

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MIDWIFERY

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 23, 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 room 104 of the 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

Linda Nanni, CNM

Deb Erickson-Owens, CNM

Carol Shelton, RN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Margaret Koehm, MD

Amy Leonard

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 January 31, 2006

Corrections to the attendance of the January meeting were noted.

Ms. Shelton did not attend. Dr. Duarte did not attend. On motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Shelton, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of January 31, 2006 with noted corrections.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

No applications were presented for review.

BUSINESS

Ms. Shelov joined the Council to review the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Midwives. The Council recommended revisions to the following sections: 1.0 Definitions to clarify the definition of

“midwife” and “nurse-midwife;” 7.4 New Graduate Midwives to limit the work permit to 90 days or upon passage of the certification examination (this will make it consistent with other similar license types); 9.0 Practice of Midwifery to delete the reference to “evidence of prearranged provision for collaboration with a physician....” Other technical changes were made to clarify language and to update language.

The discussion will continue at the next scheduled meeting on July 25, 2006.

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