



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

March 11, 2020  
9:00 AM

On March 11, 2020 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**

APRIL HAUGEN, LM, CHAIR, ROBIN DEREGT, MD; KAT BARRON, LM; VICE-CHAIR; VIVIANNE FISCHER, LM; ROBIN VAZQUEZ, PUBLIC MEMBER

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

ALEX HAMLING, MD  
KAREN SWIFT, CNM

**STAFF PRESENT**

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER; TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE; KEVIN ROBBINS, CREDENTIALING SUPERVISOR; LISA KELLY, AAG

**OTHERS PRESENT**

AMANDA KIMARA  
LESLIE GESNER, CPM  
CRYSTAL OGLE

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 9:00 AM – Open Session**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by April Haugen, LM, Chair at 9:09 a.m.

**1.1 Introductions**

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves. Committee members were introduced to Robin Vazquez, the new public member.

## 1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee amended the agenda to remove Item 2 Legend Drugs and Devices Form. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. Committee members voted in favor of approving the amended agenda.

## 1.3 Approval of the December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and moved to approve the December 4, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Committee members voted in favor of approving the December 4, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

## 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Information was provided to the committee by Trina Crawford, Executive Director

### 2.1 Legislative update – Ms. Crawford updated the committee on the following legislation:

- HB 2798 – An act relating to creating a new health profession for doulas – This bill did not pass.
- HB 1551 – Modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases – This bill has passed and is waiting for the Governor’s signature.

### 2.2 HELMS update – Ms. Crawford provided updated information regarding the Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) project. Ms. Crawford shared that HELMS will be funded by each professions program. Beta testing of the new system is scheduled to begin in 2022.

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

### 3.1 Credentialing statistics – Kevin Robbins, Credential Supervisor and Ms. Weed presented current licensing statistics. There currently 190 active licensees and 10 applications pending.

### 3.2 Business plan – Ms. Weed provided members information on the 2019 – 2021 Business Plan. Ms. Weed shared she would be bringing this back to the committee twice a year. She asked members to email her any suggested updates or changes to the 2019 – 2021 Business Plan.

### 3.3 EMS meeting update – Ms. Weed updated the committee on the meeting that was held with EMS. Attendees discussed interactions between midwives and EMS. Suggestions included developing a statewide protocol. However, since counties set their own policies, it is unlikely that a statewide protocol would be feasible. Committee members discussed trying to get on the agenda for the Medical

Program Director's (MPD) annual meeting scheduled for June 2020. Ms. Weed will inquire about this and update the committee.

- 3.4 Birth center recorded webinar – The Office of Facilities has developed a webinar on how to work with the department when building or purchasing a birth center. Ms. Fischer will review and provide her feedback.
- 3.5 Licensing exam – Ms. Weed shared that in 2019 there were 26 candidates that sat for the exam and 17 candidates passed on their first attempt. There were nine candidates that passed on their second attempt. Ms. Weed is gathering statistics on frequently missed questions that the committee may want to review at a future date.
- 3.6 NBS fee increase – The New Born Screening (NBS) fee increased on March 1, 2020 from \$105 to \$115, an increase of \$10.

#### 4. MEETING WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT

- 4.1 Agenda items for next meeting – The committee discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:
  - Disciplinary process presentation
  - Birth center webinar update
  - Legend drugs and devices form
  - MPD meeting update

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Kathy Weed  
Program Manager

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April Haugen, Chair  
Midwifery Advisory Committee