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State Board of Midwifery

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Board Meeting Minutes of 1/12/2024

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Hartman - Chair
Charity Catlin
Megan Kasper M.D.
Valerie J Hall

Division Staff: John Price, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licenses
Dr. Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Skip Liddle, Investigative Program Manager
Lizzie Kukla, Licensing Supervisor
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist
Sarina Criswell, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Amy B Redman

Others Present: Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Elizabeth Hartman.

Public Comment

Kathy Rawlins inquired about informed consent in reference to tongue-tied babies. She also asked how and if they should be referred to pediatricians if it is within the scope of midwives to diagnose these babies.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 10/06/2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2024 Legislative Session Overview: Dr. Chopski summarized the draft changes to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Midwifery Practice Acts and administrative rules that will allow the midwifery laws and rules to be incorporated into the Board of Nursing if the bill to combine the boards is approved by the Legislature. She also clarified that the merged Board will have five nurses, two practical nurses, two advanced practice registered nurses, a public member, and two midwives.

Dr. Chopski also stated the Division values the public protection the Board of Midwifery provides and there have not been any changes since her last email sent to the Board members related to draft legislation RS3082. The Division intends to move forward in the 2024 Legislative Session.

Dr. Chopski explained that if passed by the Legislature, proposed agency legislation will change renewals from an annual renewal to a biennial renewal no later than the licensee's birthday.

Five-Year Projection of Cash Balances: Mr. Price presented details of the five-year projection of cash balances and solutions to assist the Board reach a positive cash balance.

BOARD BUSINESS

Delegate Authority to Close Expungement Requests: A motion was made and seconded to delegate authority to Division staff to close expungement requests that fall under Idaho Code § 67-9413(3). The motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Report: Ms. Kukla presented the licensing report.

Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license or registration. The vote was: Ms. Hall, aye; Dr. Kasper, aye; Ms. Catlin, aye; and Ms. Hartman, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Discipline

A motion was made and seconded to close case number I-MID-2023-2. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Final Order for case numbers MID-2022-1 and MID-2022-2 and to allow the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The next meeting is on 04/19/2024.