



State of Idaho
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
Board of Nursing
Midwifery Advisory Committee

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Minutes of 09/23/2024

Committee	Charity Catlin, LM – Chair	Division	Kim Aksamit, Executive Officer
Members	Barbara Rawlings, LM	Staff:	Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions
Present:	Megan Kasper, MD Amy Redman, Public Member		Russ Spencer, General Counsel Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist
Members	Haley Keely, LM		Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist
Absent:			

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Ms. Aksamit.

Introductions

The Committee and staff introduced themselves.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Committee Training– Open Meeting Law: Mr. Spencer reviewed the open meeting law, which includes guidelines for all Committee meetings.

Committee Training – Public Member: Mr. Spencer presented training on the importance and duties of public members.

Committee Training – Respectful Workplace: The Committee watched the Idaho Department of Human Resources training video.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Elections: Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to elect Ms. Catlin as the Committee chair. The motion carried.

Tongue Ties Discussion and Recommendations: The Committee discussed the classification of tongue ties as a congenital anomaly, warning that a third-party provider may diagnose this condition without notifying the licensed midwife. A motion was made and seconded that the Committee recommends licensed midwives assess, identify, document, and refer identified tongue tie congenital anomalies for diagnosis as specified in State Licensure Rule 24.26.01, section 204.02. It was also agreed that the Committee recommendations should be presented at the upcoming Idaho Board of Nursing board meeting.

Interpretive Statement Regarding Midwifery: The committee undertook a comprehensive review of the policy statement. A motion was made and seconded for the staff to prepare a final draft, incorporating committee recommendations, and that the finalized recommendations be submitted to the Idaho Board of Nursing for their review.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 12/05/2024.