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**Naturopathic Medicine Childbirth Attendance
 Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes
 July 26, 2006**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Donnalee Hart, ND
 Cynthia Watson, MD
 Faith Gibson, LM
 Amy Levi, CNM
 Farra Swan, ND

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Crane, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Tonya Blood, BNM Chief
 Francine Davies, Program Coordinator
 Linda Brown, BNM Program Assistant
 Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM – Roll call was taken. Quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 10, 2006

This item was held over until the next meeting.

III. Bureau Report – Tonya Blood, Chief

The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs does not want to change appointments on the Childbirth Attendance Committee so close to the due date of the Report to the Legislature.

The Director understands that the childbirth attendance language as currently written is untenable and wants the obstacles outlined in the report. There are many obstacles to overcome before the Bureau can issue a certificate for childbirth attendance. The language is not workable as it exists today. The Committee needs to distinguish between what is not workable legally (such as exam requirements) versus not workable because of practical and political reasons (such as MD supervision and malpractice insurance).

Findings for the report can be that the language is unworkable as currently written and focus on identifying those sections that contain problematic language. Concentrate on distinguishing between clean-up and political. Clean-up could possibly go in an omnibus bill from the Department of Consumer Affairs. The big issues are the examination language and the testing language in the statutes.

IV. Report to the Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting May 21, 2006.

Dr. Watson reported the Childbirth Attendance Committee's initial issues, tasks, and findings to the Naturopathic Advisory Committee at the meeting held on May 21, 2006.

V. Report on Education Requirements

Due to the change in direction of the Childbirth Attendance Committee (spending many more months examining and comparing all the educational and testing requirements in statute with the curricula of each college and with the various testing blueprints), the Childbirth Attendance Committee will identify the major issues and create recommendations that will be outlined in the Report to the Legislature.

Francine will have a draft of the Report to the Legislature for the next meeting. Dr. Hart and Dr. Swan will collaborate with Dr. Martin and go through the statutes as written, identify the major issues/problems, give a brief summary of why it is an issue/problem, and give a recommendation to correct. These will be incorporated in the report.

The report needs to circulate through the Department of Consumer Affairs to get feedback for the final document. The tasks for the final meeting of the Childbirth Attendance Committee will be to come to a consensus on the findings and recommendations of the Committee for the Report.

Due to the change in direction of the Childbirth Attendance Committee, Agenda Items V and VI were not addressed.

VI. Report on Testing Requirements

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Set Date and Suggest Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at 6pm.

IX. Adjournment

Definitions:

ACNM: American College of Nurse Midwives

ACNO: American College of Naturopathic Obstetricians

AMCB: American Midwifery Certification Board

ANMCAB: American Naturopathic Medical Certification & Accreditation Board

BRN: Board of Registered Nurses

CNM: Certified Nurse Midwife

LM: Licensed Midwife

ND: Naturopathic Doctor

NARM: North American Registry of Midwives

NABNE: North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners

NPLEX: Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations