



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES

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**VIA TELECONFERENCE
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES
Special BOARD MEETING**

27705 460th Ave. Chancellor SD

Thursday March 21, 2024 1pm – 4:00pm (CST)

President Debbie Pease **called the meeting to order at 1:07pm** after welcoming everyone and offering some instruction to help run the meeting more effectively.

Secretary Cavender-Wilson called the roll. A quorum was present. **Members of the board in attendance:** Debbie Pease President, Sue Rooks Vice President, Autumn Cavender-Wilson Secretary, Amy Lueking and Eudine Stevens were all present via phone. Also present by phone were Steve Blair, Legal Counsel, Mariah Pokorny, DOH Liaison, Debbie Eakes CPM, and Alaina Kerkhove, CPM. Tammy Weis, Exec Secretary was present at the CPM office.

President Pease **welcomed, Amy Lueking, our new physician member,** recently appointed by Governor Noem. Dr Lueking shared a short introduction.

Pease noted that it had been requested to **amend the agenda** to add SDCL 1-26-2 along with 1-25-2 to the citation for Executive Session with the approval of the agenda. **Rooks moved to make the change and approve the agenda,** Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**

During the Public Forum, Alain Kerkhove CPM addressed the board in favor of the change to more streamlined and usable Transfer Forms.

Rooks moved to **approve the draft minutes from Sept. 21, 2023.** Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED**

Weis presented the office update.

She welcomed Dr Lueking and presented a list of all of the board members, their titles and positions on the board.

The venter report from Feb, 2024 was presented which documents expenditures for the past 5 years for comparison. Expenditures to date for FY 2024 were \$4593.82 and the accounts receivable of \$9257.25 for the FY was reviewed.

Board Member Compensation changes from \$60 to \$166 per meeting beginning July 1, 2024. Our board has graciously donated their time over the past several years. Meeting cost was budgeted as \$300 per meeting. New budget will be \$830.00/meeting or \$1660.00/annually. Board Members Debbie Pease, Eudine Stevens, Sue Rooks and Autumn Cavender Wilson stated **that they do not want to be paid to attend board meetings for the remainder of their terms.** **The Attorney General's office approved legal counsel rate will be increased to \$115/hour** also beginning July 1st.

A document listing all of those **licensed under the CPM board** was presented. **There are: 8 CPMs, 3 Midwifery Students, 1 Inactive Status.**

In 2023 there were 44 births, One report was flagged as possibly out of compliance.

Investigation is in progress.

Board Update was for information only, no board action was required.

Pease offered a **Legislative Overview of SB 57, the Second Chance bill.** It provides for convicted felons to be considered for licensure under certain conditions. The applicable portion of our statute was reviewed Steve Blair counseled that since it says "may" in place of "shall" it should **not need to be revised.** Any license application that would come before us with any unusual information should be considered on an individual basis.

Committee Members Sue Rooks and Eudine Stevens offered a draft document outlining a **board policy for midwifery care after loss of pregnancy** (Spontaneous Abortion). There were future plans to research a policy for care involving Intrauterine Fetal Demise (IUFD). SDCL and ARSD for the scope of practice for CPMs were reviewed. Dr Lueking inquired about educational preparation of CPMs for loss of pregnancy. Cavender-Wilson and Stevens updated her on CPM competencies in this area. After discussion, **a committee of Stevens and Lueking was formed** to research and provide a policy for each trimester of pregnancy concerning CPM care after a loss in pregnancy.

Renewal of the Exec Sec contract was discussed. The new contract template for the DOH has changes in requirements from FY 2022, which are unnecessary and expensive for our small board which oversees eleven licensees. Cavender-Wilson requested that the record reflect her strong passion the South Dakota State government should find ways to fund licensing boards that do not require boards to be self-sustaining. **The board requested that Steve Blair (Legal Counsel) discuss a suitable contact with the attorney for the DOH.** A special meeting of the board will need to be called for approval.

The revised Renewal Form was reviewed. The revision consolidated several pages while still providing the information that we need for renewal. Rooks moved to accept the revision as presented, Cavender-Wilson Second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED**

The revised Transfer Form submitted by Eudine Stevens CPM, as requested by the board at our last meeting, was reviewed. This revision is an effort to offer the receiving facilities a more concise and pertinent report, while maintaining the board's ability to assess the transport's adherence to SDCL and ARSD. Discussion questioned whether the information on the form was complete enough. Four items of revision were proposed. **Rooks moved that we adopt the form with the four revisions and appoint** Stevens and Cavender-Wilson as **a committee** to further investigate what is needed on a Transfer form. Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**

The revised Birth Report Assessment Form, submitted by Sec Weis has just one small change. "Referred for full board review" was changed to "referred for investigation" to accommodate previous changes to the SDCL. Motion by Stevens to adopt the revised form. Cavender-Wilson Second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**

Rooks moved that the board go to **Executive session pursuant to 36C 1-26-2 and 1-25-2 (3) to discuss confidential records and consult with Legal Counsel at 2:47pm CST.** Stevens second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED**

President Pease **reconvened the meeting** at 3:18pm to take action on the matters discussed in Executive Session.

#1 Rooks moved that we accept legal counsel's recommendation and refer Birth Report #1 for further investigation through SDCL 36-1-C. Cavender-Wilson second. Stevens and Lueking recused because they were the Investigative Committee. The rest of the board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED**

#2 Steven's moved that we accept the investigator's recommendation and dismiss the action on Birth Report #2 because the CPM has self-corrected. Second by Lueking. Cavender-Wilson and Rooks recused. The rest of the board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**

Board elections were held. Pease was elected President. Stevens was elected Vice President, Rooks was elected Secretary. All votes were unanimous.

President Pease announced that our next meeting will be **Sept 19, 2024 (1-4pm CST).**

At 3:26pm **Rooks moved to adjourn.** Cavender-Wilson second. The board voted unanimously. **MOTION PASSED.**