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VIA TELECONFERENCE
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27705 460th Ave. Chancellor SD
Thursday March 19, 2026 1pm – 4:00pm (CST) (12-3pm MT)

President Chandelle Brink welcomed everyone and offered some instruction to help run the meeting more effectively. She called the **meeting to order at 1:05pm** CST, (12:05pm MT).

Secretary Iversen **called the roll. A quorum was present.** Members of the board in attendance: President Chandelle Brink , Vice President Eudine Stevens CPM, Secretary Chelsea Iversen CNM, Autumn Cavender CPM, and Dr. Amy Lueking were present via phone.

President Brink introduced all the members of the board

Others joining the call were identified and welcomed. Present by phone were Mandy Steen, Chair SD Birth Matters, Beverly Katz, SD Board of CPM Legal Counsel; Kaitlin Sherer, DOH Liaison, and Grace Fox CPM. Tammy Weis, Exec Secretary was present at the CPM office.

Weis requested that the order of the agenda be revised. Stevens moved to amend the agenda. Cavender second. The board voted unanimously. MOTION CARRIED. Lueking moved to **approve the amended agenda.** Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. MOTION CARRIED

Mandy Steen, President of SD Birth Matters addressed the board during the public forum time. She spoke about **HB 1127**, a bill about birth centers which was introduced during this year's legislative session.

Iversen and Brink requested the correction of the spelling of their names in the draft minutes from Sept 19, 2025 Lueking moved that we **approve the minutes** as corrected. Cavender second. The board voted unanimously. . MOTION CARRIED

Weis presented the office update: CPM Board **expenditures** as of March 1, 2026 were **7712.00** with **income at 9027.63**. On record as not desiring financial compensation for serving on the board are Brink, Iversen, and Stevens. Dr. Lueking does receive compensation. Cavender asked to forgo compensation as well.
There are eight CPMs, four Midwifery Students, two Inactive Status licenses.
We had a total of **95 Births Reports submitted in 2025**.
Weis presented a list of all **eight complaints that the board has received since 2019.** No client or family has submitted a complaint. The Board has instigated **three investigations** based on information on **Birth Reports**. The other **five** were submitted by **medical facilitie**s. Three were resolved by informal disposition, two took place outside of South Dakota and three were dismissed as having no probable cause for discipline because no SDCL or ARSD were violated.

There was a question as to **why the Birth Reports and Assessments were necessary** as no other profession that oversees birth has every birth scrutinized. Beverly Katz, Legal Counsel for the board offered **SDCL 36-9C-37 as the basis for examining the information from each birth.**

> ***36-9C-37. Review of birth registration and reportable information--Report of neonatal or maternal mortality.****The board shall review birth registration and reportable information for each out-of-hospital birth for evaluation and quality management purposes. The certified professional midwife shall provide additional documentation to the board upon request for review. The certified professional midwife shall report within forty-eight hours to the board any neonatal or maternal mortality in a patient for whom the certified professional midwife has cared in the perinatal period.*

Weis then gave a **report about the 2026 legislative session** and bills that may have an effect on the operation of the board.
HB 1184 was delivered to the governor. It will require our board to strictly adhere to the definition of female.
HB 1219, if signed by the Governor will require us to pay for an interpreter under certain conditions.
HB 1257 pertains to abortion, it doesn't pertain to our board because SDCL **36-9C-14** (4) strictly excludes CPM from performing or assisting in an abortion.
SB8 is interesting because it permits a **school district** to acquire and maintain a stock of epip auto injectors and nasal spray. We may want to look at that legislation because one of our long term goals is to have epinephrine available to CPMs.
SB46-48 pertains to open meeting laws that apply to this board.
SB 56 & 133 pertains to the ARSD process.

A copy of HB 1127 was provided. SD Birth Matters bought the bill with help from the Dept of Health. It was moved to the 41st day at it first committee hearing. The discussion focused on the possibilities of CPMs supervising nurses. The Representatives with medical backgrounds wanted more clarity on that issue.
Our board is also tasked with assessing items on our web page to be sure that they conform to American Disabilities Act requirement for accessibility from 2024.

Last legislative session a bill was passed requiring all board to **review the law governing open meetings in South Dakota** on an annual basis. The flyer provided by the Attorney General's office was provided in the meeting packet and Brink asked if there were any questions about it.

Brink noted that **Executive Secretary Contract for FY 2027 must be approved** by the board but it isn't written yet. Last year we were advised by legal counsel that we could approve it based on certain conditions. Last year's contract annually was up to $14, 845.00. Weis plans to bill the board $11,000 for the year. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) is 1.4% this year. The contract is not a standard state contract because insurance requirements are modify to require **only** Professional Liability Insurance.
Iversen moved that the **CPM Board approve a DOH contract for Weis for FY2027** with the 1.4% COLA only after approval of Beverly Katz, Legal Counsel, and Tammy Weis Exec Sec.
Stevens second The board voted unanimously. MOTION Passed

Brink inquired about the progress on **ARSD propagation for student midwives** by the committee appointed last fall. The committee has not made progress on that but will set a committee meeting for May 2026 to work on that.

The board discussed and approved a **Chart Review Checklist** to help evaluate documentation for complaint resolution. Lueking moved to **approve the check list** as presented. Iversen second. The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED

As Birth Report assessments were completed for 2025 we received the feedback that **"malposition" was missing from the Maternal Transport document.** The revised document with malposition added was presented. Stevens moved to **approve the revised document**. Lueking second. The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED

Weis reported that as more **Birth Reports** submitted we need more assessors to complete the assessments in a timely manner. She suggested that we **revise the process** to include all of the licensed members of the board. Iversen moved to **add CNMs and physicians** to the list who will complete birth report assessments and complete assessments quarterly instead of annually. Lueking second The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED

The board discussed several requests for a consistent definition of 42 weeks of pregnancy. No action was taken.

A clarification of midwives role in loss of pregnancy was discussed. **A draft scope of practice for Loss of a Pregnancy was presented, discussed and revised.**

At 3:04pm Iversen moved to pause our meeting to move to Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) and ARSD 20:86:02:19 for Discussion of Complaints. Cavender Second. The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED At 3:07 we temporarily adjourned.

At 3:49pm Brink reconvened our meeting to complete our business from the Executive Session. Stevens CPM was not present during the Executive Session.

Cavender moved that the board **accept the recommendation of the Investigative Committee** and direct our Executive Secretary to sign the Informal Disposition on behalf of the board with the additional addendum to include the submission of emergency transport protocol for the board's review within 30 days. Then to communicate with all the parties involved to complete the processing of **complaint #2502**. Iversen second. The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED

Iversen moved that the board accept the **recommendation of the Investigative Committee** and direct our Executive Secretary to sign the Informal Disposition on behalf of the board and communicate with all the parties involved to complete the processing of **complaint #2501**. Cavender second The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED

Brink directed Weis to sign the documents on behalf of the board and communicate with all the parties involved to complete the processing of these two complaints.

The discussion of the **draft scope of practice for Loss of a Pregnancy was resumed** It was moved and seconded that we **adopt this Policy.** The board voted unanimously MOTION CARRIED

Brink announced that the next **meeting will be Sept 17, 2026 (1-4pm CST).** There were no other announcements.

Cavender moved to **Adjourn.** Lueking second**.** The board voted unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:03.