

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH**  
**DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFE**  
**BOARD**

**December 1, 2011**

**Room 464 (fourth floor) –3:00 p.m.**  
**Heber Wells Building**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 4:30 p.m.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Secretary:**

Debra Hobbins  
Shirlene Kimball

**Division Director:**

Mark Steinagel

**Conducting:**

Suzanne Smith, LDEM

**Board Members Present:**

Suzanne Smith, LDEM  
Heather Johnston, LDEM  
Katie Hansen, Public Member

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Approval of April 15, 2010 minutes:

The April 15, 2010 minutes were approved as written.  
All Board members in favor.

Swearing in of New Board members, Katie Hansen:

Ms. Hansen was sworn in by Dr. Hobbins. Mr. Steinagel welcomed Ms. Hansen and thanked Board members for their service. Mr. Steinagel also introduced and welcomed Dr. Hobbins to the Division.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Election of Chair:

Ms. Johnston nominated Ms. Smith. Ms. Hansen seconded the nomination. All Board members in favor.

LDEM Report of Outcomes:

Ms. Smith stated that the Report of Outcomes have not been submitted for the last two years. She indicated there were issues with the data base and once those issues were worked out, the letters were prepared and were ready to be sent out. However, due to Ms. Poe leaving the Division, the letters were not mailed out. Ms. Smith stated the data base should be ready to go

now. The Division will send the letters out within the next two weeks. The collection dates will be from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011. The deadline date for the submission of the data will be March 31, 2012. Once the data is collected, Ms. Smith will put the report together. Also the Report of Outcomes for 2009 should have been posted to the web. The Division will look for this report and have it posted as soon as possible.

Dr. Hobbins questioned whether or not the Board would like to continue to collect data after the December 31, 2011 date in order to demonstrate the positive outcomes the LDEMs are producing. Ms. Smith stated it requires a lot of work and she is not sure if the midwives would agree to continue to add their data. Ms. Johnston stated there is concern that those looking at the data are saying that the LDEMs are not being honest in their reporting. Ms. Johnston also indicated if there are adverse outcomes and additional information is provided, the privacy of the client is not protected in a small community. Ms. Smith stated before the next meeting she will canvas the midwives to see how they feel about continued reporting. Ms. Hansen questioned the difference between what is reported to MANA and what is reported to the State? Ms. Johnson stated the MANA information is quite expansive and the State data was picked to address physician concerns.

Ms. Smith also indicated there were a number of LDEMs who were not satisfied with the compromises made. However, there was an agreement that the LDEMS would not go back to the Legislature for a period of time and request additional consideration. Ms. Johnston stated no one was happy with some of the compromises, but has come to terms with those compromises. She indicated this was a key division in the midwife community and some of those midwives want to go back to the Legislature. Ms. Smith indicated that during the second rules committee, there was real communication between the physicians at the table and the LDEMs. Ms. Smith indicated she felt they understood more the freedom of choice issues and there was a level of respect.

Ms. Smith stated she would like to see the Board sit down with the NICU managers to open more lines of communication and to also help them understand the difference between the licensed and unlicensed midwife

Dr. Hobbins – request for names for Board member positions:

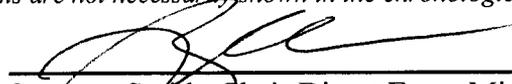
Board members recommended Sarah Carter and Jenatta Booth. Board members also indicated it would be helpful to have representation state wide, and to have an individual representative from the Southern Utah group.

Next meeting:

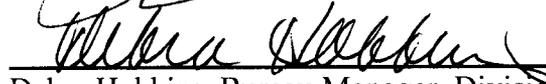
The next meeting will be scheduled for May 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

2.25.14  
Date Approved

  
Suzanne Smith, Chair Direct Entry Midwife Board

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Date Approved

  
Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing