



**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

December 8, 2021
10:00 AM

On December 8, 2021 the Midwifery Advisory Committee met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALEX HAMLING, MD; APRIL HAUGEN, LM; ROBIN DeREGT, MD, CHAIR; ROBIN VAZQUEZ, PUBLIC MEMBER, VICE-CHAIR; MICAH TRYON, LM; KAREN SWIFT, CNM

MEMBERS ABSENT

VIVIANNE FISCHER, LM;

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER; JENNIFER SANTIAGO, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; SANDIE PEARSON, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1; SARA KIRSCHENMAN, STAFF ATTORNEY,; MICEAL CARNAHAN; FISCAL ANALYST; LISA KELLY, AAG

OTHERS PRESENT

DEBORAH GLEISNER
JARED FERNLEY, WSDOT, WA STATE FERRY
ZALE NOAH, WSDOT, WA STATE FERRY
SUNITA IYER
KIMBERLY LADNER
SHELLY WIEDMAN
LAUREN STRAIN

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 10:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Committee members voted in favor of approving the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of the September 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and moved to approve the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Committee members voted in favor of approving the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

2. **STATE FERRY POLICY REGARDING MIDWIVES AND CLIENTS IN LABOR—** Committee members received an update on the work being done to the medical preferential loading policy for Washington State Ferries. Information was provided to the committee by Washington Department of Transportation.

Jared Fernley, WSDOT, WA State Ferry updated the committee on work that is being done about the medical preferential loading policy. Midwives are now included as part of the medical preferential loading policy. Currently medical preferential loading is reserved for patients. WA State Ferry system is still looking at developing policy for priority loading for a “follow- car.” WA State Ferry will continue to work to develop processes that works for all parties. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

3. **REVIEW OF NARM AND MEAC POLICES—** The committee received an update on the review of NARM policies and MEAC competencies to ensure they remain in line with Washington State laws. Presentation by committee member, Micah Tryon.

Ms. Tryon updated committee members on the results of the review she conducted of NARM and MEAC competencies. She shared that both NARM and MEAC competencies are in line with WA State requirements for licensure.

4. **PRESENTATION ON UNLICENSED PRACTICE-** The committee received a presentation on unlicensed practice process and costs. Presentation by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed presented information to the committee about the unlicensed practice complaints. Since July 2017 there have been 11 unlicensed practice complaints. Several were closed due to not having enough information. Others were closed after investigation. One complainant was sent a cease and desist letter. One complaint was sent to the Nursing Quality Assurance Commission for review. For the last two years the cost to the program for these types of complaints was \$8,600.

5. **DISCUSSION ON HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY'S DEFINITION OF POST PARTUM** - The committee reviewed and discussed the new HCA definition of the post-partum period. Presentation by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed shared that the HCA's definition of post-partum has changed from 60 days to 12 months. The committee discussed whether to open rules in order to reflect this change and add the 12-month definition in rule. Committee members agreed that defining in rule may be a good idea. Ms. Kelley, AAG shared she would like to take some time to review this. Ms. Weed and Ms. Kelley will work together and bring an update to the committee at the next meeting.

6. **RULES WORKSHOP**- An update on rule writing process and workshop with input received from the Washington Medical Commission was presented. Presentation by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed shared that she had presented the legend drugs and devices rule language to the Medical Commission and the Pharmacy Commission. The Medical Commission recommended adding IV tranexamic to the list. Ms. Weed will add to the draft rules.

7. **PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT** – Information was provided to the committee by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

7.1 **Sunrise review update** – Ms. Weed shared that no changes had been made to the language in the Sunrise Review and that it will move forward to the legislature in 2022. Ms. Weed also shared that DOH is supportive of this.

7.2 **Legislative calls 2022** – Ms. Weed asked for a committee representative for the 2022 legislative meet-me-calls that take place weekly on Wednesday morning. MS. Vazquez volunteered to be the legislative representative.

7.3 **Recruitment 2022** – Ms. Weed will be recruiting for a new committee member to serve as ViviAnne Fischer's term is ending. Committee member terms are for five years.

7.4 **Newsletter ideas** – Ms. Weed asked the committee for topics that could be included in an upcoming newsletter. Ideas included licensing statistics, HCA law change, WA State Ferry information and a spotlight of a committee member.

7.5 **Meeting dates for 2022** – The committee set the following meeting dates for 2022:

- March 2, 2022
- June 8, 2022
- September 14, 2022
- December 7, 2022

Updated meeting information can be found on the Midwifery Advisory Committee's webpage.

8. MEETING WRAP UP

8.1 Agenda Items for next meeting – Committee members discussed adding the following topics to a future meeting agenda:

- Rules update
- HCA update
- Legislative update
- Recruitment
- WA State Ferry update

9. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Robin DeRegt, Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee