



Direct-Entry Midwifery Relationship & Standards Subcommittee Meeting

April 21, 2014

6:00-8:00 PM

Summary Notes

Final

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

Materials in subcommittee packet (also sent prior to meeting) were reviewed including agenda, draft summary minutes, US Midwifery Education, Regulation and Association (US MERA) April 10-13, 2014 Summary Report, ACNM Position Statement on Licensing and Regulation Midwives in the US in Accordance with Global ICM Standards, ICM Definition of the Midwife 2011, ICM Essential competencies for basic midwifery practice 2010/revised 2013; ICM Global Standards for Midwifery Education (2010) Amended 2013 and draft midwifery legislation (A.Wilson 41014 version edited by DPR David Mangler and DAG in accordance with Title 24).

Summary notes from 3/27/14 meeting were approved by consensus.

There was discussion, with a range of opinions, re: section of draft legislation (p9, paragraph beginning with line 270) which addresses client with risk factors rendering ineligible for midwifery care, client refused or unable to pursue hospital or doctor-supervised birth – stating midwife may attend home birth after obtaining the informed consent. Discussion centered on what might be best for infant/mother/family/midwife/profession. In most cases, in midwives' experience, client complies with midwife's recommendation.

II. Review Subcommittee Charge

To focus discussion charge of this subcommittee was reviewed by Dr Tildon-Burton.

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.

III. Roundtable Discussion of Research and Issues

Sarah Culver distributed an outline of the proposed Midwifery PowerPoint presentation, "CPMs and DE Health Policy". A copy of the handout will be distributed with these Summary Notes.

The Subcommittee expressed appreciation of Ms. Culver's efforts and progress, and suggested additions included adding CM (in addition to CPM) in presentation and adding recent out-of hospital birth data from CDC (NCHS). Link and reference below.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db144.htm#citation>

MacDorman MF, Mathews TJ, Declercq E. Trends in out-of-hospital births in the United States, 1990–2012. NCHS data brief, no 144. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2014.

Discussion continued including importance of timing of presentation for various audiences from hospital-based providers to legislators.

Ms Culver will revise outline based on subcommittee input.

Dr T-B shared a letter written by Dr. Derman, Chair CCHS OB/GYN/Women's Health addressed to the "Members of the Delaware State Legislative Body". Letter reference study published by Grunebaum in March 24, 2014 American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AJOG) comparing home birth outcomes (primarily by direct-entry midwives) unfavorably to hospital birth (by CNM) outcomes. Accompanying the letter: ACOG abstract of Grunebaum article and Skeptical OB summary of State of Oregon home birth mortality statistics.

Discussion ensued re: validity of study data with undifferentiated unplanned and planned home births in ACOG Grunebaum study. Group discussed on how to best address issue of data concerns with Dr Derman. Dr Tildon-Burton offered to speak with him this week. In addition there was consideration of both Subcommittees' Co-Chairs (Tildon-Burton and Heiger, Colmorgen, Gallagher and Antonik) meeting with him in the future. Subcommittee comments/suggestions include: Common ground in any such meeting is mutual interest in maternal-infant safety. Need to acknowledge other's position – not helpful to attack data. Demonstrate CPM competency. Build /change model. Demonstrate that other respected colleague consider CPMs colleagues/peers. Need to be able to define standard of care.

There was an objection to speakers' references to the relative importance of potential supporters/opponents. A public attendee/midwifery advocate later pointed out if a legislator had a stack of letters the one they would pull out and show to her (for debate of issue) would be Dr D's letter (discussed above) so (home birth midwifery advocates) need to be ready.

Group discussed need for committee to address not only relationship building but standards of care. In pursuit of that goal, in addition to materials distributed/listed above subcommittee members will send material for distribution with or within these Summary Notes. Dorinda Dove, BCD will send current Birth Center protocols. Susan DiNatale will send related MANA/NARM material. (See links below.)

http://mamacampaign.squarespace.com/storage/CPM_Fact_Sheet_FINAL%20new%20logo1.pdf

http://mamacampaign.squarespace.com/storage/Summary_of_WA_State_Study%20new%20logo1.pdf

<http://narm.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/State-Licensure-of-CPMs2012.pdf>

Sarah Culver will send Home-to-Hospital Transfer of Care packet, as used by the Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland (AIMM).

As requested, links to NARM/MANA standards appear below:

NARM Practice Guidelines (link to additional links)

<http://narm.org/faq/cpm-practice-guidelines/>

Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA)/Standards & Qualifications of

Practice: <http://www.mana.org/about-us/standards-and-qualifications>

MANA Core Competencies (Scope of Practice): <http://www.mana.org/about-us/core-competencies>

(NARM uses these MANA standards & scopes for the CPM certification/NARM refers to MANA on these.)

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

Presentation: Ms. Culver will revise PPT based on input received at this meeting

(All) Be prepared to give “elevator” 30 seconds - two-minute presentation on home birth/midwifery.

Dr Tildon-Burton requested subcommittee members review of standard of care materials distributed and forthcoming (with Summary Notes) for discussion at the next meeting.

Dr Tildon-Burton will meet with Dr Derman prior to our next meeting.

V. Schedule Next Meeting

Members in attendance agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 6-8 pm, at the same location, DPH Offices, Large Training Room, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover.

VI. Public Comment

There was productive discussion with the public attendees throughout the meeting. Public Comment: DPR Director David Mangler noted present draft legislation lacking real scope of practice.

Public Attendance (elective sign-in): Garrett Colmorgen, MD, Co-Chair, Policy & Regulation Subcommittee; Andrew Greeley; David Mangler, Director, DPR; Yvonne Steele and Karen Webster, NARM.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.