

# **RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MIDWIFERY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 18, 2011**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Advisory Council on Midwifery was called to order at 8:10 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:**

**Linda Nanni, CNM**

**Carol Shelton, RN**

**Mary Mumford Haley, CNM**

**Elizabeth Howard, CNM**

### **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Amy Leonard**

**Susanna Magee, MD**

**Kristina Duarte, MD**

### **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN, Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education**

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am. A quorum was established.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting of January 18, 2011 were presented. On motion of Ms. Shelton, seconded by Ms. Mumford Haley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

## **APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE**

No applications for licensure were presented.

## **BUSINESS**

Open discussion

The open discussion period was deferred.

## **Attendance of Home Births in RI**

This discussion continued from the previous meeting. The Council has recommended a revision to the regulations to authorize licensure of Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) who have successfully completed an education program accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). Department staff will draft regulations to present at the next scheduled Council meeting.

The Council is also recommending the development and

**implementation of a formulary for non-nurse midwives to carry certain medications for use at the time of delivery. Authorization for medication use will likely require a statutory change. At this time it is most likely that any statutory proposal would be introduced by the state affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.**

### **Announcements**

**There were no announcements.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**No further business was conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN**

**Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education**