



## **Hawaii Home Birth Task Force Meeting #4**

*State Capitol - Conference Room 309*

***Monday September 9, 2019; 1-4 pm***



## **DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES**

### Task Force Members Present:

1. Matt Shim, DOH Family Health Services
2. Selena Green, Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)
3. Dr. Christie Fukimoto, ACOG
4. Rachel Curnel Struempf, Hawai'i island elder midwife
5. Kathleen Libao-Laygo, Healthcare Assn of Hawaii (HAH)
6. Ahlani Quiogue; PVL Rep; DCCA
7. Lee Ann Teshima, DCCA
8. Melvia Kawashima, Vol. Status of Women
9. Khara Jabola, Dir. Status of Women
10. Heather Milovina, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
11. Dr. Lori Kimata, Home Birth Elder
12. Kristie Duarte, Chair & Public Member
13. Tara Compehos, Vice Chair & DEM/Traditional Midwife
14. Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano, Traditional/Cultural Midwife
15. Mieko Aoki, Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)
16. Ramona Hussey, Recorder of Minutes
17. 7 Community members

### **I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chair Kristie Duarte called the meeting to order at 1:11pm, and asked for introductions of new people: Heather Milovina, present in person from Maui, Ramona Hussey, Noteaker, Ahlani Quiogue; PVL Rep; DCCA.

Review of Act 32 provisions. Chair Kristie reviewed the Task Force charter, and re-emphasized the reason we are here. She noted that the Hawaii State Legislature by Act 32 recognizes that the CNM and CPM standards are not appropriate for all midwives in Hawaii. Therefore this Task Force is to come up with provisions for the remaining midwives not covered by the CNM and CPM laws.

**II. GUEST INTRODUCTIONS/QUORUM-** Ahlani Quiogue; PVL Rep; DCCA and Ramona Hussey (Notetaker) introduced themselves

**III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.** After 2 minor corrections, the Minutes for Aug 2, 2019 were approved as submitted.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Kristie Duarte reports:

Video & Audio Recordings. The Task Force APPROVED broadcasting audio recordings of Task Force Meetings

- 1) The Task Force did NOT approve livestreaming on FaceBook of the Task Force Meetings

Working Group 1 -- Data Collection & Reporting on Home Birth & Hospital Birth Statistics

DATA. Dr. Lori Kimata reported that they have had large success in gathering information -- especially with help from Matt Shin at DOH. However, it is still a work in progress as not all data has been received/confirmed. **MOTION: That we consider the data we received from DOH and request review & input from other organizations that together may require us to request a change to the vital records statute to include additional data fields on the birth certificate data form. : APPROVED**

WORKING GROUP #2 -- Definitions, Education and Training of Direct Entry Midwives

The Members of Working Group #2 distributed proposed definitions and asked the Task Force to approve and discuss statements to move towards understanding each other's position.

**1. Goal of Task Force is to put out a Consensus or Majority Report? APPROVED**

- 9 YES
- 3 MAYBE
- 0 NO

**2. We support women's right to make choices regarding their birth. APPROVED**

- 11 YES
- 1 MAYBE

- 1 NO

**3. We agree that in Hawaii we are defining 5 kinds of practitioners. APPROVED**

Nurse Midwives versus Non-Nurse midwives (Direct Entry Midwives)

1. CNM (Certified Nurse Midwives)
2. CM (Certified Midwives)
3. CPM (Certified Professional Midwives)
4. Community-based Midwives
5. Indigenous/Traditional Midwives

- 9 YES
- 3 MAYBE
- 0 NO

WORKING GROUP #3 - REGULATION OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES- Discussion made on report and would be addressed by next meeting

**We Agree that the Existing Advisory Board Under Act 32 Should Expand to Add One Registered Community-Based Midwife And One Indigenous/Traditional Midwife. APPROVED**

- Although they are exempt from licensing, they would not be exempt from training and their scope of practice.
- Currently the Advisory Board has three licensed midwives and 2 homebirth consumers

11 YES

1 MAYBE

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

None brought up.

**VI. OTHER- OPEN TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY** (for 20 min at 3:50pm)

- Student Midwife in training for 2 ½ years but may not complete by Jan 2020 deadline when the PEP deadline occurs: Is there a likelihood for PEP program to be reinstated or extended in Hawaii. DCCA will bring it back to their agency?
- Homebirth Mom & Naau Lapaau. On behalf of herself and the public, she recognizes and appreciates all participating in this process. Believes it is a public process and so is video-recording based on request by members of

**the public. Christie from ACOG brought up a good point that there are birthing people and midwives who are outside of the birthing networks. They are in danger from legal sanctions. These folks are off-the-grid: rural, religious, sovereign births, with many reasons not to participate or access services. They feel like they are on their own, and are going to continue doing what they do. Many cannot speak because they are at risk due to this law. We should be trying to de-criminalize that, to make for safer births. This law (Act 32) is dangerous to mothers and babies. What needs to happen in this Task Force? She urges care in making any new requirements which may make things worse for these births.**

**VII. Next Meeting**

Monday, Oct 21 **Changed to October 14**

Room 309 (Room Change)

Time Change 1:00-4:00pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN. APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Hussey

Alternate Representative for Kristie Duarte

Public Member who has used home birth services

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