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Midwifery Advisory Committee

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Committee Minutes of 05/05/2026

Committee Members Present:	Charity Catlin, LM – Chair Barbara Rawlings, LM Haley Keely, LM Amy Redman, Public Member	Division Staff:	Kim Aksamit, Executive Officer Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions Orin Duffin, Health Professions Program Director Janice Beller, General Counsel Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist
Committee Members Absent:	Bradley Meyer, MD		

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Charity Catlin, LM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 09/04/2025 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Legislative Update: Ms. Aksamit provided the legislative tracker to the Committee, which included information regarding Rules, Executive Agency Legislation (EAL), specifically impacting the Division, and other current legislative matters. The tracker included updates related to 24.26.01 Rules of Midwifery, 24.34.01 Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing, HB703 Universal Division Discipline Procedure, and other relevant legislation. Ms. Aksamit then addressed questions and comments from the Committee members.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Peer Review Discussion: Dr. Chopski provided the Committee with a comparison of the peer review requirements for Midwives and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). She noted that this discussion was initiated by input from Committee members and highlighted the similarities and differences. She also discussed the Idaho Board of Nursing APRN policy statement regarding peer review, which could likely encompass Midwifery peer review policies in the future. Ms. Beller highlighted the significance of HIPAA compliance and adherence to the Standards of Care, underscoring the importance of protecting clients' protected health information and addressing potential vulnerabilities faced by practitioners within the peer review process. The Committee discussed the fact that the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) requires peer review for certification, which is currently a mandatory requirement for licensure in Idaho. Following the discussion, staff members stood for questions.

Proposed Rule Amendments: Dr. Duffin reviewed draft amendments to Section 24.26.01.200 regarding the Use of Formulary Drugs, following the passage of HB639. This legislation amended existing law to allow licensed midwives to obtain and administer medications indicated for maternal and neonatal care, provided they possess the necessary education, training, and experience. He then provided historical context related to HB107 and requested that the Committee consider flexibility and future implications within their upcoming recommendations. He noted that recommendations

regarding removal of rules language, which is duplicative of statute, align with the Governor's Licensure Freedom Act initiative, and that the draft provides recommendations regarding the two (2) year biennial renewal requirements. Additionally, he presented drafted options regarding continuing education (CE), which includes peer review requirements. At the request of the Committee, Ms. Beller discussed the definitions and usage of the words "*shall*" versus "*may*." Dr. Chopski noted for the record that other division boards have reviewed and removed CE submission requirements for licensees who are certified because requirements are met when a licensee obtains or maintains a national certification. Allowing a NARM certification to cover any CE or peer review requirement provides licensees with an efficient process while maintaining public safety and well-educated midwives. She then covered the timeline regarding proposed legislative language. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to direct staff to revise the draft language as discussed and to present the updates at the next meeting for final review and subsequent proposal to the Idaho Board of Nursing. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

The next meeting will be held on 06/18/2026.