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MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, July 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building Dover, Delaware
MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Burdeshaw, CPM, Council Chair
Susan DiNatale, CPM, Council Member
Pat Gallagher, CPM, Council Member
Francis Montone, MD, Physician Council Member
Philip Shlossman, MD, Physician Council Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis, Deputy Attorney General
Devashree Singh, Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathleen McCarthy, CNM, Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Burdeshaw called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the April 16, 2018 minutes for approval. Ms. Burdeshaw moved, seconded by Dr. Shlossman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deliberation of Rules and Regulations Hearing – Section 3.0 Midwifery Record Keeping

At 10:01 a.m. deliberations on the Council's rules and regulations hearing that was held at their last meeting. There were no comments from the public either in person or written. The Council did not have any changes Ms. Davis circulated the Order for the Council to sign accepting the regulation change. Dr. Shlossman moved; seconded by Ms. DiNatale to approve the regulation change as written. Motion passed

unanimously. The Order will be presented to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline for their signature.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Application(s) for Licensure as a Certified Professional Midwife

There were no applications for Certified Professional Midwives for the Council to review.

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DHSS Newborn Hearing Screening Program Email

Ms. DiNatale discussed an email communication that was sent out to the non-nurse midwife community from the State of Delaware's Public Health Department discussing the state's requirement for newborn hearing screening. The Council discussed some of the challenges midwives face with state's requirement. For example, many midwives do not possess the hearing screening equipment nor are they required to have or maintain such equipment. Secondly, the newborn screening form lists all the state required screenings on one form making it difficult to identify which screenings have been done, which have been declined by the patient and which have been referred out. The Council has invited a representative from public health to attend their next scheduled meeting in October to discuss and dialogue about these issues. This matter is tabled until the Council's next scheduled meeting.

Review of ALS and BLS Standing Order Protocols

The Council reviewed the ALS and BLS transportation protocols because there was a concern that surrounded a recent transport issue with the ambulance service that transported a newborn in a car seat. In this particular transport the care seat did not allow for a proper open airway. The Council recommended that all ambulances be equipped with a *Resus-A-Cradle* for transportation of newborns and babies. Ms. Davis will draft a letter from the Council to the Fire Commission to request that all state ambulances are equipped with the *Resus-A-Cradle* for newborn transport.

Discussion of Regulation 4.0 – Home Births

The Council discussed amending regulation 4.0. Ms. Burdeshaw proposed amending regulation 4.1.2.12 to read as the following: ~~Threatened or~~ spontaneous abortion in the second trimester or later. unrelated to unexplained causes. The Council discussed the proposed change and determined the regulation would remain unchanged.

Ms. Burdeshaw proposed amending regulation 4.2.6.4 to read as follows: Endotracheal tube laryngoscope or laryngoseal. The words "or laryngoseal" would be added to the regulation. The Council discussed the proposed regulation change and determined to amend the regulation as proposed. Dr. Shlossman moved, seconded by Ms. Burdeshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Burdeshaw proposed adding two new regulations to section 4.0 under the Administration of Approved Prescribed Medications by a Midwife. Ms. Burdeshaw proposed adding progesterone to the list of medications administered by a midwife and proposed the following language for the new regulation that would add the administration of progesterone.

4.4.2.12 Progesterone with a history of preterm labor administered from 18-37 weeks or in 1st trimester with history of two or more miscarriages.

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The Council discussed the benefits and the need for progesterone with patients who have a history of preterm labor. Ms. Burdeshaw's reasoning for adding progesterone to the current formulary was should a patient present with a history of premature labor, midwives should have the ability to administer progesterone to that patient.

Dr. Shlossman suggested removing the language "or in 1st trimester with history of two or more miscarriages" from the original proposal. The Council decided the new regulation will read as follows: Progesterone for patients with a history of preterm labor to be administered between 18-37 weeks. Dr. Shlossman moved to accept the new regulation as written above, seconded by Dr. Montone. Motion passed unanimously.

The second regulation Ms. Burdeshaw proposed concerned the treatment of genital herpes with Acyclovir. Ms. Burdeshaw suggested the new amendment so patients did not have to go to their primary care or OBGYN physicians for the treatment of genital herpes. Ms. Burdeshaw suggested new regulation 4.4.2.13 to read as follows: 4.4.2.13 Acyclovir to suppress genital herpes outbreaks during pregnancy and birth and appropriate antibiotics after culture & sensitivity to treat UTI (urinary tract infection).

Dr. Shlossman suggested separating the proposed regulation to not include the treatment of a UTI along with the treatment of genital herpes. Ms. Burdeshaw amended the proposal to read 4.4.2.13 Acyclovir to suppress genital herpes outbreaks during pregnancy and birth. The treatment of the UTI would be a new separate regulation.

Ms. Davis sought clarification from the Council whether the treatment of genital herpes and a UTI was entering the area of prescriptive authority and reminded the Council that the statute and the regulations did not have the authority to grant midwives the authority to prescribe or administer medications other than those used to effectuate a safe home birth.

The Council decided to table the two proposed regulations 4.4.2.13 and 4.4.2.14. Regulation 4.4.2.13 Acyclovir to suppress genital herpes outbreaks during pregnancy and birth and proposed regulation 4.4.2.14 Appropriate antibiotics after culture and sensitivity to treat a urinary tract infection. Proposed regulations 4.4.2.13 and 4.4.2.14 will remain on the Council's agenda. Dr. Shlossman moved, seconded by Ms. Burdeshaw to table the 4.4.2.13 and 4.4.2.14. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

There was no other business before the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were not public comments before the Council.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard in Dover.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Burdeshaw moved, seconded by Dr. Shlossman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Devashree Singh, MBA
Executive Director