

MEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes	Date: 4/1/2015
	Time Convened: 11:33am EST
	Time Adjourned: 1:45pm EST
	Type of Meeting: Teleconference
Attendees:	Board members: Stephanie Mills, Heidi Fillmore, Henci Goer, Abigail Aiyepola, Nichole Reding, Sora Colvin, Ana Vollmar, Kristi Ridd-Young, Andrea Ferroni, Mary Yglesia Staff: Sandra Bitonti Stewart, Jessica Kelly-Shaieb, Karin Borgerson
Absent:	Nellie Eshleman
Notes taken by:	Jessica Kelly-Shaieb

Minutes

Agenda Item:	Consent Agenda	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd Young
Documents:	2015_01_27 Minutes BOD Meeting_DRAFT; School Status Report_2015-03; March 2015 Profit and Loss Report.		
Discussion:	<p>Kristi describes items on consent agenda, and asks for comments.</p> <p>Sandra shares update to School Status Report adding Mercy in Action has applied for initial accreditation.</p> <p>No additional comments or questions.</p>		
Conclusions:	Motion to accept consent agenda: Andrea Ferroni. Second: Sora Colvin. Opposed: None. Abstain: None.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
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Agenda Item:	Accreditation – BUDM Deferral of Accreditation Decision	Presenter:	Karin Borgerson
Documents:	2015-03-23 BUDM ARC recommendation to defer accreditation vote		
Discussion:	<p>Mary Yglesia recuses herself and leaves the call.</p> <p>Karin Borgerson presents the history of the BUDM accreditation process. She explains that the ARC is proposing the deferral of the decision because BUDM was the first school to undergo a reaccreditation under the new standards, requiring some flexibility in the timeline to address the use of new accreditation tools and training.</p> <p>Board discusses reasons and implications of proposed deferral.</p> <p>Mary rejoins teleconference.</p>		
Conclusions:	Motion to accept the ARC recommendation and defer the decision on the renewal of accreditation for the Master of Science in Midwifery at Bastyr University until no		

later than March 31, 2016: Henci Goer. Second: Nichole Reding. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Recused: Mary Yglesia.		
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Agenda Item:	Accreditation – EC/IC Report on NCM Complaint	Presenter:	Sandra Bitonti Stewart; Stephanie Mills
Documents:	2015_03_24 Report from EC to MEAC Board re NCM complaint resolution_final		
Discussion:	<p>Sora Colvin and Andrea Ferroni recuse themselves from the conversation and leave the call.</p> <p>Sandra reviews the highlights from the report from the Executive Committee to the MEAC Board of Directors regarding the NCM complain resolution and presents the three recommendations.</p> <p>Board members ask questions about EC recommendations and discuss responses. They note that the discussion of the complaint process is related to the decision on whether to defer the accreditation decision.</p>		

Conclusions:	<p>Motion to accept three recommendations proposed by the Executive Committee: Nichole Reding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend that the MEAC Board delay any decision relative to its reaccreditation review pending the outcome of: the investigation and possible site visit to Newlife, resolution of the complaint and third party report, and further consideration of NCM’s “school without walls” or dyad model of education in relation to MEAC’s standards. (See 2015_03_23 NCM EC recommendation to defer accreditation) 2. Recommend that MEAC prepare list of audits/interviews needed to gather information on: the relationship between the two institutions (NCM and Newlife), whether their arrangement falls properly within MEAC’s scope of accreditation and standards, and to gauge the extent of any confusion on the part of students regarding Newlife’s accreditation status per the complaint. Consider the possibility of either a virtual or physical site visit with the NCM and Newlife (in accordance with MEAC P&P Section III J). 3. Based upon the Board’s findings and perspective after further investigation and possible site visit, MEAC will work to formulate a set of recommendations for NCM that will bring it into compliance with MEAC’s standards and US Department of Education regulations for correspondence education or general principles of contract training. <p>Second: Kristi Ridd-Young. Abstain: None. Opposed: None. Recused: Sora Colvin; Andrea Ferroni.</p>		
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Agenda Item:	Accreditation – NCM Deferral of Accreditation Decision	Presenter:	Karin Borgerson
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Documents:	2015-03-23 NCM EC recommendation to defer accreditation vote		
Discussion:	Board discusses reasonable timeline for the work to finish the accreditation process and agrees on January 31, 2016.		
	Sora Colvin and Andrea Ferroni rejoin the teleconference after the vote.		
Conclusions:	Motion to accept the ARC recommendation and defer the decision on the renewal of accreditation for National College of Midwifery until no later than January 31, 2016: Ana Vollmar. Second: Stephanie Mills. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Recused: Sora Colvin; Andrea Ferroni.		
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Agenda Item:	Accreditation – NMI Interim Report	Presenter:	Sora Colvin
Documents:	2015-03 NMI IR 9-15 ARC Report		
Discussion:	Jessica Kelly-Shaieb provides context for the interim report.		
	Sora Colvin facilitates the presentation of the ARC’s recommendations and the IBRs’ findings on all benchmarks identified in the interim report. Board members ask questions. ARC members and IBR provide responses to those questions.		
Conclusions:	Motion to accept the ARC Report and the recommendations of the IBRs: Andrea Ferroni. Second: Heidi Fillmore. Abstain: None. Opposed: None.		
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Agenda Item:	Expansion of MEAC scope of recognition to include lactation programs	Presenter:	Sandra Bitonti Stewart
Documents:	4 Costs and Benefits of Scope Expansion_2015_03; Letter from BCM re expansion of scope 2014_12; Report #3 to MEAC Board_ scope of recognition_2015_03		
Discussion:	Nichole Reding is invited to present a statement on behalf of BCM, but she declines. Board members have opportunity ask Nichole, as an expert in lactation education, questions. Nichole answers questions regarding scope, curriculum, standards, and IBLCE approval for accreditation agencies.		
	Nichole Reding recuses herself from the remaining discussion and leaves the call.		
	Sandra presents the report addressing two questions: 1. Should MEAC seek to expand its USDE scope of recognition to include Lactation Consultation programs? and 2. Should MEAC seek to become an IBLCE-approved accreditor? and a list of possible motions for the Board to consider.		
	Board conducts discussion about costs and benefits of the various options.		

Board clarifies language of motion.

Conclusions: Motion to:

- maintain current USDE scope with regard to midwifery education,
- edit Section G P&P language to remove accreditation of non-midwifery programs, and
- notify BCM of
 - decision not to pursue expansion of scope and
 - instruction not to include lactation program students in upcoming SER:

Henci Goer. Second: Heidi. Abstain: Abigail; Andrea Opposed: none.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Notify BCM of MEAC's decision. ✓ Work with legal counsel to bring revised P&P back to board for approval. 	Sandra	ASAP
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Agenda Item: Out of Country Moratorium Stakeholder Feedback Analysis and Discussion	Presenter:	
Documents: Combined Quantative and Qualitative Analysis; 5 Figures for Combined Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis; 5 Figures for MEAC OOC Survey QuantAnalysis; Qualitative Analysis OOC; 5 QuantAnalysis of the MEAC OOC Survey		
Discussion: This conversation was tabled to the April 9, 2015, meeting.		
Conclusions:		
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Agenda Item: Upcoming Meeting Dates	Presenter: Kristi Ridd Young	
Documents:		
Discussion: Special Board Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2015 11:00 – 12:30 pm EST US MERA Spring Meeting: Maryland, April 25-27, 2015 Board Meeting: June 1, 2015 11:30 – 1:30 pm EST MANA Convention: Albuquerque, October 15-18, 2015 Fall in-person Board meeting: October 20-22, 2015 (travel days: October 19 and 23)		
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