

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MIDWIFERY

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 27, 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 Health Policy Forum 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

Deb Erickson-Owens, CNM

Carol Shelton, RN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Margaret Koehm, MD

Amy Leonard

Linda Nanni, CNM

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth Shelov, Health Policy Analyst

Helen Drew, Office of the Director

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 May 23, 2006

On motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Erickson-Owens, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of May 23, 2006 as presented.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

None

BUSINESS

Meeting dates were determined for calendar year 2007.

The Council reviewed the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Midwives and the comments from the community review held on September 29, 2006. Upon completion of the review of the regulations, comments and current standards of practice of the American College of Nurse Midwives the Council agreed to further review section 9.1 to include “the CNM and CM practice within a health care system that provides for consultation, collaborative management, or referral as indicated by the health status of the client.” No further revisions were recommended.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday December 6, 2006 at 2 pm in the Health Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, on motion of Ms. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Erickson-Owens, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulations