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PLACE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THEIR CURRENT MEMBERS ON THE AGENDA OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

**V. RESUME**

The resume of Grace Gimble, CNM, has come to the administrative office. Ms. Gimble also sent an accompanying letter expressing interest in serving on the Committee when a vacancy becomes.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK MS. GIMBLE FOR HER INTEREST IN THE COMMITTEE AND ENCOURAGES HER TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

**VI. DRAFT LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

The Committee reviewed the draft letter prepared by the administrative office regarding the request for a regulatory amendment consistent with the EMTALA relating to a CNM/CM's ability to discharge their patients from OB triage with or without a physician consult.

THE COMMITTEE FOUND MINOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS AND RECOMMENDED THEIR CORRECTIONS; THE COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED OF THE LETTER AND NOTED THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES TO FACILITATE THE CHANGE IN REGULATION.

**VII. NEW STATUTE FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW (P.L. 2013, C.49)**

Mr. Manning explained to the Committee that P.L. 2013, c. 49 requires Boards and Committees under the Division of Consumer Affairs to recognize education completed in the military. It is not believed that the military recognizes midwifery as a distinct profession and does not provide education in the provision of midwifery care. The Committee was asked to review this law to confirm that it does not apply to midwives.

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO DRAFT ANY NEW REGULATIONS BECAUSE THE MILITARY MIDWIFERY SCHOOL IN THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY IS ACNM ACCREDITED AND THEREFORE FALLS UNDER THE CURRENT REGULATIONS IN PLACE. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THIS IS THE SOURCE OF MALE MIDWIFERY.

**VIII. WEBSITE UPDATE**

Executive Director Roeder explained to the Committee that the administrative office has been actively organizing documents on their server so previous minutes and agendas can be posted on the Liaison Committee's website. He and Executive Assistant to the Director Robert Petronglo have had meetings with the technology team in Newark and Mr. Roeder assured the committee that the administrative office is on their radar and the process shouldn't take too long.

**IX. OFF AGENDA BUSINESS**

**RE: Update from the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry**

Vincent Arrisi of the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry, via email, wanted to update the Committee on the electronic vital records system. The email explained members will receive training

at the collaborative physician facility and they will be working on a VIP (Vital Information Platform). Each midwife, especially those performing out of hospital births, will need to have some equipment on their individual computers including individual log on credentials.

THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THIS AS INFORMATIONAL.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

UPON MOTION BY MS. AUCOTT AND SECOND BY MS. DANSER, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE COMMITTEE WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:25 PM AND MOVED TO EXECUTIVE