

<h1>MEAC Member Schools Meeting</h1>	Date: January 27, 2020						
	Time Convened: Noon – 12pm PST Time Adjourned: 12:57 PM PST						
	Type of Meeting: (Virtual meeting with screenshare and audio via Zoom)						
Attendees (Present Yes/No):							
MEAC Member Schools							
Bastyr Department of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Gordon 							
Birthingway College of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicole Redding 							
Birthwise Midwifery School							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 							
Commonsense Childbirth School of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 							
Florida School of Traditional Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 							
Mercy in Action College of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vicki Penwell 							
Midwives College of Utah							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristi Ridd Young Megan Koontz 							
National College of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cassandra Jah 							
National Midwifery Institute							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin Ryan Leah Hamilton 							
Nizhoni Institution of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claudia Breglia 							
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilary Schlinger 							
MEAC Board Members							
Mariana Cerqueira	No	Aimee Eden	No	Karen Ehrlich	No	Gina Gerboth	No
Cassandra Jah	Yes	A. Maya Johnson	No	Katie Krebs	No	Safiya McCarter	No
Whitney Meysef	No	Abigail Reese	No	Kristi Ridd-Young	Yes		
MEAC Administrative Staff							
Rachael Bommarito	No	Amari Fauna	Yes	Trixi Packmohr (Listening only)	Yes	Marissa Delgado Ohoyo	Yes
Guests							
Sharon Wells – College Traditional Midwifery							
Notes taken by: Marissa Delgado Ohoyo							

Minutes

Agenda Item:	General MEAC updates	Presenter:	Amari Fauna
Documents:	N/A		
Discussion:	1. On track with strategic plan a. Establish organizational stability, strong leadership and effective processing systems. b. Establish financial stability and subsequently ease the financial		

<p>burden on schools. – have received some large donations to offset school fees</p> <p>c. Infuse equity, access and justice into the foundation of midwifery education and accreditation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. MEAC’s Executive Committee: Aimee Eden (Secretary), Kristi Ridd-Young VP Outreach and Treasurer, Cassaundra Jah (President), Safiya McCarter (VP Accreditation) 3. Board Member Nominations Forms available online (deadline June 15) 4. ARC Members needed 5. Results of Bylaw Changes vote (December 2019)
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Conclusions:		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider volunteering on an ARC ✓ Consider joining the BOD ✓ Consider nominating someone for the BOD 		
Change to P+P ?	Change to Handbook?	Notify public or schools?

Agenda Item:	Status of Standard Revision	Presenter:	Safiya McCarter
Documents:	N/A		
Discussion:	Safiya was not present to make a presentation. Amari presented– There is a draft to be voted on by the BOD for release to public for comment in late April.		
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Agenda Item:	Educators Convening Planning Meeting	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
Documents:	HRSA PDF with All the DETAILS		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title VII of Public Health Service Act now available for midwifery schools to access. NACPM & MEAC Task force meeting to assist any schools that wish to apply. Every MEAC member school received a call from Mary Lawlor or Kristi Ridd-Young regarding grant opportunity. • Application to apply for grant became available January 3rd and is due March 3rd. • NACPM is arranging the midwifery related webinars with contracted grant writers to help schools prepare for applicaiton. The webinars will be available to all MEAC member schools, not just those applying this year but will help planning for next time. • In addition, there are tech assistance webinars scheduled that are provided by HRSA. (see HRSA PDF for details) 		

Questions: Vicki Penwell could not find the matching funds language?
Answer: Three things to consider: 1. Maintenance of Effort: The recipient must agree to maintain non-federal funding for award activities at a level that is not less than expenditures for such activities during the fiscal year prior to receiving the award, as required by Section 797(b) of the PHS Act. (p. 13 of guidelines). 2. Although we must maintain the scholarship budget from last year, we are not limited to that amount in our application. We can request up to \$650,000, with \$40,000 per student. 3. Just because we CAN request \$650k does not mean I think we should. p. 12: Cost Sharing/Matching is not required for this program.

Question: Wendy Gordon: What is the name of grant consultants:
Answer: Kristi Ridd-Young will look up and email to all the schools on the member school meeting email.

Comment: Nichole Redding - offered thank you to NACPM and MEAC for taking on this large project in a small amount of time. It is a seminal moment in midwifery education. Cassaundrah Jah extended more words of gratitude.

Conclusions: Kristi Ridd-Young will send out answers to questions asked on call to schools on member school email list.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plan to attend technical assistance webinars ✓ Schools make a donation to help move this project forward, any amount will help 		
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Agenda Item:	Annual Accreditation Report	Presenter:	Amari Fauna
Documents:	Amari will email to all member schools MEAC Annual Accreditation Report 2019 – member school version MEAC Annual Accreditation Report 2019 – public version		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amari went over highlights of the report of the accreditation activities MEAC has done in 2019 as well as comparison data from the 2018 Annual Reports. Please <i>Note the section in the Member School Version regarding Key Indicator 11 not being for public release or used in marketing or advertising materials.</i> • Thank you for helping MEAC continue to meet USDE requirements by keeping the data in that section confidential. I've also attached a public version with KI-11 data redacted. The redacted version will be made publicly available on MEAC's website. <p>Comment: Cassaundra shared that this level accountability makes the organization and in turn midwifery education and MEAC schools stronger.</p>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consider volunteering for MEAC as a Reviewer or BOD member ✓ Key indicator 11 data cannot be used publicly since it is not verified data re DOE ✓ Amari will add years that used in key indicator analysis into report as a reference 		
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Agenda Item: Questions and Answers	Presenter: Cassandra Jah	
Documents:		
Discussion: Question: Wendy Gordon: What is the status of Weave?		
<p>Answer: In final stages of making sure all language will match. Pilot schools will be using this spring and will be released to them in the next few weeks. All member schools will have access to Weave by June. 2019 Annual reports will be submitted through Weave.</p> <p>Comments: WEAVE is the online accreditation portal that MEAC has contracted with to use during accreditation processes. For example, in Weave, SERs and appendices can be submitted and reviewed within the system. The entire team can be in the workspace collaborating to create submission. Eventually all accreditation reporting will be conducted within Weave. There will be training materials released to each new member school as they are brought into the portal.</p> <p>Announcement: Next Member School Meeting is on April 27, 2020 (3pm eastern time)</p>		
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