



Quarterly Board Meeting

June 21st, 2021 | 10am-2pm

Agenda

Participants:

Marian Seliquini, Whitney Hall, Pat Loftman, Colleen Peck, Lily Dalke, Kate Finn, Helena Grant, Claire Moynihan, Cynthia Lynch, Carol Bues, Michele Doyle, Audrey Stedford, Ellie Miller, Sherrie Hunter, Debbie Mercer

Quorum achieved

Welcome new Board Members, Pat & Jessica

Minutes approved 3/21

Minutes approved 4/21

Motion by Colleen Peck and Lily Dalke to be voted on. Discussion. Passes unanimously.

I move that:

The NY Midwives include gender-inclusive language in all NY Midwives' documents, starting with our mission statement and advocate with NYS Board of Midwifery to explicitly state in their Q&A that care of all transgender people falls within midwifery scope of practice.

In alignment with this motion, when the Midwifery Practice Act is re-opened, the NY Midwives will also advocate that care of transgender women is included.

Rationale/Background:

In a 2014-2016 survey of NYS Transgender and Gender Non-Binary residents, 27.3% respondents had no personal doctor or health care provider, leading to various health disparities. 36% reported attempted suicide, 47% are sexual assault survivors. Through providing more inclusive care and addressing the unequal lack of access, NY Midwives demonstrate commitment to improving healthcare outcomes and quality of life for our patients/clients, regardless of gender.

Decision to roll this out through communications committee work. Kate points out that there are controversial issues that might come up. "Women and other birthing people" is used in quality committee documents. A review of the language by the board is recommended before publishing.

Centering Anti-Racist work. Pat B. Resignation letter was discussed and accepted. GAB committee was identified as the committee that should work towards ethical governance recommendations. A code of conduct was written in response to Pat B's behavior in the legislative committee, Helena points out that the code should be an honor code, rather than a conduct code. That could be tweaked in the GAB committee to reflect more ethical governance recommendations.

CPM Legislation Deep Dive: Sherrie/Marian

History of the timeline reported. Discussion ensued as to the intention of taking our time this summer and building a stakeholder approach. Consensus of the board was suggested by Pat



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L. We should really digest the bill, we should involve NACPM national, a very large stakeholder meeting needs to be planned. Marian adds that we need a plan, Tuesday 29th 7pm is the next leg chair meeting. Board is invited to come and engage at that meeting.

SUNY Downstate Report: Ellie

Preceptor problem was discussed, as was the school's recent letter to alumni to request preceptor positions. Students, because of covid, lack clinical placements. We discussed starting a quality initiative that would help identify preceptor sites as a long term fix to this issue. Board will draft a letter to the school based on SANMC information which will be shared by Ellie to the board. SED work of the quality committee will be tabled.