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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 that will allow the midwifery statutes to be incorporated into the Board of Nursing statutes if the bill to combine the boards is approved by the Legislature. She also clarified that the composition of the merged Board will be five registered nurses, two licensed practical nurses, two advanced practice registered nurses, a public member, and two licensed midwives. The Division has held multiple stakeholder meetings, and at this time is unaware of any opposition. Idaho Midwifery Council has stated they intend to support the proposed bill.

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 the proposed bill 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.