



Hawaii Home Birth Task Force Meeting #1

State Capitol - Conference Room 312

Monday July 8, 2019 --1-4 pm



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APPROVED SUMMARY MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** – Dr. Lori Kimata called the Hawaii Home Birth Task Force meeting to order at 1 pm.
- II. **Introductions** of Task Force Members and their proxy alternates* representatives were made (see attendance roster); Member Heather Milovina joined the meeting via conference call from Hawaii County. Staffers Melvia Kawashima, Jordyn Saito and Laney Trinh were also introduced.
- III. **Draft #2 Agenda** was reviewed and adopted.
- IV. **Open discussion items followed**, accordingly:
 - a. **Parliamentary procedure:**

"**Martha's Rules** " were voted over Robert's Rules of Order, the former having less formal voting procedures. Martha" uses thumbs up/down/sideways to connote yes/no/ambivalent, rather than yea/nay/abstain. Quorum is half plus one membership (7).
 - b. ***Alternate representative members proxy protocol:**

Alternate members representing the appointed task force members were accepted and will be noted on the membership roster.
 - c. **Public Information** protocol:

Task Force members reviewed draft protocol and agreed that public transparency (to especially the birthing community) was important. Therefore, the Task Force agreed to the following:

 - i. The public will be allowed to attend Task Force meetings and provide input to reports;
 - ii. The draft protocol paragraph on confidentiality was removed;
 - iii. The Summary Minutes will be posted on two websites: the State Commission on the Status of Women and the Hawaii Homebirth Collective;
 - iv. The Agendas will be posted one week before the meetings;
 - v. The public may submit comments on posted reports via email to hawaiihomebirthtaskforce@gmail.com;
 - vi. *The Task Force will accept public comments on reports during the first 20 minutes of Task Force meetings; a 2 minute limit for comments per each speaker.*

d. **Recording the Meetings:**

Some Task Force members were concerned about accurate and transparent records of meeting discussions and decisions. Some members were concerned about confidentiality but others wanted transparency to the public, which has felt excluded. The Commission *stated its audio-records and Summary Minutes* are the Task Force's record. In order to prevent misunderstandings, the Task Force *will review, revise and edit the Commission's Summary Minutes*

e. **Schedule of future meetings:**

Task Force meeting dates are as follows: revised August 2nd; 4-7 pm and October 21st, 4-7pm and the described associated milestones were accepted. **September 9th, 1-4 pm** remains unchanged.

f. **Chair and Vice Chair elected:**

Chair Kristie Duarte & Vice Chair Tara Compehos were elected. Laulani Teale was confirmed as Facilitator for Task Force meetings. Her, professional services will be utilized as needed by the Task Force.

g. **Scope of work:**

Members discussed research and reporting work areas with detailed examples following **Act 32 2019, Sec. (e)** (page 24) : *"The task force shall **investigate issues** relating to direct entry midwives and home births. The investigation shall include but not be limited to the following:*

- (1) **Data collection** and reporting on home births;*
- (2) **Definitions, Education and training** of direct entry midwives; and*
- (3) **Regulation** of direct entry midwives."*

h. **Work groups:** were formed to address the three major areas, albeit overlapping and closely related.

- (1) **Data collection** and reporting: Chair Lori Kimata; Members: Matt Shim, Kathleen Libao-Laygo, Heather Milovina, Selena Green, Chrystie Fujimoto, Rachel Struempf, Kristie Duarte*
- (2) **Definitions, Education and training** of midwives: Co-Chairs Lori Kimata & Selena Green; Members: Lee Ann Teshima, K'ii Kaho'ohanohano, Tara Compehos, Rachel Struempf, Mieko Aoki*
- (3) **Regulation & exemption:** CoChairs Rachel Struempf & Ki'I Kaho'ohanohano; Members: Lee Ann Teshima, Tara Compehos, Mieko Aoki, Matt Shim, Kathleen Libao-Laygo, Kristie Duarte*

Groups will meet during the interim and prepare draft reports for all members by Aug. 2nd meeting.

Issues/Concerns raised for the working groups include:

- i. The Task Force wants data on both hospital births and homebirths; and morbidity data;
- ii. Recommend a better system of data collection;
- iii. Create pathways for training & education of midwives;
- iv. Include (sion of) newborn screening for all births;

- v. Insurance issues that prevent (Problem of insurers not allowing their) doctors to work with midwives;
- vi. Transport protocol (problems) issues when a homebirth requires hospital transport;
- vii. Members may share resources with other Task Force members ~~(by submitting to Melvia)~~ via Commission staff to disseminate.

IV. **Other items:**

- a. **Funding for travel.** Task Force members raised a concern about the cost of inter-island travel for members on neighbor islands. Although members and their proxies can participate by teleconference, having neighbor islanders present is much more effective to enable their participation in discussions. Therefore, the Task Force will request funding for travel. Suggestions were made to request funding from The State Commission on the Status of Women.. Member Matt Shim, Department of Health representative, stated that his program does not have such discretionary funds but may have grant funding.

V. **Announcements:**

- a. Next Meeting: **Friday, August 2th, 4:30-7:30 pm**, State Capitol, Conference Room 312
- b. **Work Group reports:** Please submit your electronic **draft reports to Melvia by Sunday, July 28th** to include in the draft agenda mailed out on Monday July 29th.

VI. Dr. Kimata adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm

Respectfully submitted
Melvia Kawashima
Hawaii Home Birth Task Force staff

Hawaii Home Birth Task Force Meeting Attendance

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Name	Occupation Grp Rep	Jurisdiction Rep	Attending Initial
Dr. Eesha Bhattacharyya, MD	American College of ObGyn (ACOG)	Oahu	
Dr. Jenny Lum, MD	American College of ObGyn (ACOG)	Oahu	
Dr. Chrystie Fujimoto	American College of ObGyn (ACOG)	Oahu	X
Lee Ann Teshima	DCCA (PVL Representative)	Oahu	X
Matt Shim	DOH; Family Health Services Div	Oahu	X
Kathleen Libao-Laygo	Healthcare Assn of Hawaii (HAH), Senior Director of Quality and Regulatory Affairs	Oahu	X
Heather Milovina	Certified Nurse Midwife	Maui	CONF CALL
Mieko Aoki	Certified Professional midwife	Kauai	X
Jaymie Lewis		Kauai	X
Selena Green	Certified Professional midwife	Oahu	X
Ezinne Dawson		Oahu	X
Rachael Streumpf	Public member who has used home birth services; Home Birth Elder	Hawaii Cty	X
April Bailey		Hawaii Cty	Excused
Dr. Lori Kimata	Home Birth Elder	Oahu	X
Mari Stewart		Oahu	X
Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano	Traditional or cultural birth attendant	Maui	X
Laulani Teale		Hawaii Cty	X
Tara Compehos	Public member; DEM/traditional midwife	Hawaii Cty	X
Laulani Teale		Hawaii Cty	
Kristie Duarte	Public Member who has used home birth services	Oahu	X
Ramona Hussey		Oahu	X
Resource & Staff			
Khara Jabola-Carolus	Status of Women Comm Exec Director (DHS)	Oahu	
Calaine Trinh	Status of Women Comm; Secretary	Oahu	X
Jordyn Saito	Status of Women Comm; Volunteer staff	Oahu	X
Melvia Kawashima	Status of Women Comm; Volunteer staff	Oahu	X
Natalie	Rep Tina Wildeberger Office Manager	Oahu	X

Guests