



**Tennessee Council of Certified Professional Midwifery
Regular Council Meeting**

April 3, 2014

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Council of Certified Professional Midwifery was held in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

Members Present:

Carol Ann Nelson, CPM, Chairperson
Carolyn D. Reisman, CPM
Reyna L. Gordon, PhD – Consumer Member
Rufus R. Clifford, Jr., MD
Margaret M. Fulmer Brasel, MSN, CNM

Staff Present:

Rosemarie Otto, HRB Director
Marsha Arnold, Administrative Director
Jennifer Putnam, Advisory Attorney
LaTonya Shelton, Administrator

The Council convened at 9:40 a.m. with Ms. Nelson presiding. Ms. Nelson determined that a quorum was present and a roll call was taken.

Election of Officers

Ms. Gordon nominated Ms. Nelson for Chairperson and Ms. Reisman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Nelson nominated Ms. Reisman for Vice Chairperson and Ms. Brasel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

Dr. Clifford made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2013 meeting. Ms. Brasel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Manager's Report

Ms. Marsha Arnold reported that between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 there were two (2) new midwifery applications received in the administrative office and two (2) new licenses were issued. The total number of active midwifery licensees at the end of March was 41.

Financial Report

Ms. Rosemarie Otto went over the Council's Revenue and Expenditures in detail for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013. Based upon the report, the Council ended the year with a surplus of \$13,668.71 and is self-sufficient. After a brief discussion regarding the financial surplus, Ms. Otto stated to the Council that they might want to discuss reducing their fees in the near future once the new financial report has been reviewed. Also the Council discussed how they could use their surplus to help their profession. Ms. Otto suggested that the Council submit their ideas to the administrative office and they will have a discussion of whether or not the funds can be used in the way proposed.

Office of Investigations & Disciplinary Report

Mr. Michael Sobowale informed the Council that there are no open complaints for midwifery in the Office of Investigations. Mr. Sobowale reported to the Council that currently there is one midwife being monitored. Ms. Nelson inquired on the process to become a consultant for the Council and Ms. Moran advised that midwives that were interested should contact the Office of Investigations.

Review and Ratification of Licenses

Ms. Brasel made a motion to approve all new midwifery licensees. Ms. Reisman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Melissa Leigh Padgett, CPM #59
2. Adrienne Joleen Roecker, CPM #57

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Jennifer Putnam, Assistant General Counsel, in the absence of Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, reported that as of April 4, 2014 the Office of General Counsel had three (3) open disciplinary cases pending. There are no current rules pending. Ms. Putnam also reviewed the conflict of interest information with the Council members.

Consent Order(s)

Marilyn H. Greene-Campbell, CPM, License No. 5 – Mrs. Green-Campbell was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jennifer Putnam represented the Tennessee Department of Health and presented the Consent Order. On August 24, 2009, Mrs. Green-Campbell was approached by police outside a bar in Nashville, TN. Ms. Greene-Campbell's

apparent intoxication led the police to search her vehicle. During their search, the police found a large quantity of hydroponic marijuana. Ms. Green-Campbell was arrested for possession of hydroponic marijuana with the intent to sell. Several days later, on August 29, 2009, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Cannon County Sheriff's Department performed a "knock and talk" at Ms. Green-Campbell's residence. Ms. Green-Campbell allowed the authorities to enter and therein they found a large quantity of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and loaded firearms.

On April 15, 2013 Ms. Greene-Campbell pled guilty and was convicted in the United States District Court of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 100 or more marijuana plants. Ms. Greene-Campbell was sentenced to twenty-four months (24) imprisonment to begin May 12, 2013 in a correctional facility in Alderson, West Virginia. Disciplinary action was initiated on the basis of these facts. The Consent Order presented to the Council seeks to place Ms. Greene-Campbell's Tennessee Midwifery Certificate on SUSPENSION for no less than two (2) years commencing from the effective date of the Consent Order. Ms. Greene-Campbell must also pay all costs associated with the prosecution of this matter which shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Before the suspension can be lifted, Ms. Greene-Campbell must file a Petition for Order of Compliance, pay all costs and appear before the Council. Mrs. Greene-Campbell is aware that this agreed order is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank. The Council discussed its options and the effect of this Order on Ms. Green-Campbell's ability to seek recertification in the State of Tennessee. Dr. Clifford made a motion to approve the Consent Order. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion of New Council Business

Certified Professional Midwives Educational Program

Jennifer Putnam discussed the process of starting a new Certified Professional Midwives Educational program. Ms. Putnam stated that neither the Midwifery nor the Osteopathic Examination statutes and rules permit the creation or accreditation of an educational program. The Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) processes accreditations for all new educational programs for midwifery school(s). Once the school has received its accreditation from MEAC a business license will have to be obtained from the Secretary of State office.

Satisfaction Surveys

Ms. Rosemarie Otto spoke with the Council regarding surveys that are sent to all HRB Board, Committee and Council members. The three question surveys pertain to timeliness of information or documents that are being sent to the members, relevance of the information to the profession and board member training for new members. It was also discussed that a more extensive board member training will be held twice a year for new and old board members. The first board member training is scheduled for June 2014 and the second training scheduled for September 2014. The surveys overall satisfactory feedback is currently around ninety-five percent (95%) for all health related boards.

Statistical Information Relating to the Profession

Ms. Nelson provided and discussed with the Council 2012 statistics for babies delivered by certified professional midwives in the state of Tennessee. In 2012, there were 516 babies delivered by CPMs. The statistics were made available by Vital Records and were divided into several categories. Ms. Nelson requested that a discussion regarding the creation of a couple of forms—an emergency care form; and a form that could be completed by midwives that would allow data to be compiled regarding number of clients, births, and transfers—be on the Sunshine for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Ms. Nelson agreed to provide a sample form at the next meeting.

The Council agreed to meet for its next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 2nd at 10:00 am CT.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.