



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

June 8, 2022
10:00 AM

On June 8, 2022 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

ROBIN DEREGT, MD, CHAIR; RACHEL COOK, LM; KAREN SWIFT, CNM; KATHERINE SAUERLENDER, LM

MEMBERS ABSENT

ROBIN VAZQUEZ, PUBLIC MEMBER, VICE-CHAIR
APRIL HAUGEN, LM
ALEX HAMLING, MD

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER; TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; SANDIE PEARSON, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1; HOPE KILBORNE, POLICY ANALYST; ASHLEY BELL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR; LISA KELLY, AAG

OTHERS PRESENT

AUDREY LEVINE
KRISTEN EFFLAND
MEGHAN FILER
HEATHER WELHER, HCA
AMBER ULVENES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 10:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 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 December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes. A correction was made to the spelling of tranexamic under Item 6. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected.

2. **PRESENTATION ON SB 5229 IMPLEMENTATION** – The committee received a presentation on the implementation of SB 5229, Concerning health equity continuing education for health care professionals. Presented by Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Program Coordinator
3. Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Program Coordinator, provided an updated presentation on HE 5229. The bill requires the department to draft model rules for continuing education for health equity. DOH held four listening sessions and four rules’ workshops to draft the model rules. Ms. Bell went over each slide during the presentation and then discussed the model rules.
4. **UPDATES TO DATA SUBMISSION OPTIONS** – The committee received an update to the work being done to meet the Washington State requirement for annual data submission. Information was provided by Kathy Weed, Program Manager and Audrey Levine.

Audrey Levine shared updated the committee on the progress of the new Community Birth Module (CBM). The CBM is working to develop a data submission site that can be used by midwives in WA State. The CBM is currently in beta testing mode and will need to be approved before being an option to WA State midwives.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Information provided to the committee by Trina Crawford, Executive Director.

4.1 Budget update

Ms. Crawford provided a budget report through April 2022. The program received \$150,000 in general fund support to offset discipline and program costs.

4.2 Legislative update

Ms. Crawford updated the committee on the following legislation:

- SB 5765 – granted limited prescriptive license – this will require rule writing

- HB 1881 – Voluntary certification for doulas – this will allow doulas to bill for services if certified through DOH.
- HB 1329 – Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) – OPMA updates to include specific time on meeting agendas for public comment.

6. PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE – Information provided to the committee by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

- 5.1 Rules update** – Ms. Weed shared that she expects the rules that she has been working on will be codified and take effect in approximately a month. Once they are in effect the process of drafting rule language for SB 5765 and HB 1881 will begin.
- 5.2 Recruitment, thank you to Robin** – Ms. Weed will begin the recruitment process to replace Robin DeRegt whose term expires August 31, 2022. Ms. Weed thanked Ms. ReRegt for serving on the committee.
- 5.3 Ferry update** – Ms. Weed shared that her contact at the Department of Transportation (DOT) is no longer working in that capacity. DOT is working on implementing the recommendations from the Evans School report and is looking at revising the form. The committee would like Ms. Weed to continue to reach out to DOT for updates regarding this.
- 5.4 Business plan** – Ms. Weed presented the 2022 Business Plan with the committee. She reminded the committee that the Business Plan is a living document and can be updated at any time.
- 5.5 Exam subcommittee** – The committee will be reviewing the exam this year as stated in the Business Plan. Ms. Weed is waiting for the new OB/GYN committee member to be appointed to begin this work.

6. MEETING WRAP-UP

- 6.1 Agenda Items for next meeting** - The committee discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:
- Presentation on disciplinary process
 - Rules update
 - WA State DOT update
 - Health Equity CE

7. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Robin DeRegt, Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee