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Direct-Entry Midwifery Relationship & Standards Subcommittee Meeting

March 27, 2014

6:00-8:00 PM

Summary Notes

Final

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Co-Chairs Dr Janice Tildon-Burton, ACOG, Matthew Heiger; Kris Bennett, DPH; Sarah Culver, DFSB; Susan DiNatale, Sandra Elliott, CNM, U of DE, Mary Lou Gavin, MD, AAP; Joan Greeley, Birth Consumer, Wendy Mathews, Student Midwife Dorinda Dove, CNM, BCD;

Absent/Excused: Steve Newton, DSU Faculty.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Janice Tildon-Burton led the meeting with the support of Co-Chair Matthew Heiger.

Members introduced themselves to the public attendees.

II. Subcommittee Charge

The charge of both midwifery subcommittees reviewed (see below) and distributed via handout.

Subcommittee on Standards of Care / Relationship Building Between the Midwife and Physician Communities

Charge: To make recommendations on best practices for collaboration between the direct-entry non-nurse midwife and physician communities which promote safe standards of care.

Subcommittee on Policy & Regulatory Issues

Charge: To examine (and make recommendations on) best governmental practices in regulation of direct-entry non-nurse midwifery/ home birth practice as well as professional liability insurance and quality management systems.

III. Roundtable Discussion of Research and Issues

Subcommittee members agreed all parties want healthy moms and babies. Need for forum noted where home birth/midwifery and medical communities are able to socialize and find commonalities and open communications. One midwife reported she worked in state where (system) worked well but reluctant to share due to risk. Going forward members would like to see more inclusion of hospitals department heads / nursing leadership. Need to remember the baby noted. Need someone trained / and who meets standard of care to attend infant at birth.

Rep Baumbach reported on increasing consensus on midwifery/home birth issues, perhaps 70-30 agreement. He expressed desire to pattern Delaware's system after best states. He emphasized the need for all parties to get along.

Ideas re: working together and improved collaboration were shared including: book group, in-service training, reaching out to hospitals, developing a working collaboration with DHMIC, Standards of Care Committee and Perinatal Collaborative. It was noted that Dr Colmorgen, Co-Chair, Midwifery Policy Standards Subcommittee also serves as Chair, DHMIC Standards of Care Committee and Medical Director of the Perinatal Collaborative.)

Birth Center of DE may be possible middle ground for training at Birth Center. In past program had wanted to rotate residents through BCD but weren't able to due to liability/supervision issues.

All parties (medical/midwifery/nursing) are looking for continuing education and practice improvement.

It was noted that there needs to be mechanism process for accepting transfer mom/babe. This subcommittee may need to take issue to DHMIC Standards of Care meeting in May. Need to reach out to its chair Dr Colmorgen.

Sarah Culver offered to create PowerPoint presentation to help build positive relationships between hospital/birth center medical/nursing and home birth/midwifery communities. She offered to work on joint continuing education which informs and addresses these communities on the others' practice/profession. Paramedics and EMTs will also be included.

Need to identify best practices was noted.

Discussion followed re: Standards of Care – specifically, informed consent as practiced in hospital and midwifery practice.

Co-Chair Matthew Geiger noted need to have a set of protocols /guidelines on which agree and safe best practice.

Dr Gavin noted pediatricians have laid out (standards/best practice) in American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Care of Infant in Planned Home Births (Link added below.)

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/131/5/1016.full.pdf+html>

ACOG – likewise issued statement on planned home birth

http://www.acog.org/Resources_And_Publications/Committee_Opinions/Committee_on_Obstetric_Practice/Planned_Home_Birth

IV. Prioritization of Issues / Plans for Moving Forward – Action Steps

Priorities identified included:

Connect with Perinatal Collaborative

Involve chairpersons of hospital OB, Pediatrics and Nursing Departments

Promote mutual understanding of Home Birth/Midwifery, Hospital/Birth Center Medical and Nursing Communities through Continuing Education offering (PPT presentation).

Explore standards of care including informed consent through NARM, other states including Oregon.

(See link to NARM and Oregon websites below).

<http://narm.org/news/updated-language-for-informed-disclosure-and-informed-consent-for-cpms/>

<http://legiscan.com/OR/text/HB2997/id/871855>

http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/DEM/Pages/issue_responses.aspx

Find Maternal and Infant Transport Forms

(Link to transfer form for mother reproduced below.)

<http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/chca/files/maternaltransport2009.pdf>

Explore insurance coverage issues including coverage only as required medical care, ACA requirement of all providers must be covered, licensure vs permit, paneling issues and network issues.

V. Schedule Next Meeting

Members in attendance agreed that the next meeting will be held on April 21, 6-8 pm, at the same location, DPH Offices, Large Training Room, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover. (Pending site confirmation.)

VI. Public Comment

There was thoughtful and respectful Q & A and discussion with the public attendees throughout the meeting. No public attendees elected to speak for public comment.

Public Attendance (elective sign-in): Jennifer Antonik, Laura Bower, Forrest Culver, Sierra Calvert; Kathryn Culver, Rian Edwards, Joseph Fulgram, State House; Debbie Gottschalk, DHSS; Andrew Greeley, Ally Heiger, Karen Webster, NARM;

VII. Adjournment

Members in attendance agreed that the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 21, 6-8 pm, at the same location, DPH Offices, Large Training Room, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.