



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES

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Thursday March 20, 2025 1pm – 4:00pm (CST)

Acting President **Eudine Stevens** welcomed everyone and offered some instruction to help run the meeting more effectively, then **called the meeting to order at 1:05pm**,

Secretary Susan Rooks called the roll. A quorum was present. **Members of the board in attendance:** Eudine Stevens Vice President, Sue Rooks Secretary, Dr. Amy Lueking and Chandell Brink were all present via phone. Also present by phone was Tamara Lee, Legal Counsel, Grace Fox CPM, and Alaina Kerhove, CPM. Tammy Weis, Exec Secretary was present at the CPM office.

Acting **President Stevens** introduced the board and **Chandelle Brink**, our new **Member of the Public** who has received midwifery care in an out-of-hospital setting. Chandelle had five children all born at home, three under the care of a midwife. She is now a grandmother. She wants all South Dakotans who choose homebirth to have a voice.

The agenda was adjusted to reflect the need to set the time for Executive Session at 2:15 pm and to place parentheses around the (3) in the SDCL citation for Executive Session. **Rooks moved to approve the corrected agenda.** Lueking second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION CARRIED.**

No member of the public chose to speak during the public forum time.

Stevens announced the election of officers. Elected were: Chandelle Brink, President; Eudine Stevens, Vice President, and Sue Rooks, Secretary.

Rooks moved to **approve the draft minutes from Sept 19, 2024** Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION CARRIED**

Weis presented the office update.

Financial Report : Expenditures of \$7100.72 and income of \$6223.05 as of March 1st for this fiscal year.

Board Member Compensation is now \$166 per meeting beginning in July 1, 2024-- Board Members, Brink, Rooks and Stevens have requested not to receive compensation for board meetings for their term. Lueking will receive compensation.

Licenses: 8 CPMs, 4 Midwifery Students, 1 Inactive Status

Birth Reports for FY 2025 Since July 1st we have had 56 births and 4 transports. One was a transfer during labor for pain relief. Three were post-partum. One was a maternal episode which was assessed at the hospital and then discharged without treatment. Two were infant transfers, one for NB Transient Resp Distress and one for newborn gagging and phlegm 18 hours post birth. Both newborns were assessed, observed, and discharged without treatment.

We have received **no complaints** since our last meeting

Legislative session SB 74 will require boards to review the open meeting laws with board members at least annually and HB 1059 clarifies that an official meeting of a board including email, instant messaging, text messages. The laws don't take effect until July 1st and the AG office will be putting something together that boards can use in the coming year.

Executive Secretary Contract for FY 2026 Last year's contract annually was up to \$14,662. Weis billed the board \$9600.00. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) is 1.7% this year. Contract options were discussed with Tamara Lee. **Rooks moved that the CPM Board approve a DOH contract for Weis for FY 2026 with the 1.7% COLA only after approval of Steve Blair, Legal Counsel, and Tammy Weis Exec, Secretary.** Steven second The board voted unanimously. **MOTION Passed**

Minutes from the Public Hearing which the Department of Health held in October to change the rules at **birth centers to include Certified Professional Midwives** were discussed. While the Department of Health clearly stated that the rules were not out of the scope of practice for CPMs, the opposition from competitive providers and the medical organizations was such that they choose to delay the change for more discussion.

Rooks moved that the SD Board of CPM respond to the letters and statements made at the public hearing with a letter that she would initiate and share with all the members of the board for their input. Lueking second, The board voted unanimously. **MOTION CARRIED**

Progress is being made on a policy for **CPMs for prenatal care and loss of pregnancy** (Spontaneous Abortion (SAB) and Intrauterine Fetal Demise (IUFD)).

Rooks moved that we go to Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to consult with Legal Counsel concerning the disposition of a complaint. **Stevens second.** The board voted unanimously. **MOTION CARRIED**

Brink reconvened our meeting at 2:16pm to take action on the discussion from Executive session. **Rooks moved to accept the recommendation of legal counsel and approve the agreement that was presented in Executive Session.** Cavender-Wilson Second. A roll call vote with Lueking and Stevens recused because they were the investigators was conducted. Brink, Cavender-Wilson, Rooks all voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

Brink directed the Executive Secretary to sign the document on behalf of the board and assigned Stevens CPM to review charts and practice guidelines for this agreement. There were no objections.

Weis announced that there will be a **Family Gathering Event to honor Debbie Pease** in Sioux Falls on Saturday, April 27, 2025. It is a fundraising event for rebates for CPM and Student licensure fees.

Brink announced our next board meeting will be **September 20, 2025 (1-4pm CST).**

Rooks announced that she has decided to retire this coming April when her nursing license lapses. Since she will no longer be licensed and in good standing, she will be compelled to resign from her position on the board. Brink spoke for the board to thank her for the time and knowledge that she has contributed to make this board and CPM licensure successful in South Dakota.

Stevens moved to Adjourn. Rooks second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Adjourned at 2:23pm