



Direct-Entry Midwifery Relationship & Standards Subcommittee Meeting
Oct 6, 2014
6:00-8:00 PM
Summary Notes

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Dr. Janice Tildon-Burton, MD, ACOG; Kris Bennett, DPH; Sarah Culver, DFSB; Dorinda Dove, CNM, BCD; Sandra Elliott, CNM; Nancy Fan, MD, OB/GYN, MSD; Matthew Heiger, DFSB; Birth Consumer; and Steve Newton, PhD, DSU Faculty **Excused/Absent:** Susan DiNatale, CPM; Mary Lou Gavin, MD, AAP; Joan Greeley, MSC, CNS; and Wendy Mathews, Student Midwife.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr Tildon-Burton welcomed members and public attendees.

II. Approval of Minutes

The June 4 minutes were unanimously approved with one correction (corrected spelling of Dr Tildon-Burton's name on the first page). August 18 minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Update from Members and Guest

Sarah introduced her healthy 6 week old son, Casper, who slept through the meeting. *The Midwifery & the Medical Community: Building to Improve Outcomes* PowerPoint presentation continues to be a work in progress. Sarah will bring the latest version to the October meeting.

Dr.Tildon-Burton attended a productive ACOG session in Washington D.C. with Legislative Liaisons including the president of ACNM.

Dr. Colmorgen noted that Delaware Health Mother & Infants Consortium (DHMIC), Standards of Care Committee will discuss adding a Midwifery Subcommittee to work on Midwifery Standards of Care. The DHMIC Standards of Care Committee includes representatives from the Birth Center and hospitals across the state that develop and support perinatal standards of care. Discussion and agreement ensued re: Standards of Care change over time so better to leave outside of (midwifery) legislation. Dr. Colmorgen has reached out to midwifery community and invited all in attendance at meeting and beyond to participate. The meeting date was thought to

be Oct 28 (at time of meeting) exact date, time and location with Bayhealth Kent General to be confirmed and shared when minutes distributed.

IV. Draft Subcommittee Report Review, Feedback, Finalization and Approval

Copies of the August 8 draft subcommittee report (as presented at the August 18 meeting, posted on the DPH website and distributed to via email to members and interested persons) and the Aug 19 draft (as revised based on input from the August 18 meeting) distributed via email to members, and at this meeting to subcommittee members and attendees. Revisions and areas for discussion (were highlighted in the August 19 draft and) were reviewed.

Discussion of draft and necessary general edits to be made including: credentials, organization titles, meeting dates and minor wording. More substantial edits requested included revision to note “few” vs “no votes” were taken, delete recommendation #2 and insert input sought as task completed, reword ending on Recommendation #1, add American ACNM Standards for the Practice of Midwifery ICM Global Standards of Midwifery Education, ICM Essential Competencies for Midwifery Practice and Birth Center of Delaware Screening Protocols under resources in Recommendation #1.

V. Next Steps

Our co-chairs and the co-chairs of the Policy-Standards Subcommittee will present their respective reports to Dr. Rattay and the Midwifery Steering Committee at its meeting on **Thursday, October 16 6-8 pm**, at this same location, DPH Offices, Large Training Room, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover.

VI. Public Comment

Public attendees spoke within context of meeting including Rep. Baumbach and Dr. Colmorgen. Yvonne Steele spoke during Public Comment asking for clarification regarding proposed Midwifery Subcommittee of DHMIC Standards of Care Committee. Dr. Colmorgen clarified that this was idea considered in past, but reintroduced about a week or so ago. Dr. Colmorgen encouraged all interested to participate in the upcoming DHMIC Standards of Care meeting with date, time and location to be confirmed, and disseminated with these minutes.

Public Attendance (elective sign-in): Rep. Paul Baumbach, Delaware House of Representatives; Dr. Garrett Colmorgen, David Mangler, Director, Division of Professional Regulations; Christine Morris, Yvonne Steele, Karen Webster, CPM; Julianna Somerville and Marquis Somerville.

VII. Adjournment

In closing, Dr Tildon-Burton summarized the subcommittee’s significant work and graciously thanked all members of the subcommittee for their productive efforts over the past year.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.