



**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

September 14, 2022
10:00 AM

On September 14, 2022 the Midwifery Advisory Committee met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ROBIN VAZQUEZ, PUBLIC MEMBER, VICE-CHAIR; ALEX HAMLING, MD; KAREN SWIFT, CNM; KATHERINE SAUERLENDER, LM; RACHEL COOK, LM

MEMBERS ABSENT

APRIL HAUGEN, LM

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER; TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; SANDIE PEARSON, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1; HOPE KILBORNE, POLICY ANALYST; LISA KELLY, AAG

OTHERS PRESENT

CRYSTAL OGLE, WARM
DIANNE CURRIE, WMC
STEPHANIE GIANARELLI
DEBRA GLIESNER
ELIZABETH TINKER
APRIL JAEGER

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 10:00 AM – Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 Reasonably safety determination for meetings

The committee moved and made a determination that due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee cannot meet with public in attendance with reasonable safety for this meeting. The committee will hold the December 7, 2022 meeting via webinar and will re-evaluate future meetings at that time. The factors considered were the high levels of transmission on COVID in the community, inability to social distance in available facilities, and the lack of ability to enforce masking and vaccination for the public.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Committee members voted in favor of approving the agenda as presented.

1.4 Approval of the June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes. A correction was made to correct the date to 2022 on the meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected.

1.5 Public comment opportunity

There were no comments directed to the committee at this time.

2. **PRESENTATION ON PERINATAL ACUPUNCTURE** – The committee received a presentation from Stephanie Gianarelli, LAc, EAMP, FABORM

Stephanie Gianarelli, Lac, EAMP, FABORM presented information to the committee on the benefits to perinatal and pre-natal acupuncture and acupressure. Ms. Gianarelli also demonstrated acupressure to the committee members.

3. **RULES WORKSHOP** – The committee discussed and provided recommendations on draft language for rule sections that are open in response to SSB 5785. Information was provided to the committee by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

The committee reviewed and discussed updated draft language regarding a limited prescriptive and medical devices license extension. Committee members heard comments and language suggestions from audience members. Department staff work to update the draft language to include suggested language.

4. PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE – Information provided to the committee by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

4.1 Recruitment update – Ms. Weed shared that there is a vacancy for a physician on the committee. Ms. Weed opened up the recruitment and currently the packet is with the Secretary’s Office for appointment.

4.2 Ferry update – Ms. Weed shared that she expects to have more information after the first of the year and will provide an update at a future meeting.

5. MEETING WRAP-UP

5.1 Agenda Items for next meeting - The committee discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:

- Rules update
- WA State DOT update
- 2023 Meeting dates
- New member introduction

6. ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Robin Vazquez, Vice-Chair
Midwifery Advisory Committee