

2-9-2017

NYSALM Board Meeting - conference call
5pm – 7pm

Respectfully submitted by Mimi Niles

Attendees:

Downstate: Karen Jefferson, Mimi Niles, Pat Burkhardt, Carole Bues, Sascha James-
Conterelli James, Trinisha Williams, Lily Dalke, Maria Mendoza
HV: Alice Gilgoff, Susanrachel Condon, Rachel Ritter
NE: Claudia Gersten
Midstate: Julie Carlson
LI: Ann Visser

Meeting Notes from December 2016– minutes approved as written (Pat Burkhardt, Susanrachel Condon, Ann Visser)

- To be uploaded to website.

**Committee & Region Reports created by Sascha Conterelli-James are appreciated and will be sustained. To be posted to NYSALM website (?)*

Board/Member Communication:

Karen Jefferson proposes following related to effective group communications via email:

- NYSALM Board will utilize google listserv and committee chairs – all other communication will continue as is.
- ACNM – NYS listserv: Use for **voting**: board members with voting rights –
- Concern related to transparency
- PB – suggests it is for efficiency not for secrecy, or discussion – only for voting
- Karen wants to use this platform for efficiency – without discussion from the membership at -large.
- Kate F – expresses her comfort in

ACTION ITEMS:

- Corrections related to listserv to be sent directly to ACNM/Fausto

Legislative Committee: Pat B (May 2)

- Reproductive Health Act/ Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act- bills state Senate.
- Beth & Jane at Greenburg Traurig Taurig continue to discuss strategy and tactics to move bill and NYSALM involvement forward

ACTION ITEMS:

- Need to determine who/when to send memos of support for both bills
- Share pertinent news or concerns related to legislation directly with Pat Burkhardt.
- Anyone interested in organizing for Lobby Day to contact Pat Burkhardt.
- Maria Mendoza to send policy ideas be pertinent in NYS from students at Philadelphia University who are taking health policy class

Task Force: NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) Birth Center Regulations.

- Involved: Whitney Hall, Pat Burkhardt, Karen Jefferson, Susan Rannenstad, Linda Gagliotti.
- NYS DOH is attempting to create regulations and language.
- Birth center falls under Diagnostic & Treatment center. However birth centers are a new category requiring a specific certificate of need (CON). The general sense is the DOH is trying to avoid this tedious process. The CON process will be the most challenging.
- Greenburg Traurig Taurig (GT) continues to work with NYSALM to operationalize birthcenter regulations. GT received call from DOH requesting a draft of regulation, by midwives as a means of convening the 'stakeholders'; instead of convening a roundtable of other stakeholders, such as ACOG and HANYS. Seems that the Governor's office recognizes that the CON is onerous and a barrier.
- Worst case scenario: a bill to remove the CON (article 28 – for getting a BC opened) – developed to keep hospitals in the same community; expensive, lengthy, describes what BC looks like
- GT further advises use of American Association of Birth Centers (AABC) standards and Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers (CABC) materials – and NOT present with specifics on how to 'revise' the CON – ideal strategy is to have DOH sit down with us.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Pat and Karen has call scheduled with Gottfried office to discuss CON issues
- Consider adding consumer member to board
- Follow up with AABC for support materials related to birth centers
- Continue to discuss best strategies to confront the CON issue with GT: revision or elimination of CON
- Follow up on Governor's healthcare task force (Health Care Regulation Modernization Team)
- Involve membership and consumer groups when public comment period is opened.

Program Committee: Susanrachel Condon

- Dates: October 14-15, 2017
- Reviewed draft of regional meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

- Looking for more volunteer committee members – contact Susanrachel Condon
- Send Claudia Gersten proposal for Bioreference & GenTech to sponsor an event.

NYSQA Conference – Sascha Conterelli James

- June 8 & 9: Conference title: "Birth Outcomes Matter"
- NYSQA is excited to consider a proposal on Reducing primary c/s as Podium presentation – we can suggest speakers.
- Karen Jefferson suggested Leslie Cragen or Lisa Kane Low? They will provide a presentation and proposal to submit.
- Members reiterated value of having Midwife as keynote speaker on DAY ONE
- Perinatal partnership update –15 min presentation on NYSALM agenda

ACTION ITEMS:

- Advocate for midwifery keynote speaker to present on DAY 1 of conference.
- Send email link for poster abstracts & Distribute requests for abstracts to graduate programs – especially midwives and nurses

Communication Committee: Rachel Ritter

- Looking for guidance on how to engage politically. What can and cannot be said and shared... (600 NYSALM members) on issues such as abortion, political topics? Republican health agenda?
- Will continue to strategize ways to promote the organization while also sharing pertinent health news and events

ACTION ITEMS:

- Inquire at ACNM communication for clearer guidance posting
- Contact: Mchristopher@acnm.org – new communications director at ACNM

Statement on midwives as Abortion Providers -Kate Finn.

- Kate Finn drafted a position statement on midwives as abortion providers in an effort to be involved and active in this national conversation. Currently abortion is clearly addressed by International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) but not by ACNM.
- This document may serve to ask ACNM to speak to this larger issue.
- All language is from ACNM document as well as conscious refusal.
- ACNM competency committee yet to convene and set their agenda. We could make a request to reach out to have this included for consideration.
- The need to survey our members to assess whether a majority will be supportive
- Bring to larger membership for discussion and input
 - To be transparent with our membership
 - Educational opportunity for our membership to engage on this topic.
 - To keep our membership active and that their voice is being heard and there is a place to voice it.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Contact Stephanie Tillman -- strong advocate on MWs as AB providers as well as ACNM Board Member, Secretary.
- Offer survey to membership via Survey Monkey to collect responses
- Mimi & Kate to reach out to ST at ACNM and coordinate member survey.

Membership, Trinisha Williams

- Lists are available from ACNM directly.
- Kate Finn has list from 2013 SCD list does not include contact information.

ACTION ITEMS

- Karen to contact K. Dermady at Board of Midwifery– for updated list with names and town/counties.
- Region representatives can then potentially use this to reach out to active/non-active members.

Twinning: Karen Jefferson)

- PA and NJ have reached out to NYSALM for support, guidance, and inspiration

ACTION ITEMS

- Include them for December meeting as well as regional meeting?
- Invitation to our board meeting.

NYSALM Buffalo chapter is no longer operational

- Dissolved and residual monies – unable to revitalize the chapter at this time.

- Keep it earmarked as income from Buffalo on budget as separate line item.

Budget: Pat Burkhardt. & Ann Visser

- Budgetary cushion for 2017, even if we don't make the anticipated revenue for the regional meeting.
- Birdie to send Pat updated projected regional meeting budget based on 150 people.
- Board to consider covering the cost for a presenter to the NYSPA conference for speaker (travel, accommodation)

NYSALM supporting NYC hospital midwives

- Allison Yager (NYC DOH _ MCH policy person) is interested in the Reducing primary Cesarean initiative. A collaboration between NYC midwives and DOH to reduce C/s is encouraged. NYSALM to make connections and introduction – but not involved as stakeholder.
- NYSALM to consider addressing other concerns of downstate/NYC midwives such as Admitting privileges/discharge privileges?
- Distinguishing NYSALMs role from NYC Midwives – or creating a partnership between the two given the deeper, richer and wider perspective of NYSALM. There is a history between NYC Midwives and NYSALM that has not been capitalized on.

ACTION ITEMS

- May invite directors to discuss common concerns.
- NYC Region reps to connect and organize to consider how to get NYC Midwives more involved in NYSALM.

Issue at Glens Falls Hospitals: Claudia Gersten.

- Claudia discussed issue related a new practice of having chart reviews for midwives and physician assistants every 8 months following an incident at Glen Falls. This was initiated without any input from midwives. Leadership is unaware of midwife practice parameters, licensure, independent practice.

ACTION ITEMS

- Lily Dalke will send IMPACT letter regarding independent practice – address letter to Bob Pringle and Serena Coombs and Department of Nursing at Glen Falls
- Karen to send Bylaws from St. Peters to Claudia

Members News:

Congrats to Rachel Ritter for accepting a position at Albany Medical!

Upcoming Board Meetings:

May 1 before Lobby Day (May 2) Albany, GT

June 7 (before NYSPA, June 8-9) Albany, GT

Oct 13 (day before Region I conference Oct. 14) Hudson Valley

December 4 in NYC, GT