

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Newport Beach Marriott Hotel, Newport Beach, CA

Attending: Members of NMAC - BJ Snell, PhD, CNM, WHNP, MSN, FACNM; Lin Lee, RN, CNM; Karen Ruby Brown, MSN, CNM; Karen Roslie, CPPM, Public Member; Naomi Stotland, MD (joining on phone); BRN members/staff – Janette Wackerly, RN, BSN, MBA; Betty Woods, RN, FNP, MSN; Trande Phillips, RN

Guests: Shannon Silberline - Deputy Chief, Complaint Intake and Investigations Dept.; Michael Santiago, BRN Legal Counsel  
Julie Campbell-Warnock, Research Program Specialist; Public Guests - Kim Dau, RN, MSN, CNM; Roberta Frank, CNM

Item for Discussion	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Janette Wackerly at 1100. Introductions made by members of committee and others present. Dr. Joseph Morris was introduced as incoming Executive Director of BRN and provided brief background on his professional career.	Committee welcomed Dr. Morris and hope to have opportunity to meet to discuss midwifery education, practice, legislative and regulatory efforts.
Review of previous minutes	No changes or corrections. Motion to approve. All approve	Approved
Committee Spokesperson	Janette Wackerly led discussion about how the committee will be organized and that the responsibility needed to be at the committees direction. Committee members suggested that BJ Snell be spokesperson at this time and Lin Lee agreed to take minutes. Format for minutes was discussed.	BJ Snell to be spokesperson at this time. Lin Lee to take minutes for current meeting. Janette Wackerly and BJ Snell to forward meeting minute format for review
1. Role of Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee	The members and staff confirmed that the NMAC will advise the BRN on regulations and issues related to nurse-midwifery in California. The committee members suggested that there be an opportunity to provide an informational session to the board related to nurse-midwifery education, practice, etc.	Committee requested opportunity to provide informational session to board. Information will be taken back to Board for consideration by board members
2. Communication between meetings	Committee members discussed availability of communication tool that could be used as documents are reviewed and edited in between meetings. Staff did not have a tool that could be used. Karen Ruby-Brown suggested using FreeCamp, a web-based project management tool that allows collaboration between members using cloud based computing. Janette Wackerly confirmed that this would be a suitable tool for our use.	Karen Ruby-Brown to investigate and send invitations to members along with instructions for joining.
3. BRN Complaint Process	During initial meeting there was a request to provide background information on the discipline process beginning with complaint being received. Shannon Silberling, Deputy Chief was invited to provide	Committee reported that they would try to gather information about CNM's interested in being expert reviewer.

	<p>background and discussed in detail the process from receipt of complaint, to how internal investigation is completed and who provides review including when a CNM is asked to provide review. Lastly what happens once recommendation is made. Shannon noted that CNM expert witnesses are used in some cases. Janette reported that the BRN is always looking for CNMs to provide expert review. Process would be for someone interested to contact Janette at BRN. The committee was concerned that those that have initial review do not have background in nurse-midwifery practice, education, standards, etc. May be an area that NMAC can assist with. Other items of concern included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- who provides guidance/follow-up of CNM after disciplinary action is taken.</li> <li>- How process works when there is dual licensure, such as RN and LM when complaint is r/t midwifery care. Shannon offered that the board in which the complaint is made would be primary and complete the investigation. Janette stated that she would need to have more specific information or facts and would f/u with committee on this item</li> <li>- How CNMs are affected when reporting form r/t home transfer to hospital is completed. The form was a part of AB1308 and relates only to LM's and was intended for data collection. The form is submitted by hospital to the MBOC and goes to the Complaint Department and if midwife identified is CNM the document is forwarded to BRN. Apparently BRN has opened investigation when the form is for data collection only. Committee asking that the forms be disregarded since they are NOT a complaint. NMAC would suggest that these be archived and reviewed at some point. Shannon agreed to pull cases and identify the process for these documents</li> </ul>	<p>Shannon to f/u on documents that come from MBOC related to home birth data form. Shannon to be invited to next committee for report.</p>
<p>4. BRN 2017 APRN Survey</p>	<p>Julie Campbell-Warnock described the survey coming out in January 2017 focusing on advanced practice. The survey will be administered through UCSF. Committee provided suggestions and recommendations to make results stronger. Suggestions offered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How difficult it is to find supervising physician</li> </ul>	<p>Julie will send new draft with the list of questions that we have requested.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How difficult it is to obtain hospital privileges</li> <li>- CNM use of first and third trimester OB ultrasound</li> <li>- When CNM is a preceptor for students</li> <li>- If CNM was a student from a California education program</li> <li>- Which malpractice carrier individual uses</li> <li>- It was suggested by Betty that there be a question to determine if CNM volunteers their time – committee not sure if this was relevant and not a priority when questions are limited.</li> </ul> <p>Kim Dau asked if funding from UCSF Foundation could be used to increase questions and distribution to CNMs. Michael Santiago, Legal Counsel said that that would be inappropriate and that BRN cannot be associated with any other group.</p>	
5. Mission Statement and Title	<p>Mission statement was distributed to committee members following last meeting. Edits were compiled, circulated, and discussed. Final version includes title to be <b>Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee</b>. Question was asked if the revision with inclusion of <b>Advisory</b> needed to go back to Board for approval and legal counsel stated that it did not need to have approval since language was in statute. Motion made for approval of mission statement by Lin Lee, seconded by Karen Ruby-Brown. Unanimous approval</p>	Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee Mission Statement approved unanimously
6. Legislative effort – AB1306	<p>Review of last legislative session r/t ab1306 and future. Discussion regarding lack of support from BRN r/t language that included involvement in disciplinary process. CNMA and the CABCA will be discussing language for probable introduction next session. Dr Morris suggested forwarding him the document and he would request legislative committee review.</p> <p>Kim Dau commented that the major issue centered on Corporate Practice of Medicine and requested information about BRN position on nurses and CPM. Discussion ensued around how RNs are not required to be supervised by physicians so is there a conflict when supervision is required of CNM. Michael Santiago said that he could not provide legal advice on ab1306 since BRN was not the sponsor of the bill.</p>	BJ Snell will request that bill language be forwarded to Dr. Morris once finalized
7. Public Comments	None were offered	
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2pm	

Next meeting	Assume 6 months so likely March – meeting date to be determined.	BRN staff to coordinate. BJ Snell will coordinate with Janette Wackerly for agenda and f/u items
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Submitted,

Lin Lee, RN, CNM

Attachments

Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee, Mission Statement

Mission Statement – Nurse Midwifery Advisory Committee of the California Board of Registered Nursing

The mission of the Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee is to advise the board on all matters pertaining to nurse-midwifery. The Committee shall provide information based on Board request and from the Nurse-Midwifery community to the Board, including recommendation for statutory change to clarify contemporary issues. Nurse-Midwifery is a dynamic profession with well-established standards that evolve based on evidence that support current education, practice and health care needs of women. California nurse-midwifery regulations and advisories should reflect current standards developed and vetted by professional associations along with federal and state task force opinions. The committee will assist the board to protect the public through a focus on patient safety and quality care that is contemporary, collegial and based on accepted national standards.

Approved 9/16/16 NMAC meeting, Newport Beach, CA