

NYSALM – MAY 2018  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - ALBANY

5-09-2018  
NYSALM Board Meeting - Greenberg Traurig - Albany, NY  
Respectfully submitted by Mimi Niles

**Attendees:**

Kari Kohl  
Patricia Burkhardt  
Karen Jefferson  
Sunday Smith  
Beth Cooper  
Kate Finn  
Mimi Niles  
Ashley Meceriello  
Genevra DiLorenzo  
Claudia Gersten  
Megan DeMagistras (BIO rep)  
Sascha Conterelli  
Katie Guernsey  
Marian Seliquni  
Theresa Christensen

**Phone**

Karen Johnson Feltham  
Lily Dalke  
Cynthia Lynch  
April Ward  
Julie Carlson  
Crista Cristakis – ACOG Executive Director  
Dr. Hoskins – ACOG District II  
Anne Gibeau ( Jacobi)  
Trinisha Williams  
Helena Grant (Woodhull)  
Christina J. (CPM)  
Janet Williams (NCB)

**General**

- Meeting notes from Jan 2018 meeting – will be combined
- Developing SOP for all NYSALM committees - Kate Finn
- Uploading documents to website – to maintain transparency and keep new members updated

**REGION:**

***Long Island (Ashley Meccariello)***

South Nassau Community Hospital –

- Requiring collaborative MD for c/section as well as collaborative agreements
- Verbal reports that unit is familiar with midwifery care.

**NUMC:**

- rapidly providing new providers with admitting privileges, not require collaborative agreements, & offers waterbirth

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- M4M – Hecksher State Park: May 12th
- Student mentorship conference
- Birth Equity conference: Hofstra/Nassau County Perinatal Services Network –

#### ACTION ITEMS

- Contact the Birth equity initiative – through executive committee/community-based programming
  - Contact: Martine Hackett, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Health Professions – Hofstra
- Encouraging community connections at the local level
- Contact local legislature re: Malpractice rate ride for VBACs at NUMC

#### **Mid-state: (Central NY) (Julie Carlson)**

- Continuing individual outreach to midwives
- Organizing CEs/ CEI – workshops; Spinning Babies workshop

#### ACTION ITEMS

- Promote workshops, membership outreach

#### **Western NY: (Caitlin LeGros)**

- Rochester and Buffalo meet ups rescheduled in April, low interest, goal to improve attendance. Planning summer meetings and possible a joint Canandaigua meeting with Central NY.
- University of Rochester is hiring a director, still accepting applications
- Canandaigua midwives bought by Thompson (also URM) with admitting privileges
- Buffalo: Maura Winkler started homebirth/hospital practice; is expanding and plans to hire CM
- Mercy hospital in Buffalo to hire a full time midwife starting in June –
  - Midwifery guidelines not updated. Continued pressure present.
- A new midwife, Laura Hesson, has come to Buffalo/WNY to join a private physician group, which is expanding midwifery services now to 3 out of 4 hospitals in our region.
- Spinning babies workshop planned for Sept 22 in Skaneateles NY.
  - \$2000 in sales, 5 birth workers of color and 10 regular registrations.
  - Need 10 more regular registrations or \$2000 the event becomes financially viable
  - If not, 4 weeks before the event we can cancel without penalty.

#### **Hudson Valley (Marian Seliqini)**

- CMO – Ruffiah Community HC – advise on taking over a midwifery practice and needed to write practice agreement– Good Samaritan
- Rhinebeck/Northern Dutchess: LMs do not have admitting privileges,
- tentative plan to do a local/regional meeting

#### ACTION ITEMS

- Will reach out if assistance need with LM practice agreements

#### **New York City (Trinisha Williams, Anne Gibeau)**

- Planning for M4M – October 2018, Brooklyn NY
- Amy Buckley – creating a photo exhibit of midwifery; looking for midwives to photograph
- NYU/Lutheran/Langone: Only hiring CNMs- may need greater education; possibly related to NYSNA?
- Trinisha reports NYSNA does cover clinicians, other than nurses

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- BBC – may be closing
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**ACTION ITEMS:**

- NYU hiring midwives at Langone? – Susan Altman?

**Northern NY (Claudia Gersten)**

- Limited communication with midwives in region; difficult to contact
- Glen Falls – 4 FTE midwives
- Saratoga – Barbara as alternate for upstate region
- Pottsdam – Sunday Smith: rural, underserved community; training local midwives in aseptic practices; growing freebirth movement; thinking about writing a grant re: Rhogam, Ahmish clinic, looking broaden services;

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Continued support for Sunday and her community; potential ideas for community based funding

**ACOG:**

-New partnerships and collaborations

-MMR was not passed in Governor's Budget.

- Gottfried/Joyner – sponsoring a bill and to consider revision and protections for reviewers; reworking language and provisions r/t: Confidentiality
- Quality improvement bill that is taking the back burner till the MMR

-Governor's task force: advisory function, at the initial stages of mechanics and design

- RHA – advised Democratic majority at next session (Nov 2018) – may be a better climate to pass this through.

-MMR – what we would like the bill to have (as it doesn't exist yet); look for it on the horizon,

- Multidisciplinary, full confidentiality agreement/ protections (from subpoena/discovery)
- Require a reporting mechanism for accountability.
- 250K appropriate re: MMR
- Present as a strategy towards addressing maternal/racial health disparities

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Consider joint (ACOG, NYSALM) meetings with legislators – to help shape the language around prospective legislation
- Continue to seek out partnership and collaboration
- Statewide public facing action related to ACNM-ACOG collaboration

**Treasurers/Budget (Patricia Burkhardt)**

- Not receiving monies from ACNM in a timely/regular manner
- Membership #s are constant
- 2K over budget
  - What can we cut? – Basecamp?
  - Cut: 500 from Insurance, Cut 300 from IMPACT, Cut 400 Membership,
- Net operating income: 980.00

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Student scholarships for Students of color? Need to clarify

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- Need SROP – D&I committee; with proposal; Trinisha to follow up.

### **Program Committee: (Ximena)**

- Successful regional conference in October 2017.
- Creating an online education day for the fall: low cost, more attendees.
  - Investigating prices for video conference options and will present a proposal to the board in the next month.
- Have region meeting – pooling resources; subsidize big name speaker

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Needs SROP
- Thinking forward
- For 2018 – plan local, 2-3 presenters
- Consider a consistent date

### **Nominating Committee: Patricia Burkhardt/ Mimi Niles**

- Treasurer: 2019-2022
  - Open slot/alternates
- Communication Committee: Tanya Willis

### **Student Representative to Board: Geneva DiLorenzo**

- Considering SROP

Diversity & Inclusion Committee: (Maria & Merv)

- Two scholarship for SOC: for Annual Meeting

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Follow-up on SOP for scholarship
- Budget requirements

### **Communication**

- Email newsletter
- 4 interns
- Social media content uploaded
- Update website

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Reach out to Tanya to volunteer
- Get trained on website updating
- Disseminating Maximizing MW report: NYSPA organizations, Birth Equity partners,
- Tanya can reach out to Nan, EMC

### **G&T Update: Beth Sacco and Jane Preston**

- Bring award to Andrea Stuart Cousins constituent meeting
- Meeting with Executive/Governor's office – limited agenda. (Kelly Owens, Megan Baldwin)
- Email Maximizing MW report to Beth and Jane

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- Birth Center regulations – need to push the DOH – revisit CoN, help us convene the DoH to work collaboratively to get something done that is reasonable and workable
- MMR Board: ejected funding from budget – legislature wanted a thoughtful stature.
- We understand that the Assembly had their own agenda r/t MMR –
- Doula care? What is our position?
- Maternity care shortage areas - -- not being cared for by OBs, lack of access to quality PNC, MW workforce is able to fill these shortage areas.
- Medicaid reimbursement rates – not compliant to federal regs. – Fair reimbursement
- Lack of access – finding ways to increase access and services is a multi-pronged approach.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Beth to send maternity care shortage area survey -- to Kate Finn.

**Board/Member Communication:**

- Having midwives become integrated into community based organization and initiatives
- Doula rep to board as community representative

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Mary-Powel Thomas, Director, Healthy Start Brooklyn, **NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**, Center for Health Equity, Brooklyn Neighborhood Health Action Centers, 485 Throop Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Brooklyn, NY 11221
- PR strategy – consult with Tanya
  - o Marketing Tea: marketingtea.com
  - o Consider having them design a strategy or training – since we cannot afford long term consultancy

-Clearinghouse of midwifery outreach, speakers bureau, collecting contact lists and services – beyond midwifery

-New NYSPA Representative announced– Karen Johnson Feltham

-CPMs: outreach, invite to our board meeting,

-Motion to have CPM present re: licensing pathway in NYS.

**Insurance Committee (Beth Cooper)**

-New members

-Empire paying comparable to physicians.

-goal is to have insurance reimbursement parity – requires door knocking and direct engagement

- consumer campaign

- have MDs who hire midwives to argue for the parity

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Needs NYC participant – post to Connect

**Upcoming Board Meetings:**

NYS Board of Midwifery: June 15, 10am-3pm - NYC