



# OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

## MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC BODY:           ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MIDWIFERY

DATE:                   WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

LOCATION:               2400 NW 36<sup>TH</sup> ST. RM. B107, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112

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### **Call to Order**

Nikki Imes called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Adena Hudson initiated a roll call for the meeting.

Members present: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen

No members absent.

### **Statement of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act**

Adena Hudson read the statement of compliance: *This special meeting of the Advisory Committee on Midwifery, scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on this 14th day of July 2021, was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act [25 O.S., §§ 301 et seq.] Further, an advance public notice that was sent to the Secretary of State's Office of Administrative Rules by Internet, prior to this time today, specifying the time and place of the meeting. Notice of this meeting was given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior, and no one filed a written request of notice of meetings of this public body to date.*

### **Opening Remarks**

Nikki Imes read the attached remarks & re-read short portion for clarification for Shaun Baranowski.

### **Approval of previous meeting(s) minutes**

The committee reviewed the June 2nd meeting minutes. Lecye Doolen motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Kate Arnold seconded.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**

**Abstain: Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster**

**Program Update**

Travis Splawn explained an OMMA protest at the Oklahoma State Department of Health is why the meeting location was moved. He also explained packet contents. We recently received last applicants completed packet so we are ready to review and approve all applicants today. Sam Cannella explained we currently have 21 licensed midwives, 5 fully completed applicants for consideration today with all of their documentation and background checks and introduced Adena Hudson & Tabitha Cooper. He also explained expectations for Thentia software and that the Midwives program will be included in the early phase.

**Discussion, review, and possible action on license applications**

Committee reviewed the application for A. Coffee. Sarah Foster motioned to recommend approval. Seconded by Lecye Doolen.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries.**

Shawn Baranowski questioned any disciplinary actions for applying to the program 'late.' Travis Splawn explained procedural specifications.

Committee reviewed the application for R. Horst. Nikki Imes motioned to recommend approval. Seconded by Michelle Hernandez. Discussion about what R. Horst would do if she has a client in Arkansas laboring simultaneously with a client in Oklahoma. She was also licensed in Texas with no disciplinary actions in either state.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries.**

Committee reviewed the application for E. Norwood. Discussion about her being licensed in Texas and just no longer practicing there. Michelle Hernandez motioned to recommend approval. Seconded by Sarah Foster.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries**

Committee reviewed the application for K. Retherford. Discussion of her living out of state but many rural south Oklahoma women will use Texas midwives. Nikki Imes motioned to recommend approval. Seconded by Dr. Kate Arnold.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries**

Committee reviewed the application for L. Taylor. Sam Cannella addressed that the regulations of administering medications must be current within the last 3 years. Applicant provided registration for the training which was the only program paperwork with the date on it. Clarification discussions decided it was valid and date satisfied by the committee. Sarah Foster motioned to recommend approval. Seconded by Lecye Doolen.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**

**Motion carries**

Discussion regarding why the background checks do not include a search for violent offender registration for midwifery. Sam Cannella clarifies the requirements of the programs background checks. Travis Splawn explains that Nationwide background checks require specific statutory authority to use that. Background check in a code is not a statutory requirement.

### **Review of items required for submission to the department**

Recommended to add to FAQ to the website. Clarification on the '90 day cut off' that is listed in code. NARM will begin to allow recertifications 90 days prior to expiration. OSDH gives 90 days after expiration to get recertification documentation to the department. They essentially have 180 day window to recertify (every 3 years). Hoping with Thentia that we will be able to have midwives have a log in where they can go in and complete an annual report.

### **Discussion and review**

Discussed during term of first licensure adding a report of maternal fetal death within 7 days and maternal morbidity within 30 days within renewal cycle. Shawn Baranowski questioned if there is a report alarm for those things. Travis explained how Thentia will hopefully have a way to track all of that. Maternal morbidities are easy to find on CDC website. Neonatal morbidities labeled per the CDC are more difficult (good information found on the Joint Commission website). Discussion about what should be reported and if it is busy work or being transparent about what is happening with outcomes. Nikki Imes explained a complaint must be made in order for the committee to look further into something. Several members disagreed. Discussion about maternal and neonatal stats and what is being reported: Neonatal, perinatal, during delivery, during transport, transfers immediately following birth...how do we make sure that we are reporting everything properly? What type of guidelines do we need to use and are they specific in reference to how quickly things resolve? Are our current guidelines working or should we change them? For September meeting...find an accepted substitute language for the website to work until new laws are passed.

### **Discussion Review & Approval of Twins Informed Consent & Emergency Plan Template**

Formatted to match other forms. Previously discussed at other meetings. Not yet posted to website. Removing liability language on the bottom of other forms. Presented formally. Made changes and corrections from formatting issues. Lots of discussion on when to require ultrasounds. Nikki Imes makes clear that we can not change the rules at this time. Discussion about verbiage changes for the form and then Travis mentioned that we can not add a requirement to a consent form. Our authority is the rules. Sarah Foster motions to accept the Twins Informed Consent. Michelle Hernandez seconded it. Then further discussion about lay language vs. scientific language and content clarification. Motion modified to be with changes accepted as discussed.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Lecye Doolen**

**Nay: Shaun Baranowski**

**Motion carries**

### **Discussion, Review & Approval for Emergency Transport Plan Template Form**

Discussion about form language and clarifying verbiage about vehicles/private cars/transport etc. v. calling an ambulance. Nikki Imes motions to accept the template with changes. Request to add partner signature at that time. Nikkie motions again to accept the template with changes as made. Dr. Hall seconds.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries**

**Break @ 3:00pm**

**Meeting brought back to order @ 3:12pm by Nikki Imes**

**Discussion, review of possible action ECV Template Form**

Generic form was pulled off internet to give us a starting point. Changes discussed to fit midwifery verbiage. Discussed benefits v. risks analysis and an expectations section. Nikki Imes motions to table approval with changes to next meeting. Second by Dr. Sarah Hall.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries**

**Review, discussion, and possible action on any complaints received**

No complaints received.

**IX: Adjournment**

Nikki Imes made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Sarah Hall seconded.

**Aye: Nikki Imes, Dr. Sarah Hall, Sarah Foster, Michelle Hernandez, Dr. Kate Arnold, Shaun Baranowski, Lecye Doolen**  
**Motion carries**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:53.