

MINUTES

**UTAH
DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFE
BOARD**

April 11, 2008

**Room 474 – 4th Floor –1:00 P.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 1:08 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 1:59 p.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Holly Richardson

Board Members Present:

Heather Johnston
Suzanne Smith
Krista Black (by telephone)
Holly Richardson
Vivian Giles

Guests:

Michelle McComber, UMA

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

September 14, 2007 Minutes:

The September 14, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

October 12, 2007 Minutes:

The October 12, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

Update on 2008 Legislative Session:

Ms. Poe reported changes to the Direct-Entry Midwife Act will go into effect May 5, 2008. She indicated that an Administrative Rule Advisory Committee will be appointed to assist with the development of administrative rule. This Committee needs to be in place by July 1, 2008.

Ms. Poe also discussed the need to write two separate reports; a less detailed report for the lay person to be sent to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the other more detailed, technical report to address the concerns raised by other

medical providers.

Ms. Richardson stated there is now a definition of normal delivery in the statute. It is in Part 6, Standards of Practice, 58-77-601(2). Ms. Poe indicated this statute format does not follow the model practice act format where definitions are placed at the beginning of the Act.

Ms. Black questioned what would be the best way to let the public know of changes in the Act. Ms. Poe indicated a notice could be placed on the web site addressing the changes. A letter could be written to LDEMs clarifying the changes. Ms. Smith indicated she is preparing a presentation for the Direct Entry Midwives and could draft something for the Board. Ms. Poe indicated Ms. Smith could write the document and send it to her for review. It would then be posted to the web and mailed to licensees.

Recommendations for members of the Rule Writing Committee:

Ms. Poe requested recommendations for Licensed Direct Entry Midwife members to serve on the Rule Writing Committee. Ms. Poe indicated the three members may or may not be a Board member. Ms. Poe stated the UMA will make recommendations for the two physician members; and the Certified Nurse Midwife Association will make the recommendation for the CNM member. Ms. Poe indicated it is her understanding the UMA will recommend Dr. Catherine Wheeler and Dr. Stephen Lamb. Ms. McComber stated this is correct and the UMA has given their recommendations to the Division. The UMA also suggested this Committee meet on the afternoon of the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Physician's Licensing Board meets this day and Dr. Lamb is a member of that Board.

Ms. Giles recommended Elizabeth Smith. Elizabeth Smith is in southern Utah and Ms. Poe indicated there is nothing in law to prevent a member from participating by electronic means. However, if the meetings are intensively debated, it would be harder to participate by telephone. Ms. Black stated she would nominate Ms. Richardson and Ms. Suzanne Smith. Ms. Smith indicated she would like to see Ms. Richardson, Ms. Johnston and herself as members of this committee because they have been involved in the

development of the statute and rule from the beginning. The knowledge and expertise would be a benefit and save time in the development of the new rule. Ms. Black nominated Suzanne Smith, Holly Richardson and Heather Johnston. Ms. Smith seconded the Motion. Discussion: Ms. Smith stated that for the record, she has nothing against having Ms. Elizabeth Smith on the Committee, but she does not have the history as the other three individuals. All Board members in favor.

Ms. Poe indicated once the Committee members have been appointed, the Committee will meet the afternoon of the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Ms. Johnston expressed concern with only meeting once a month to develop the rule. Ms. Poe indicated the frequency could be determined at the first Committee meeting. The first meeting may be as early as Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 2:00 - 5:00.

Board meeting dates:

Ms. Poe discussed moving Board meeting dates to the first Friday of the month, or to Thursdays. It was suggested the meetings be moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month, quarterly. The meetings may need to be more frequent depending on the rule writing progress or when reports are due. The next meeting would tentatively be set for July 10, 2008. This meeting may be canceled, and the next meeting would be scheduled for September 11, 2008 at 1:00 because the data would be due. A follow up Board meeting would be scheduled for October 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Giles reported she will be moving to Texas or New Mexico and will not attend the next meeting. Ms. Poe requested Ms. Giles submit a resignation letter with a date so that the Division can contact the association to have her position filled. Ms. Poe thanked Ms. Giles for her dedication and time given to the Division and the Direct-Entry Midwives and wished her the best for the future.

Ms. Smith report:

Ms. Smith provided Board members with inclusion criteria to be provided to LDEMs to help determine which clients to include in the LDEM data outcomes report. Ms. Smith reported she is continuing to work with the Division and Department to improve the online reporting system. She indicated they are still

working out bugs and once the bugs are fixed, the LDEM will be able to report all year. However, for this year the data will be collected at the same time. Ms. Smith stated that if we need to make changes to the data gathered this will need to be decided as soon as possible. Ms. Poe indicated this would be a good agenda item for the Rule Committee to find out what kind of data physicians are looking for. Ms. Smith indicated she was thinking of the Legislators and what information they needed. Ms. Poe stated the physicians were asking for clarification, not the members of the Legislature. Ms. Poe indicated Dr. Wheeler may have suggestions and if so, the Board needs to know as soon as possible to make the changes to the data that needs to be submitted. Ms. Poe stated she will contact Dr. Wheeler.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

July 9, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Holly Richardson
Holly Richardson, Chair Licensed Direct Entry Midwife
Board

July 9, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing