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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, October 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	January 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan DiNatale, CPM, Vice Chair Presiding
Kathleen McCarthy, CNM, 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

Shannon Burdeshaw, CPM, Council Chair
Pat Gallagher, CPM, Council Member

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilee Pinkleton, CPM
Kathleen Riley, AUD
Kate Tullis, PhD
Jessica Carmena

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DiNatale called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DHSS Newborn Hearing Screening Program – Department of Health and Social Services
Representatives

The Council invited members from the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to discuss newborn screenings and state requirements with regard to those screenings. Kathleen Riley, a pediatric audiologist from the Early Hearing Detection Services attended to dialogue and answer questions about hearing services and the state's requirement for all newborn babies to be screened by 1 month of age. Ms. Riley discussed the benefits of catching hearing deficiencies and getting the families the support and services they may require.

Ms. DiNatale stated she currently refers newborns out to a local audiologist and Ms. Riley confirmed there is an approved DHSS list of audiologist that can receive referrals. Ms. McCarthy stated the Birth Center would also preform the hearing screening tests. Dr. Shlossman confirmed with Ms. Riley that it is acceptable to refer newborns to an audiologist for the hearing screening and midwives would therefore not have to acquire or maintain the screening equipment on their own. Ms. Riley confirmed that it is acceptable to refer newborns to an audiologist for the hearing test. The state's primary concern is that the hearing test is done in the event hearing loss or a deficiency is present that services can be provided to that newborn and their family.

Dr. Montone inquired about the cost associated with the hearing screen test. Ms. Riley stated the screening tests can range from \$35.00-\$90.00 and most major insurance plan will cover that cost. The Council discussed the cost being a deterrent for some families. Ms. McCarthy stated the Birth Center would do the screening free of charge for those families who couldn't afford to pay. Ms. Riley reiterated that the professional members in the communities working with the families need to reinforce the importance of newborn screen.

Kate Tullis, PhD, Newborn Screening Bloodspot Program Administrator also addressed the Council. Dr. Tullis described the newborn bloodspot screening program and took questions from the Council. Dr. Tullis discussed changes to the program within the past year. Ms. DiNatale inquired free or low cost service available to low income families. Ms. Tullis confirmed that those services are available for families in need. The cost of the bloodspot screen is currently \$135.00 and it includes the follow up support if the bloodspot test comes back abnormal.

Revision of Regulation 4.0 – Home Birth

Dr. Shlossman requested this matter remain on the Council's agenda for further discussion and amendments to regulation 4.4.2.12.

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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Review and Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule

The Council reviewed and approved the meeting schedule for 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Midwifery Advisory Council of the
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
October 15, 2018

Dr. Shlossman inquired with the Council if they would be interested in information from the Perinatal Cooperative regarding their work on postpartum hemorrhage and if so he would bring the information to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were not public comments before the Council.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard in Dover.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Shlossman moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devashree H. Singh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Devashree Singh, MBA
Executive Director