

ATM Board Meeting NOTES

Fort Worth 8/13/17

NOTES FOR BOARD MEMBER REFERENCE ONLY – CONFIDENTIAL. NOT TO BE SHARED OUTSIDE OF THE BOARD

Board Members Present

Paula Davis
Cathy Rude (departed at 6:38pm)
Cheryl West Gaspard
Nanci Stanley
Ashley King
Laurie Fremgen
Kelly Miller (departed at 5:20pm)
Christy Martin
Joi Brock (1:35 – 6:46pm via Skype)
Kelli Beaty (1:40pm)
Kris Hohlt (1:54pm)
Brielle Epstein (via Skype at 4:08pm)

Board Members Absent

Visitors

Molly Germash
April Pierce
Lisa Welch
Cori Lively
Jamie Hinton
Jasmin Schumacher
Donnelyn Dominguez
Jennifer Mozeke
LaQuita Brazile
Roxanne Anderson
Sarah White
Becky Rosser (1:25pm)
Bethany Stricker (1:54pm)
Melinda Pond (1:54pm)

1:13 pm – Paula Davis called meeting to order.

Minutes kept by Cheryl West Gaspard

Agenda Item: Meeting Minutes

Minutes from April/May reviewed. Corrections made and read back. Paula moved to accept. Cathy second. Approved with no opposition.

Agenda Item: Regional Reports

Regional Reports were reviewed and any questions/issues discussed. Paula moved to accept all as submitted, Cathy second. Approved with none opposed. All Regional Reports are available from the ATM office or from the Regional Representative.

Agenda Item: Conflict of Interest/Disclosure

Distributed to Board Members that don't have a current one on file.

Agenda Item: Board Communication

Cheryl proposed moving Board's online communication to a Secret Facebook Group and moving away from Yahoo group. Approval given to create the group and allow board to try it before completely switching.

Agenda Item: Education

Education Report Presented by Kelly Miller. Discussion of admission number for newest class and hope that smaller class entrance, higher admitting standard will improve attrition rates.

Update on May Report Concerning Students: Paula Read FERPA Rules regarding privacy of Student Records to the Board.

Education Proposal by Paula: To share education records with all individuals directly participating in the educational process of individual students when appropriate. Educational Records: Grades, Progress, Discipline, Evaluations, Finances.

Includes a Proposal for Students to sign for Release of Educational Records:

"For the purposes of educational continuity, I [name], DOB [], consent to the disclosure of any personally identifiable information from my education records to the ATM School Administrators, ATM Board of Directors, Apprenticeship Preceptors, and ATM Instructors when considered appropriate by ATM Administrators and/or ATM Board of Directors."

Discussion regarding inclusion of Finances and Evaluations in the Release. Discussion regarding need to include Board in the release. Paula reports that Proposal was presented to Claudine with no opposition.

Decision made to table until consult with Education Committee October 5-6th meeting regarding wording and implementation with goal of 10 day turnaround on vote.

Report on our Learning Management System – Moodle

Discussion regarding why particular Modules are not in Moodle yet. Paula and Kelly investigating the delay and communication.

Future Meeting Dates for Education Committee October 5th-6th, 2017 in Georgetown. Executive Board invited to join.

Access to ATM-MTP Information reviewed to make sure there's an emergency/contingency plan.

Letter from Student – Letter was distributed to the Board prior to meeting.

{Executive Session 2:55pm – 3:02pm}

Education Report is available from the ATM office or from Regional Representatives.

BREAK 3:02pm – 3:11pm

Agenda Item: Conference

Report for Conference 2017 approved.

Conference 2018 Proposal for DFW area. Approved sending contract to Jennie Joseph. Contract for Venue will be shared with Board list before signed. Save the Dates will be sent once in contract.

Agenda Item: Treasury Report

Treasurer position open due to Vicky Wells resignation. Appointing new Treasurer. Kris Nominated Kelli Beaty, Nanci Second, Approved with none opposed.

Treasury Reports are available from the ATM office or from Regional Representatives.

Agenda Item: Legislative Report

Brielle presented results of survey regarding potential Pharmacology Bill.

Results as of yesterday:

- 84% liked idea of bill
- 10% opposed were VERY against
- 80% Take Course
- 30% remove twins
- 31% MEAC
- 22% remove breech
- 5% VBAC
- 10% liability insurance
- 8% physician supervision
- 5% for range of other things

Money Commitment \$21K (anonymously)

Discussion of possible concessions. Discussion of bringing attention to need for Standing Orders.

Discussion of TFM Consumer Group, Kelli has clients interested. Brielle will get with her. Brielle also feels that local chapters are important.

Some responses felt that is was "misleading" to say legislation would be expensive. Brielle replied to the ones that sent that question non-anonymously.

Discussion of creating a PAC.

Sunset has been put off for us twice. But these contentious issues will come up again then.

Need to get current midwife list on TDLR site.

Maternal Morbidity Bills: HB No 9, 10, 11, 28 (passed house). Midwives not included as Stakeholder or on the Maternal Mortality Review Board. Brielle says it's too late to do an amendment. Same board that's been in place for years, just changing the mission and purview. CTCNM and TMA opposed to us being included. Brielle hoping to put together Maternal Mortality Data and present to that Board. Meetings will be open.

Cheryl asked about level of detail desired for minutes being published publicly since non-ATM members would have access. Board made decision to have detailed notes available for the board and summary as minutes published publicly. Kelli expressed concerns about waiting until next Board Meeting to approve minutes and publish them. Minutes and notes will be sent to the board electronically within a week of the meeting so board members can submit changes/corrections and then will vote on approving them at the next board meeting.

Discussion of Mandatory Reporting. Flaws in using Birth Cert/Death Cert data as it's not designed for that. No other profession has mandatory reporting to the state. Possibility of having reported to ATM as Professional Organization rather than TDLR. Washington State does it this will. Also handles Complaint Review and then sends on to state if action needs to be taken.

Laurie, TDLR has it on their radar to be dealt with based on cases they heard. Other professions do have accountability in other venues (hospital admin, etc). Dr on board pushing for this. Language in new rules already written, but being held separately. Rules are currently open.

Discussion regarding result of mandatory Birth Center reporting and automatic investigation.

TDLR currently friendly to LMs. But in a state agency the people running the show change and what they do with the intent of rules and law can change.

Discussion of distrust of ATM among LMs in Texas and ways to remedy that.

Paula handed out updated contact list for the board.

Kelli will compile inventory and location of ATM Property.

Agenda Item: TDLR Update

Presented by Laurie

Meetings August 18th is Commission Meeting, September 20th is Midwifery Meeting. Laurie encouraging attendance at the Midwifery Meeting. 4 Committees : Education, Enforcement, Standard of Care, and Licensing. Standard of Care working on Rules with consult of Attorney Charlotte to help make rules understandable and enforceable. Rules have been open. Working from ATM comments as well. Will be published when finished. Working on Informed Choice based on Maternal Death and information on Liability Insurance. Form may be published by the next meeting. Expanding emergency backup arrangements information. Comments can still be made.

Agenda Item: Waterbirth and Breech Guidelines

Written while at TXDSHS, TDLR has no idea what to do with them since not enforceable as rule.

Motion to Publish Waterbirth and Breech Guidelines on ATM Website by Paula, second by Cheryl. Passed with none opposed. Education Committee discussing Preceptor Guidelines and TDLR discussing as well.

Agenda Item: ATM Workgroups Updates

Paula proposed workgroups be created to distribute the work load of the board. None opposed. Members will serve as follows and may recruit additional members from the ATM membership:

Education/Accreditation- Cathy Rude, Kelly Miller, Natalie Womack, Vicki Meinhardt, and Appointed Bill Jack Davis as consult

Social Media/Public Communication- Ashley King and Nanci Stanley

Legislation- Brielle Epstein, Cheryl Gaspard, Christy Martin, Laurie Fremgen, Vicki Meinhardt

Board Member Manual Revisions- Kelli Beaty, and Ashley King

Conference Workgroup - organized by Cheryl Gaspard with NTM Midwives.

Treasury Workgroup no longer needed under new Treasurer.

Communication Workgroup presented options for Postcard to Encourage Membership. Version chosen and changes made.

Paula proposed to order 250 postcards and send to all LMs in Texas, second by Ashley. Passed with none opposed.

Decision made to wait until end of year when time for renewals/new yearly memberships.

Kris requesting discussion about separating ATMMTP from ATM, ATMMTP as for profit and ATM as non-profit. Small discussion regarding current structure and non-profit status. Will add as agenda item for future meeting.

Manual Workgroup: Kelli and Ashley will be working remotely with Paula to update as much as possible. Will gather minutes and documents and have Conference Call at 10am Monday, Aug 28th.

Agenda Item: Website

Discussion about member difficulty to get on Yahoo group. Can use the current website to create an email group. Will send instructions to members when they join. Kelli attempting to work with Webmaster to get that auto-sent when members pay to join. Kelli gets notification when someone "purchases" something online. Robert can create a Pop-up to join the email group. Then notification goes to the Admin of the Yahoo Group to add that person. Workgroup will have conversation with the Millers regarding whose responsibilities are whose. Communication and notifications need to be improved.

Agenda Item: Member Comments – Member comments were accepted and addressed as much as possible throughout the meeting. Open time for comments at end of meeting. Discussion of making sure teachers are being paid for ATMMTP and process for that. No Deadline. Discussion of paying all speakers at next conference rather than just Keynote.

Agenda Item: Future Meeting Dates and Access

Nov 5th 9:00am at The Gathering in Ingram, TX

February 18th 1:00pm in Tyler, TX

All regional and committee reports are filed with ATM office and available if requested.

7:39pm – Paula Davis adjourned meeting.