

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MIDWIFERY

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 31, 2006

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:

Michelle Palmer, CNM

Margaret Koehm, MD

Linda Nanni, CNM

Deb Erickson-Owens, CNM

Carol Shelton, RN

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

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 OCTOBER 18, 2005

On motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of October 18, 2005 as presented.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

No applications were presented for review.

BUSINESS

The Council continued the discussion of the current regulatory language regarding clinical practice guidelines. The Council reviewed documents from the American College of Nurse-Midwives: Position paper regarding independent Midwifery Practice; Joint Statement of Practice Relations between Obstetrician/Gynecologists and Certified Nurse-Midwives/Certified Midwives; Standards of Practice of Midwifery; and Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice. Discussion centered on the mechanism of collaboration between the midwife and the physician. Concerns raised included peer review for midwives in private practice doing home births only. Suggestions include agreements with hospitals as opposed to specific physicians for transfer of mother and baby if needed and guidelines that explicitly describe the collaborative relationship between midwife and physician.

No action was taken. Additional information will be gathered and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, on motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Erickson-Owens, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulations