



Board Meeting

November 1, 2019

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Sascha James, Julie Carlson, Anne Gibeau, Marian Seliquini, Rebekah Ruppe, Jenna Schmitz (NYC DOH), Sarah Van Buren, Lisa Morris, Heather Alzato, Genevra DiLorenzo, Elizabeth Sullivan, Nancy Kraus, Mary Anne Laffin, Karen Jefferson, Whitney Hall, April Ward, Mimi Niles

Presidential Updates

Midwifery Work – Phoenix, AZ

- Melanie Somersville (Winthrop) – recognized; also being awarded by LI Midwives
- Presentation by Sascha and Helena on Maternal Morbidity and Mortality in NYS/NYC
- NYS BC regulations passed and moving forward – thank you Karen J and Whitney Hall
By NYS DOH

Review and Approval of Minutes

- *Not completed*

Treasurer's Report (Ashley M.)

Waiting for disbursements from ACNM

Sponsors/ Income for registration –

- Ashley stepping down as treasurer – will prepare orienting manual

Committee and Region reports

- *Not completed*

Finance (Ashley M.)

- Grant for NYC Midwives for student attendance
- We are recommending that NYC Midwives take on this task themselves

- Auditing by Joint Commission on Public Integrity (JCOPE): any monies over 2500 – requires further more stringent requirements and what we accept as an organization
 - Can NYC Midwives give 2 checks of 2500.00?
- Set the quantity beforehand; to remove individualizing the reimbursements
- Need second signer to account
 - Motion: Make the second signer be an Executive Board Member (the first being the Treasurer) – *approved*
- Filing 2018 Taxes: requested extension d/t discrepancy between 2017-2018 Assets (14K discrepancy)
- Accountant is willing to look over the accounts to address the discrepancy and file the taxes (asking for 300.00) – Motion to pay for account - *approved*
- Money requested:
 - Region I: Needs to address the implicit/explicit bias among organizers – to hire facilitator
 - Asking for contribution from NYSALM; all other states are contributing to the process – asking for 1000 to contribute to pay for the facilitator - *approved*

Legislative : (Pat Burkhardt)

- CNM, CM, CPM to put amendments to the MW Practice Act (1992) – the law that includes ALL midwives that qualify for certification
 - 2010 – removed the written practice agreement
 - UMPA – Unified Midwifery Practice Act
- Unified practice act – even if in a tiered fashion
- Core maternity care; Women’s health, GYN, Primary Care, Contraception
- Challenge to determine the language/law that is gender inclusive and broad to be as inclusive as possible without limiting practice
- Must be qualified and competent
- Met with Richard Gottfried –
- Lobby Day – plan for rooms; date; session is being curtailed (to May)
- Does ACOG have their date? May 2nd?
- NACPM involvement
- Rhode Island is a model state in terms of how they have operationalized all kinds of midwifery practice.
- Primary care: ‘provides primary care for the individual’
- Share Gender inclusive language document with Pat B.
- Religious and Indigenous exemptions – questions around title of ‘midwife’
- Julie: central and northern – majority of births are attended to by Mennonite midwives – anything that can be done to galvanize these midwives to be included

Bylaws:

Bylaws Amendments Results

- N = 27 Members of NY Midwives 528; voting rate 5%
 - Unanimous (27 yes) on: NY Midwives rather than NYSALM
 - Qualifications, Authority, Function, Process of Board
 - 26 yes on: Proposes
 - Structure, Officers, Regional Reps
 - 25 yes: BOD Function
 - 19 yes; 8 no (30%) Required to be member of ACNM
 - The final item needs to be considered by the Board as one requiring action. Granted, the low voting numbers provide questionable validity, but it would be worthwhile to determine if there are more who think this way.
 - Proposal
 - Survey all licensed midwives in NYS to query them on this point. If a large number respond no to being an ACNM member to be a NY Midwives member, then formulate a plan for a pilot project to be presented to the ACNM BOD to incorporate non-ACNM members into NY Midwives for a limited period to see if any ultimately choose to join ACNM.
- Formulate plan to incorporate non-ACNM members into NYS Midwives? As a pilot project

Birth Center Regulations (Whitney Hall)

- Is anyone close to opening a birth center in NY?
- 15,000 birth center studies – and transfer rates: 16%, 11% IP transfers (1.9% urgent); 5% postpartum; overall urgent transfer - 2 in 1000
- 12 counties without maternity services
- NYS DOH must codify the regulation; happening in parallel licensing committee to license MLBC
- FL, CA, TX, NY --- CON only exists in NYS
 - CON: is required by law in NYS; to prove needs in communities; was intended to lower costs; causes healthcare monopolization
 - Licensing to DOH NYS ; accreditation to CABC would fulfill the CON requirements
 - 1st: Accreditation ; 2nd: Licensing by DOH – as a workaround
- MLBC must be the first tier of perinatal re-designation
 - SCJ – organizing stakeholder group – to convene midwives who are intending to start a birth center

- 2017 – only 3 Birth centers in NY

NYC Respectful Birth Initiative (R. Ruppe & Jenna)

- Working on provider guide

- ACOG convening stakeholders to identify key providers – to participate in moving this work forward
- Provider implementation guide – being led by a provider group
- Oriented towards institutional change
- MH Quality improvement network – multi-pronged approach to improving quality:
 - 6 components: QI, SMM review committees, Respectful care, Implicit Bias training

Next meeting:

Dec 2, 2019 – NYSALM Board meeting; NYC GT Offices

10am-4pm