

Attendees:

Alice Gilgoff, Julie Carlson, Michelle Doyle, Maria Luisa Mendoza, Trinisha Williams, Caitlin LeGros, Ann Visser, Susan Rannestad, Karen Jefferson, Pat Burkhardt, Claudia Gersten, Sascha James-Conterelli, Annie Gibeau, Susanrachel Condon

Guests: Betty J. Carrington, Chris Kocis, Kathleen Dermady, Kim Conroy, Stacy Arminio-Swartz, Lisha Coster, April Ward, Deb Bissonnette, Joanne Anderson-Alvarez

Due to the size of the meeting, there were brief introductions.

GENERAL:

- Caitlin proposed that her region be split in two, one representing Buffalo and the other, Rochester. The idea was tabled, pending reactivation of the Buffalo chapter. There has also been difficulty getting reps from her region to attend meetings. Caitlin should continue further outreach to Buffalo midwives.
- Lisha Coster spoke about the purchase of Phelps Hospital by Northwell Health and questions about how it will affect longstanding midwifery services, in particular Open Door. Northwell wants written practice agreements, and each midwifery patient to have two MD visits. Sascha, (previously employed by Northwell), and Chris, (Stony Brook service) offered advice. Will follow up with Lisha.
- 12-module course entitled "An Examination of Power & Privilege in Midwifery" for Board members and committee chairs proposed by Karen Jeffereson. The motion passed unanimously. More information is needed on cost and logistics.
- Sascha representing midwives on key statewide groups as NYSALM representative.
 - Participated in panel on maternal-child health summit (10/24) about disparities.
 - Planning committee for a February 2018 Maternal Mortality Summit to be presented by the New York Academy of Medicine.
 - On New York State Dept. of Health committee on reorganization of regional perinatal centers. A draft of proposals in book form was passed around, where midwives and birth centers are included.

Treasurer: (Pat Burkhardt)

- Deficits in the revenue stream from ACNM highlighted, which they are aware of and will correct. The \$5,000 bonus we gave to our lobbyists was divided into partial payments. Total income and expenses from the regional meeting are pending.

GT Update (Beth & Jane – phone)

- Reviewed the stakeholders' meeting with the Dept. of Health on the regulations for midwifery-led birth centers.
- The DOH seemed unwilling to do the work of changing the requirements for some Article 28 facilities. Following, GT wrote a letter to DOH stating they were

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happy everyone came and there was good discourse at the meeting, but reminding them that changing the Certificate of Need is required by the law.

- Also advocated for the removal of time parameters for transport, as there are some NYS counties with no maternity services.
- The letter encouraged DOH to be creative, as they are at the same time reviewing other regulations.
- Question from Pat regarding workforce surveys for professional organizations to be conducted by Jeanne Moore from the Dept. of Health. The information gathered would be valuable to NYSALM. Jane will reach out to Senator Hannon's staff regarding reintroduction of his bill on workforce surveys.

Finance (Ann Visser)

Ann Visser reminded committee chairs -- 2018 budget needs approval at the December meeting. There are posted guidelines and forms on website. NYSALM members can also apply for funds for an approved activity.

Legislative (Pat Burkhardt)

- Pat B- suggested possible celebration or honoring of passage of the Midwifery Practice Act – 25 year anniversary. Also may consider changes or updates?
- More volunteers to work on Lobby Day prep.
- Bylaws change elicited 100 votes, 97 for and three against. Bylaws now delineate clearer responsibilities for region reps.

Nominating (Pat Burkhardt)

Committee will solicit candidates to run for region rep from three regions: Northeast, Hudson Valley, and Long island.

Communications (Karen Jefferson)

- The new chair is Tanya Wills, with assistance from an interne named Maggie.
- Rachel has stepped down as chair, will continue to update the website.
- Plan to increase the social media posts and reactivate a periodic newsletter.

Diversity & Inclusion (Maria Mendoza)

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Membership (Trinisha Williams)

- Suggests town hall meetings in the different regions.
- Consider how to bill lifetime ACNM members for NYSALM dues.

Program (Susanrachel Condon)

- 125 people, including speakers, have registered, for a registration income of \$14,000. Sponsors have contributed an additional \$7,375.

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- Kathy Dermady asked if presenters' slides can be put online.

Quality (Kate Finn)

- HINY committee effort to integrate home birth into the health care system has taken 4 - 5 years and is ongoing.
- "Planned Home Birth in New York State" document using gender inclusive language.
- Update on home VBAC recommendations via a footnote citing recently published MANA stats.
- Unanimous vote to release the document to the public.
- Kate's presentations to regional perinatal centers have yielded an understanding and acceptance of transfer guidelines.

REGION

New York City (Anne Gibeau)

- North Central Bronx (H+H) celebrated the 40th anniversary
- Financial crisis of NYC Health + Hospitals, the largest public hospital system in the country.
 - Plans to close or combine some hospitals seem imminent, bringing down midwifery services within those hospitals.
 - This effects not only midwifery jobs but the future of the profession, as hundreds of midwifery students from the New York schools rotate through clinical sites at those hospitals.
 - Service directors, and NYC Midwives and NYSALM as organizations, are banding together to assertively present the value of LM's to H+H patients.

Long Island (Ann Visser)

- Discussion related to Northwell: Huntington Hospital, employs midwives, under nursing.
- Offered to assist Lisha from the Hudson Valley.

Hudson Valley (Susanrachel Condon)

- Dr. Chista Safajou is looking to work with a midwife.

Rochester (Caitlin LeGros)

- 13 attendees at region meeting.
- Offering ongoing Accupressure training is ongoing.

Midstate (Julie Carlson)

- Closing of the Cortland midwifery service.
- Planning a Syracuse meeting.
- Cooperstown midwives are now "physician-extenders", not independent.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next Board Meeting in NYC at GT: Dec 4th, Monday.