

Attendees: Lily, Lor, Beth, Nancy, Kari Kohl, Sharon, Caitlin LeGros, Ann Visser, Melanie (Winthrop), Martine, Birdie, Pat B, Sascha, Julie (phone), Sharon (phone), Kate Finn (phone), Tanya

Students: Genevra (Downstate), Jenny (Stony Brook), Lindsey (NYU), Georie (NYU), Tierney (NYU), Anna (Downstate)

Announcements:

Caitlin – women with disabilities, intellectual and development delays
Need student representative to board, consider student committee

Introductions/Brief overview

Honoring board members who have completed tenure:

Ann V., Birdie, Alice, Michelle Doyle, Linda, Rachel, Maria, Kate Finn

Reviewed Attanasio and Kozahmannil (2017) findings of NYS Vital stats.

NYS MW stats: (2015)

10.3% - 10.1% births

From NYS Health Profiles: <https://profiles.health.ny.gov/hospital/>

Year in review:

Outreach

Managing to get involved in important conversations – related to state programming and policy

- NYC DOH – MMR (Mimi, Helena, Pat)
- Regional Perinatal reorganization (Sascha)
- NYAM – MM summit, planning board (Sascha)
- NYS Association of Rural Health (Whitney Hall)
- RHA Public Forum – with Liz Krueger: (Pat, Nancy)
- NYS council meeting – truth in advertising re: pregnancy crisis centers
- Partnership with NYC Midwives – chapter with NYSALM.
- Collaborating with ACOG District II – making inroads, new district Chair – at NYULMC

To Do:

- Membership – NYC Midwives and NYSALM membership alignment and clarification needed

Planning strategic goals for 2018:

- Addressing maternal health disparities – where does NYSALM fit into all of this.
- What direction, where to invest our energies and efforts,
- Supporting MOC – students, concordance, etc.

- Quality committee may be able to redirect its energies toward this effort

REGION

Julie:

Auburn

- *Utica* – St Lukes – spoke to nursing administrators, interested in attracting midwives
- Homebirth – peer review meetings continue/ Jan. /will distribute transfer guidelines.
- Increasing membership: organize joint spinning babies event to attract new members throughout the region
- Ithaca (Kate Finn): Cornell University – rare books collection: early midwifery textbooks available for researchers. ‘Bewitched’ exhibit at Cornell (15/16th century). Kate willing to host visitors.

TO DO – get copy of hospital bylaws? To give access and privileges to MWs at St. Lukes.

Long Island (Ann V)

- 2 MWs joined MD practice (Huntington, Births at Winthrop)
- Miles for Midwives – Saturday May 12, Hecksher Park 5K
- Mentoring program for new graduates/ student midwives
- Dale Cook retired, 3 new MWs to takeover practice. Home & Hospital at NUMC
- LI Midwives are likely to me members with NYSALM

TO DO: lifetime ACNM members to have access to NYSALM membership

NYC (Trinisha Williams)

- NYC Midwives – presentation on disparities
- Meet a midwife on Instagram
- M4M: 32K
- NYC Midwives scholarships - now 3 scholarships being offered
- Feb 7, 2018 – 530pm
- Homebirth midwives peer reviews
- 15K – relief for PR
- 5K – Bangladesh
- Gender affirming language – looking for illustrator
- ProPublica event
- NYC Holiday Party 12/6
- Member drive at NYC Midwives
- Barbara Sellars closing her practice; June 2018:

TO DO: public campaign about midwives. Join communications committee, using hashtags, twitter, facebook,

- Partner with Doula communities
- Part time employee.
- Intern?
- Student Independent Study – 1 credit course/ Professional issues
- Media intern/s?

Western NY: Sharon/Caitlin:

Lisa Kane Low – reducing primary c/s: residency educations

Accupuncture

Nitrous Oxide

Accupressure for MWs

Spinning Babies for MWs

Combined region meeting –

Buffalo: local meeting next week, with midwives, students (first after 1 year)

New Midwife: home/hospital – started in Aug/Sept.; worked as PD – resigned due to insurance issues.

Nitrous program at Buffalo.

Hudson Valley (Birdie & Marian)

- Private practice physician looking for midwives to join practice. Wants to create health center for women – with full scope practice. Looking for team – Chista Safeguey ?
- Health alliance of the Hudson Valley: Kingston/ Margaretville -restructuring is not inclusive of midwives and midwifery care.
- ACNM Region I meeting: 135 participants; 15K revenue.
- Caremount at Vassar: Eastern Hudson region, 3 full scope – with anticipation to go onto to 5.

Treasurer (Pat Burkhardt)/ 3rd Quarter report

- 31,400K/ 71K total assets
- 3 CD – one rolling over in December.
- Ending balance 10, 479.00
- Add spreadsheet ? to minutes?

GT: (Beth & Jane)

- Encouraged to pick date for Lobby Day – rooms filling up quickly
- BC regulations – no stakeholders have heard from DOH; reach out to Mark Hennessey to check up on status. GT will follow up with Mark
- Iroquois health care (Al & Phil) – did not respond to KJ email. Advised KJ to forward same email again.
- Legislative agenda for 2018 –

- o Professional corporation with physicians (Title VIII) – encouraged Governor to include professional inclusive language.
- o Workforce study - Data collection: being led by Jean Moore in Albany, SPH – to plan for workforce shortage areas on NYS.
- o RHA: may push forward if IDP (Klein) aligns with Democrats and Cuomo.
- o CCA/ Single Payer
- o Leg/Executive are wrestling with state budget due to enormity of the deficit: Priority
- o Medicaid budget has a cap, can only grow at 3% annually.
- o Conference call with Sascha taking over leadership
- How do we push BC regulations forward ; cannot be accepted with minor changes –
- DOH may be waiting for perinatal re-designations. (Sascha) Which will finish in March 2018.

Finance (Ann Visser)

- Finalizing change to budget policy
- Automating reporting/with Quickbooks
- Finance Committee Tab: Budget forms, Do not email requests – use forms to ease and organize processing
- NYC Midwives may cover cost of the Power and Privilege Training for Board (2500)
- Consider adding 5-10% from savings and put into money market

Project Proposal:

- o Caitlin LeGros: wants to organize Spinning Babies event – considering how NYSALM can be involved,
- o As sponsor or host? – potentially revenue generating for NYSALM.

Program (Birdie & Ximena)

- Board of Midwifery – Suggested education day in Albany area.
- Birdie tenure ending as program chair.

Legislative (Pat)

- Becoming more assertive to advocate for RHA
- Need to activate and move: Senate and IDC
- Visiting senators in their local/district offices for greater impact.
- Virtual lobby day –
- Partner with NYC ACLU
- Kate: Advocating for support for ACNM to include abortion care services as part of core competencies. (as per ICM standards). Next step to coordinate Issue Brief – contact Stephanie Tillman.
- Update website: as part of secretarial responsibilities

- No contested for region reps/affirmation vote. Push vote out to late Dec. / Jan
- Need to **purchase Survey Monkey** – consent to serve, resume,

Quality Assurance (Kate Finn)

- "Planned Home Birth in New York State" document using gender inclusive language. – now up on website, will start outreach to homebirth midwives, regional perinatal centers.
- Under 'organizational documents'
- Looking to expand and consider new directions for quality assurance committee

Communication (Tanya Wills)

- Focused on developing our social media presence
- 1 intern now, media savvy
- Interest in newsletter produced by NYSALM
- Call for more members

Diversity & Inclusion (Rachel & Merv)

- MOC panel success at regional meeting
- SUNY New Paltz – Women and Sexuality Class
- Continue outreach to students, college, schools
- Maria Mendoza stepped down as Chair)
- Wendy: Power and Privilege course to start mid-January; over 12 months

IMPACT (Lily Dalke)

See comprehensive report

- Mercy (Trinity Buffalo) – Sharon will restart talks
- North Dutchess – Birdie and Sascha, Marian (CM) now credentialing
- Northwell – as part of perinatal re-designation: Bylaws and credentialing process has not been streamlined or updated. Will be considered on individual basis.
 - Bylaw revision will be a long process
- NYSALM may reach out to ACNM to address some of these system wide issues, such as EHR limitation
- Midwives as Sexual Assault Examiners – requires us to open up the practice act.
- New grads can forward these job announcements to Lily
- Lutheran will not hire CMs – could be considered discriminatory practice
- NYU-Winthrop has hired 2 Midwives

Insurance (Beth Cooper)

- 5 members – needs Downstate/NYC members
- Someone to talk to us about how to know our worth – how do we figure out

Membership (Trinisha)

- Nov 8 – phone meeting
- Consider regional awards – to extend out into community.

- 6 regions: 100.00 each/ starting in Jan.
- Speakers Bureau: interests, expertise, content, regional access
- Moving our meetings
- Issue r/t lifetime members – and member tracking
- Letter to program directors – encouraging student membership

TO DO:

- Can we gift NYSALM membership to lifetime members? (may only be 8-9 members)- *Motion by Pat Burkhardt/ seconded by Sascha.*

Student Representative – Genevra DiLorenzo volunteer. (2018)

Consumer Representative?

Meeting dates:

- Mon, Feb 12th: Board – Virtual Meeting/ZOOM
- Mon, May 7th: Board
- Tues, May 8th: Lobby Day **OR** Tues, May 1st: Second choice (contact ACOG)/ TBD
- Friday, Sept 28th: Albany
- Monday, Dec 3rd: NYC

TO DO:

When / where is regional meeting?

Can we get rid of old listserv?

Board vote:

President: Sascha Conterelli (2018-2021)- 3 yrs.

VP: Kate Finn (2018-2020)- 2 years

Secretary: Mimi Niles (2017-2020) – 3 years

Treasurer: Pat Burkhardt (2017-2019) – 2 years, taking over Carol Bues