

Cheryl volunteered to take the position as ATM Website Liasion.

Region 4 Appointment

ing Paula since she can't be President and a Representative.

2 people have offered.

Carol Schumacher and Shannon Stillhorn

Board has discussed this and would like to appoint Carol Schumacher.

No opposition.

Cathy will let Carol know.

General Comments

Jenny states the electronic meeting worked very well. Beth will continue to research other programs and possibilities.

Cheryl asks – what is the process from here for secretary.

From Paula – this allows us to draw from a larger pool for elected officers.

Will post to membership for 30 days. After 30 days of comments, then it will be a 10 day process. Maybe in 6 weeks it will be official.

End Board Meeting at 3:00

allowed to refer instead of performing the screening and parents will have the right to refuse. This bill becomes effective in September 2013.

SB793

is bill fixed our problems with the newborn hearing screening bill from last session. It removed the supervision requirements and allows birth centers to refer for screening. It is effective immediately.

Moving forward we need to plan legislative outreach and organizing our consumer base as we are guaranteed to see a more organized attack during the next legislative session. We will also need to budget for hiring Roland again during the next session and any additional special sessions.

Treasurer's Report - Vicky Wells

Read by Vicky Wells

Vicky has had no training in the job of Treasurer – doesn't get accurate information
Claudine suggested she asks for Profit / Loss Summary
Claudine will work with her on getting a line item budget set up.

\$104,301.80 – ending balance as of April 30

The Gathering information - Read by Beth Overton

Only 49 people responded to the survey sent out by the CNM's
Need 100 to attend

ch wants \$4000 to reserve the location

Will cost \$8000 total. With 100 confirmed reservations, it wouldn't be too much.

Proposal – join with the CNM's and help by providing half of the seed money which is \$2000 now and \$2000 at the conference. By Beth Overton.

Dates – they're set, but the dates are not known by Beth – possibly in late October?

Sylva – Gatherings not well attended because people don't want to bunk. Best one ever was at Padre Island when people could bring their families.

Not sure what happens if they put the deposit down and they don't get enough attendees.

The CNM's haven't met to get the down payment. CNM's didn't ask for money, Beth offered to ask the board.

Vicki in favor of helping them with seed money. Kate Griffin, too.

We should get the money back after registration.

Second by Kelly Miller

Vote – passed unanimously

ATM Computer Liasion

Need to develop a new position, probably a board member that will stay on top of things that need to be updated or added to the website.

No one in charge, Jason does what he's told to do.

Will increase the academic portions so the instructor (Christy Martin) can spend less time teaching extra stuff and more time doing hands on skills.

Proposed by Claudine Crews

Second by Kelly Miller

Voted – passed unanimously

Conference Report – Jenny Fardink

Planning another meeting for next Thursday, not much new after

Going with Hilton DoubleTree (cheaper hotel) \$120/night; breakfast and lunch 9-12 / meal

Contract sent to Paula?

April 3-5, possible postday on Sunday

Some speakers are verified –

Working to get MEAC CEU's

~~Proposal~~ Need local seed money – proposal for \$500 seed money for 2014 ATM Conference.

Proposed by Jenny Fardink

Second by – Claudine Crews

Voted – passed unanimously

This money will be sent to the San Antonio group when the hotel contract has been received

Kelly asked to have peer review offered at the ATM conference. Claudine said they could make that happen.

Legislative Report by Brielle –

Verbal Report

Y're going to be going to birth centers to get data collection for the Senator. Watching out for counting miscarriages being counted as home birth deaths.

No bill number, part of the state budget.

HB 740 – passed – congenital heart screening bill

Midwives and birth centers can refer for congenital heart defects. Will not be required to perform O₂ sat levels postpartum

SB 793 – follow up bill

For hearing screening, corrected wording allowing everyone to refer for hearing screening; went into effect immediately

Will begin planning for next session.

Not anticipating anything coming up in the Special Session but will keep a close watch on it.

ATM Legislative Report 06/23/13

HB1507 was defeated. It was not even given a hearing. However, Rep. Zerwas did add a statistics requirement to the state budget which will require DSHS to collect statistics for all birth centers each June including: number of breech deliveries, number of VBACs, number of transports, and outcomes including fetal and maternal loss and morbidity. Overall, we expect that this is a good thing as long as we work with DSHS to ensure that the data collection is done well 'not taken out of context.

HB740 was passed. This bill makes changes to the newborn screening program including allowing DSHS to write rules for pulse oximetry screening for congenital heart defects. All midwives, including those practicing in birth centers, will be

Education Committee Report by Claudine Crews

ATM Education Report

June 23, 2013

Report

Current enrollment is 63 students. We currently have 3 applicants being processed into the program. July is usually a busy enrollment month so I anticipate receiving a few more in the next few weeks. We have 2 students pending graduation.

The Midwifery Board will be doing a site review in August. They will audit the Normal Intrapartum workshop and visit the school office the following week.

Pam Holland, in charge of Continuing Education, is in need of new, well-researched articles for our on-line continuing education. She has had several midwives volunteer, but not follow through. Research articles of 1000-5000 words are ideal, and should include a quiz/test, and a test key. She can be reached at pholl777@gmail.com.

The ATMMTP's first new Antepartum 1 workshop was held 4/29 – 5/1. 9 students attended. It was very successful for a first run, with lots of hands-on activities.

Proposal

The Education Committee is making the following proposal regarding the last module of the program, Advanced Skills:

1. Make the Advanced Skills module a "floating" module that a student may take any time after completing the third module, Antepartum 1.
 - a. This means the student cannot pay tuition and receive the Advanced Skills module until attending the Antepartum 1 workshop and passing the exam.

Note: "Floating" does not mean "optional". Students must complete the module before being eligible to graduate.

2. Students must pay the module tuition no later than 12 weeks prior to the Advanced Skills workshop that they plan to attend.
3. Students must submit assignments and complete an on-line exam prior to being eligible to attend the Advanced Skills workshop.

Reasons for the proposed change:

1. Waiting to learn the academics of suturing and IV until the end of the program, when many students are ready to graduate, is far too late. While IVs are still not a mandatory skill for NARM, suturing is. They should have mastered suturing long before the last workshop of the program, and if in an apprenticeship where the preceptor does IVs then the same thing must be said. These are not risk-free skills. We believe students learn best when they can study the necessary academic knowledge and then integrate with clinical training.
2. Allowing the student to take the module earlier and concurrently with another module can take some time off the length of the academic portion of the program, allowing the student to put a bit more focus into her clinical training at a time when she should be doing her primaries.

There is a third worksheet in the module currently titled "Working with Clients". It is very short; other than reading assignments relating to pharmacology, it consists of a question on the financial aspects of midwifery, a short essay on how the student plans to incorporate the midwifery model of care into her practice, and a discussion question on cultures in her intended practice area. We will incorporate the relative pharmacology into suturing and IVs, and move the rest of this worksheet to the Postpartum and Newborn module.

Currently there are two Independent Study Projects, "Pharmacology" and "Practice Guidelines" that are due with module 8 assignments. We will make these due no later than with the student's Intent to Graduate" submission (a minimum of 14 weeks prior to the date of the NARM exam).

Proposal by Education Committee

Make Module 8 (Advanced skills) a floating module able to be done anytime after Antepartum 1 module. Workshop is taught twice / year and students could attend either one.

Region 7 Report

Presented by Vicki Wells

Group is meeting Every other Month for CEU's – that is going well

Region 5 Report

Read by Beth Overton

June 2013

We really enjoyed hosting the 2013 ATM Conference and appreciate everyone who made the journey to attend. We're looking forward to joining you in San Antonio next year!

We are still meeting monthly in our North Texas Midwives Association. We currently have around 35 active CPM members. Meeting attendance ranges from 6-25 per month.

In May a proposal was made to create a local scholarship that will be available to our region's ATM students as well as students in other training programs. We are researching the best way to fund this program and hope to have it available by 2014. We had a productive Peer Review in June. Tina Woodall has moved her Rockwall Birth Center to a historic home she restored. We will have our July meeting there to celebrate.

We have 13 birth centers in our area. Two new ones recently opened east of Dallas, one owned by a newly licensed midwife and the other by a student midwife.

There are 3 chapters of Birth Network National now operating in our region: Tarrant County BirthNetwork, 'las BirthNetwork, and Denton County BirthNetwork. All three are working well together and increasing publicity and activism supporting the Mother-Friendly Childbirth Initiative.

Mercy in Action will be holding a Cultural Competency & Global Midwifery Skills Seminar in Fort Worth on August 8-9. This course meets the new NARM CPM requirement for Cultural Competency. Anyone interested in attending can contact Christy Martin.

Region 6 Report

Jenny Fardink

Region 6 is not currently meeting regularly except for conference planning. When asked if they had anything they wanted to discuss with the board beside the conference I received no feedback.

The 2014 Conference planners are busy making plans for the conference. It is my understating that a draft of the contract for the proposed was sent to Paula from the hotel. I have not seen this draft nor know the details of it so can not give you an update other than the once I sent out last month. I have put in a formal request for \$500 seed money to be used to buy supplies for the conference. This seed money will be paid back at the end of the conference.

Jennifer Fardink

Region 6 coordinator

Region 4 Houston Group
Report read by Cathy Rude

June 23, 2013

ATMA (Houston area) continues to meet monthly, usually at St Thomas Episcopal Church/School. In March, we had CPR recertification held in two different locations by Sandra McDonald, CPM. April was AOP recertification presented by Aimee Evans of the Attorney General's office. May's CEU program was presented by Katy Kessler, CNM on the Creighton Model of Fertility. Last week for our June meeting, Jackie Griggs presented a presentation on Pelvimetry.

We also hosted a great IV and Suturing workshop led by Lynn Arnold, CPM in May. This was a three day workshop; One full day each of IV, Suturing I (1st and 2nd degree repair) and Suturing II (3rd and 4th degree repair). This workshop was held at the Katy Birth Center.

We will be having our biannual Peer Review in July at Afua's birth center in mid Houston. This will be from 10-3 pm. In August, Karen Ditty from the DSHS will be presenting on Hearing Screens.

Darlene Dorries-Scrivner, CPM lost her oldest son from a motorcycle accident last month. Several midwives have helped her with clients and births during the ensuing days. Our sincere condolences to her and her family.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Rude, CPM, LM

ATM Region 4 Area Representative

ATM Board Member-Vice President (and acting Secretary)

Region 1 Report

Read by Kate Griffin

June 23, 2013

Central Texas Midwives (Austin Area) meets monthly at Austin Java on the third Mondays of the month. In February, midwives attended Gail Tully's shoulder dystocia & Spinning Babies workshop. Several midwives met with Seton Hospital representatives to discuss newborn transfer to Dell Children's Hospital procedures as well as changes to Seton Healthcare regarding midwifery. Renee Cook taught a NRP class refresher in February. In April a fetal assessment class and CPR certification was held at Birthwise by Christine Carlson. Quarterly Peer Review was held in May.

Central Texas Midwives walked in the March of Dimes walk in May and sponsored an advertisement on KLRU, the local PBS station, during the showing of Call the Midwife. Local midwives successfully called to action clients & friends of midwives in Williamson County to show support for midwives and speak out against a Texas House bill filed by Senator Schwertner.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Griffin, CPM, LM

ATM Region 1 Area Representative

Vote – passed unanimously

Region 8 Report by Ana Ochoa, read by Claudine Crews

Rio Grande Valley Midwives Association

The RGV midwives association new president is Connie Carlos. They try to get together for CEUs at least 2 times a year. I was not at their last meeting, in April, due to a death in the family, but Connie did tell me that she got several of the midwives in the area to become ATM members and reminded them of how much the ATM does for midwifery. During the meeting they also discussed visiting the office of Bobby Guerra if it was needed to help with the bills that were being discussed at the time. It seems that they want to get a little more involved.

Santa Elena BC closed earlier this year.

Esther Covarruvias and Lucio Pena passed away late last year.

We are having problems getting NRP in the area other than at the hospitals where they have us do medical procedures that are out of our scope. They are talking about maybe getting Karen to come down to the area even if they have to pay a little more.

Many of us are still getting those passport letters accusing us of fraud.

And last, two of the midwives in the Laredo/Eagle Pass area are having problems with a border patrol check point that was just set up between the two towns. They are each other back up and have missed births due to security delaying them at the check point.

Proposal by Beth Overton

Hire a lawyer to write a letter re: fraud charges for passport letters

Second by Cheryl West

Proposal to hire Susan Jenkins to further research what a letter needs to say. We will provide her with a copy of the letter they are receiving. Let us know what it would cost to address the issue. Paula may have talked to her. Vicki Wells suggested a letter from ATM might be helpful.

Beth will ask Anna to get us copies of the letters and will get them translated and posted to the Board-list, since they are in Spanish.

Tabled until further information is gathered re: what may have already been done.

Brielle can't talk or hear on Start Meeting but reports (via Kate Griffin) that ACLU has been contacted about that. Anna has forwarded letters to Brielle, and those have been forwarded to ACLU and they have a team in TX that has been working on Birth Center issues in Texas. She will follow up on that now that the legislative session has slowed down.

This proposal was not voted on.

Unsure if Anna knows about ACLU. Cathy will send her an email.

Brielle was asked to send that information to the Board-list email group.

ATM Board Meeting

6/23/13

Attendees

Via StartMeeting

Jenny Fardink
Cheryl West
Dawn Cockrell (Left at 1:40 PM)

In Person

Beth Overton
Cathy Rude
Claudine Crews
Kelly Miller
Kate Griffin
Vicki Wells

Visitors:

Sylyna Kennedy
Ashley King (student from New Braunfels)

1:15 – Cathy Rude called meeting to order (Standing in for Paula Davis)
Minutes kept by Kelly Miller, stand in secretary

Proposal 2

Electronic Meeting Proposal – Make it accessible for all ATM members electronically
(Paula's thoughts via Cathy) Was presented and voted on at the last board meeting and did not pass. Don't need to bring this forward again.

Cathy proposed that we decline this proposal
Second by Jenny
Voted on and declined unanimously

Proposal 3

ATM board survey Membership via Survey Monkey
Beth read proposed membership survey questions
Needs more discussion regarding specifics on questions. Will be done via ATM Board_list

Cathy Rude proposed that we move forward with this survey.
Second by Dawn Cockrell
No Other Comments
Voted on, passed unanimously

Results from ATM Board Survey presented by Beth Overton

Everyone thought it was a good idea with one exception

Proposal to Change By-Laws to allow newer members to hold executive offices

Claudine – needs to be reworded to clearly state that all officers need to come from the current board, including President and Vice president in new proposal.

Amend it to say:

Shall require candidates to be current board members and have served no less than 2 years w/in the last 5 years

Proposed by Paula (via Cathy)
Second by Cathy