

MEAC Board of Directors Meeting	Date: October 21, 2015
	Time Convened: 9:00 am
	Time Adjourned: 7:00 pm
	Type of Meeting: In Person
Attendees:	Board members: Abigail Aiyepola, Sora Colvin, Karen Ehrlich, Andrea Ferroni, Heidi Fillmore, Henci Goer, Cassaundra Jah, Stephanie Mills (by phone), Nichole Reding, Kristi Ridd-Young, Ana Vollmar Staff: Sandra Bitonti Stewart, Tracy Vilella Gartenmann, Karin Borgerson, Julia Reid
Absent:	None
Notes taken by:	Tracy Vilella Gartenmann, Julia Reid, Karin Borgerson

Minutes

Agenda Item:	Barriers to Accreditation: Phase II	Presenter:	Julia
Documents:	Barriers-School Profile Graphs Handout; Overview Barriers to Accreditation Handout; Reducing Barriers to Accreditation Handout.		
Discussion:	Julia reviews main findings from barriers to accreditation research and presents on next steps from our Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery (FAM) grant. Tracy introduces new calculator for MEAC website. Intent is to help prospective schools calculate direct and indirect accreditation costs. Goal to go live by end of 2015. Board discusses barriers research and brainstorms project priorities.		
Conclusions:	None.		
	Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓	Staff to complete deliverables for FAM Grant	Julia/Tracy	06/31/2016

Agenda Item:	Clinical Training Task Force Update	Presenter:	Abigail
Documents:	None.		
Discussion:	Abigail presents current research being conducted by the Clinical Training Taskforce. MEAC school student volunteers will help analyze survey responses. Final report is expected for US MERA meeting Spring 2016. Board discusses Clinical Training Taskforce survey and makes recommendations for additions to research.		
Conclusions:	None.		
	Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓	None		

Agenda Item: Accreditation Activity: BUDM Substantive Change	Presenter: Karin and Andrea	
Documents: BUDM_SC-Botanicals_ ARC Report 2015-10-18		
Discussion: Andrea presents IBR findings to BOD. Board discusses recommendations and asks for clarification on some points. Karin provides responses.		
Conclusions: Motion to approve substantive change with interim reports as recommended in ARC report: Sora Colvin. Second: Andrea Ferroni. Approve: Abigail Aiyepola, Heidi Fillmore, Henci Goer, Stephanie Mills, Nichole Reding, Kristi Ridd-Young, Ana Vollmar Abstain: Cassaundra Jah and Karen Ehrlich.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Staff to notify BUDM of Board decision	Karin	11/2015

Agenda Item: Accreditation Activity: 2014 Annual Reports	Presenter: Karin	
Documents: 2015-10 Staff Recommendation on Completion Retention Deficiencies (PPT)		
Discussion: Karin introduces observer from US Department of Education Rachael Shultz. Karin provides overview to 2014 Annual Reporting Process and key indicators. Board review of 2014 annual reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recused board members leave room for each discussion as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BUDM: Abigail ○ BCM: Nichole ○ BMS: Heidi, Stephanie, Ana ○ FSTM: none ○ MLL: none ○ MCU: Kristi ○ NCM: Cassaundra, Sora, Andrea ○ NMI: Cassaundra ○ NIZ: Abigail ○ SWTC: none • Independent Board Reviewers (IBRs) present findings on each school's annual report. • All board decisions regarding 2014 annual reports were tabled 		
Conclusions: None.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ None.		

Agenda Item: Meeting Observation Follow-Up (A)	Presenter: Rachael Schultz, Department of Education	
Documents: None.		
Discussion: Rachael commends Sandra for quality of written petition. Rachael expresses serious concerns with failure of Board to enforce strict compliance timelines and Standards. Notifies Board that she may amend her Staff Analysis after further discussion with her supervisor and that MEAC may no longer be on NACIQI Consent Agenda.		
Conclusions: None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ None.		

Agenda Item: Meeting Observation Follow-Up (B)	Presenter: Tracy and Sandra	
Documents: None.		
Discussion: Board members share immediate reaction to feedback from USDE observer. Tracy recommends moving final agenda item (Corresponding Education and Distance Education presentation) to a later date/time TBD. Staff will consult with attorney about feedback from USDE observer, including recommendations for immediate next steps.		
Conclusions: None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ None.		