

ALASKA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES
FY 2013 ANNUAL REPORT
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES for FY 2014

The Direct-entry Midwifery Board's Goals and Objectives are as follows:

Goal #1

Carry out the assigned duties of the Board:

Objective #1: Conduct two Board meetings a year. Subject to available funding, hold one board meeting in Juneau in the legislative session to promote communication with legislators.

Objective #2: Administer exam for certification as CDM, approve qualified applicants for certification and apprentice permits.

Objective #3: Continue to modify and adopt regulations to reflect current practice and safety protocols.

Objective #4: Review investigative reports, monitor disciplinary actions and provide professional direction to the Division of Occupational Licensing Investigative staff regarding current cases.

Objective #5: Continue to approve new Continuing Education programs that meet the requirements of the regulations.

Objective #6: Continue revision of peer review process to ensure an acceptable level of care and safety as provided in the regulations.

Goal #2

Work toward keeping license fees low:

Objective #1: Continue to explore and encourage the use of a legal defense fund by the Division of Occupational Licensing.

Objective #2: Increase professional and public awareness of direct-entry midwifery certification opportunities.

Objective #3: Increase professional education and awareness of statutes and regulations and the investigative process for the purpose of decreasing investigative incidents.

Goal #3

Future Projects:

Objective #1: Add CPM to future statute project as a way to qualify for licensure.

Objective #2: Address 08.65.090 (b) (2) in future statute project to explore ways to allow preceptors from other states.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR FY 2014

Focus Area (Check all that apply)

- Economic Development
- Government Within Our Means
- National Regulatory/Industry Changes
- Enhance Public Protection

1. Subject and Proposed Language (include intent and statutory reference)

Move all of the required Practices AS 08.65.140 out of statute and into regulation. Once this occurs the technical and medical aspects of midwifery will be placed directly into regulation. This will allow the Board to keep the required and prohibitive practices of direct-entry midwifery in line with the current standard of care.

2. Explain the benefits the proposed legislation would provide.

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3. Explain the consequences, if any, of not implementing the proposed statutory change.

The board currently is unable to update Required Practices to remain current with standards of care.

4. Describe any potential negative impacts of this legislation and how they would be minimized.

Unknown

5. Who do you anticipate will support the bill and why? Include municipalities, groups, etc...

Midwives Association of Alaska, Certified Direct-Entry Midwives and home birth families want required practices to remain current with the standards of care.

6. Who do anticipate will oppose the bill and why?

Unknown

7. What other state departments will be affected by this legislation? Have you discussed the impact with the affected departments, and if so who and do they support this bill?

None

8. Identify and describe any previous state or federal legislation or similar efforts in other states which affect or relate to this proposal.

Unknown

9. Has this bill topic been previously introduced in the legislature? If so, what was the final outcome and why?

No

10. In the event questions should be raised during review of this request, please indicate below which board member should be contacted:

Cheryl Corrick, CDM and Mary 'Jennie' Grimwood, Public Member