

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MIDWIFERY

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 18, 2005

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Advisory Council on Midwifery was called to order at 8:00 am on the above date in the Edmond Beck Conference Room. Lower Level, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristina Duarte, MD

Michelle Palmer, CNM

Margaret Koehm, MD

Linda Nanni, CNM

Deb Erickson-Owens, CNM

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Leonard

Carol Shelton, RN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth Shelov, Health Policy Analyst

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

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ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Alexandre called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. A quorum was established.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF APRIL 19, 2005

On motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Dr. Duarte, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of April 19, 2005 as presented.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

No applications were presented for review.

BUSINESS

Ms. Shelov joined the Council to discuss the regulatory process. The Council discussed the current regulatory language regarding clinical practice guidelines. In January 2003 the Council was presented with a proposal to eliminate the language that requires a collaborative practice agreement and to substitute language that requires collaboration without a written agreement. No action was taken at this time. Council members were assigned tasks to gather additional information to bring to the next scheduled meeting in January 2006. Dr. Gifford, Director of Health, will be invited to meet with the Council at the 2nd meeting of 2006 to further discuss the regulations.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Nanni, it was unanimously voted to move to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, to review the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2005 only.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon completion of business in Executive Session, upon motion of Dr. Duarte, seconded by Ms. Palmer, it was unanimously voted to return to Open Session in accordance with section 42-46-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, and to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, on motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Erickson-Owens, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulations