



**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

June 14, 2023  
10:00 AM

On June 14, 2023, the Midwifery Advisory Committee held a hybrid meeting at Lacey Community Center. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

ROBIN VAZQUEZ, PUBLIC MEMBER, CHAIR; KATHERINE SAUERLENDER, LM, VICE-CHAIR; ALEX HAMLING, MD; KAREN SWIFT, CNM; RACHAEL COOK, LM; STEVEN MAYNARD, MD

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

APRIL HAUGEN, LM

**STAFF PRESENT**

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER; JAMES CHANEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; LYDIA KOROMA, SUPERVISING STAFF ATTORNEY; CASSANDRA GERARD, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; JENNIFER SANTIAGO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; LISA KELLY CHRISTENSEN, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISOR

**OTHERS PRESENT**

CYNTHIA FLYNN  
BILLIE DICKINSON  
LORRI CARR

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 10:00 AM – Open Session**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

**1.1 Introductions**

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the agenda as presented.

### **1.3 Approval of the December 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The committee reviewed the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes.

2. **RULES WORKSHOP**– The committee discussed and provided recommendations on draft language for rule sections that are open in response to SSB 5765. Information provided to the committee by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed presented the draft language for the rule sections that are currently open. Ms. Swift suggested including Jada device to the list of devices in section (1) and oral medication Nifedipine to section (3k) in WAC 246-834-250. The committee discussed including implant removal, adjusting the amount of required supervised simulated procedures and the license limitations of demonstration, and whether previously earned hours should be accepted towards licensure in WAC 246-834-165. A subcommittee will participate in a rules workshop to further discuss the draft language.

3. **REVIEW POLICIES** – The committee reviewed, discussed, and revised working policies. Presentation by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed presented the following committee policies for review:

- Midwifery Advisory Committee Bylaws – members reviewed and approved.
- 2.1 Exam Updating Process – members reviewed and approved. Ms. Weed explained two more members are needed to complete the subcommittee for reviewing and updating the exam.
- 2.2 Exam Scoring Process – members reviewed and approved.
- 3.1 Guidelines for Licensed Midwives Who Use Birth Assistants – members reviewed and approved.
- 3.2 Data Submission Renewal Requirements - members reviewed and approved.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Information provided to the committee by James Chaney, Executive Director.

**4.1 Budget update** - Mr. Chaney provided a budget report through April 2023 and noted the budget has improved over the last several years.

**4.2 Office Reorganization** - Mr. Chaney announced as of July 1, 2023, Jennifer Santiago will be the Executive Director for this profession.

5. **PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT** – Information provided and action taken by the committee. Presentation by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

**5.1 Recruitment update** – Ms. Weed gave an update on recruitment to the committee and noted two committee members have terms expiring this year.

**5.2 Business plan** – Ms. Weed presented the 2023-2025 Business Plan to the committee. Members reviewed and discussed the business plan.

**5.3 Remaining 2023 meeting dates**

- September 13, 2023
- December 13, 2023

The committee approved rescheduling the December 13, 2023 meeting on December 6, 2023.

**6. MEETING WRAP-UP**

**6.1** Agenda items for next meeting – no items were discussed.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The committee adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Kathy Weed  
Program Manager

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Robin Vazquez, Chair  
Midwifery Advisory Committee