

MEAC Board of Directors Meeting						Date: April 8, 2020	
						Time Convened: 2:04pm Central	
						Time Adjourned: 4:25 pm Central	
						Type of Meeting: Videoconference	
Attendees (Present Yes/No):							
Board Members							
Cassandra Jah	Yes	Kristi Ridd-Young	Yes	Safiya McCarter	Yes	Aimee Eden	Yes
Abigail Reese	Yes	Karen Ehrlich	Yes	Gina Gerboth	Yes	Katie Krebs	Yes
Whitney Mesyef	Yes						
Administrative Staff							
Rachael Bommarito	Yes	Amari Fauna	Yes	Trixi Packmohr	Yes	Marissa Delgado Ohoyo	Yes
Jessica Baynes	No						
Guests: None							
Notes taken by: Rachael Bommarito							

Minutes

Agenda Item:	Best Practice Guidelines for Transfer from Planned Home Birth to Hospital	Presenter:	
Documents:			
Discussion:	<p>Would MEAC like to endorse the Best Practice Guidelines for Transfer from Planned Home Birth to Hospital? Available at https://www.birthplacelab.org/best-practice-guidelines-for-transfer-and-collaboration/</p> <p>Board discusses.</p>		
Conclusions:	<p>Karen Ehrlich moves that MEAC endorse the Best Practice Guidelines for Transfer from Planned Home Birth to Hospital.</p> <p>Cassandra Jah seconds.</p> <p>Recused: none</p> <p>Opposed: none</p> <p>Abstaining: none</p> <p>Motion passes.</p>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ MEAC endorsement		Trixi Packmohr, Cassandra Jah	04/10/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? no	

Agenda Item:	Consent Agenda	Presenter:	
Documents:	Board Meeting Minutes 2019-02-05 April 2020 School Status Report April, May, and June 2020 IBR Assignments Executive Director Report Director of Accreditation Report 2020-03-23 Board Vote re: COVID-19 MEAC deadline changes and temporary use of virtual site visits passed unanimously		
Discussion:	Remove Board Meeting Minutes 2019-02-05 from the consent agenda; they appear to contain a typo. Discussion: Is “2020-01 Budget vs Actual Financial Report” supposed to read “2020-2021 Budget vs Actual”? No, 2020-01 means January 2020. Okay. No typo.		
Conclusions:	Kristi Ridd-Young moves to accept the consent agenda, minus the February Board minutes. Abigail Reese seconds. Recused: none Opposed: none Abstaining: 1 Motion passes. Discussion re: possible typo in February Board meeting minutes. See above. Karen Ehrlich moves to accept the minutes from the February 2020 Board meeting. Kristi Ridd-Young seconds. Recused: none Opposed: none Abstaining: 1 Motion passes.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓			
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? no	

Agenda Item:	Project X	Presenter:	Safiya McCarter
Documents:			
Discussion:	MEAC is in the Adaptability Phase of its work with Project X which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal work (e.g. guided self-study, individual presentations during scheduled Board meetings + discussion) • Systems development work 		

This work has come to a halt. How does MEAC want to proceed? Restart? Wait until after COVID-19 crisis passes? Project X can adjust its timeline for working with MEAC, as needed.

Practicing midwives are extremely busy during COVID-19 with very little time for other activities (e.g., self-study). At the same time, inequities and health disparities are playing out during the pandemic.

Clarification of workload for Board members who are not presenting at a given meeting.

Often equity-related work is seen as extra, not integral and woven into an organization’s work. It gets pushed to the background and resources get diverted away from it. MEAC is committed to centering equity work, while staying flexible.

Plan for moving forward:

MEAC Equity and Access Committee will take a leadership role in moving the adaptability phase forward. They will make Project X resources available to Board members and create a way for Board members and staff to sign up to present at Board meetings. Presentations will start at the June 2020 meeting. Abby Reese, Cassaundra Jah, and Karen Ehrlich volunteered to present at the June meeting.

Call for participants:

All Board members are welcome to join the Equity and Access Committee.

Conclusions: Time will be allotted at the June 2020 MEAC Board meeting for individual presentations and discussion. Three Board members will be presenting.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Equity and Access Committee make Project X materials and sample presentations available to MEAC Board members and staff.	Safiya McCarter and Katie Krebs	ASAP
✓ Self-study	All Board members and staff	ongoing
✓ Prepare individual presentations	Abby Reese, Cassaundra Jah, Karen Ehrlich	June 3
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? no

Agenda Item:	Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Direct Entry Midwife Program 2020-01-07 Compliance Report	Presenter:	Abby Reese
Documents:	SWTC 2020-01-07 CR IBR and Staff Report		
Discussion:	Abby Reese presents the IBR report and recommendations. Board discusses.		
Conclusions:	<p>Karen Ehrlich moves to accept the IBR recommended finding of Satisfactory for 2018 Annual Report Key Indicator 5 with no further action required at this time.</p> <p>Cassandra Jah seconds.</p> <p>Recused: none</p> <p>Opposed: none</p> <p>Abstaining: none</p> <p>Motion passes.</p>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Board Report and notification to program		Marissa Delgado Ohoyo	4/22/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? yes	

Agenda Item:	Mercy in Action College of Midwifery 2020-01-15 Monitoring Report	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
Documents:	MIACOM 2020-01-15 MR IBR and Staff Report		
Discussion:	Kristi Ridd-Young presents the IBR report and recommendation to find II.E2 Not Met with a compliance report. Board discusses.		
Conclusions:	<p>Karen Ehrlich moves to accept the IBR recommended score of Not Met for benchmark II.E2 with a compliance report due 3 months from notification demonstrating that the level of study and quality of work required are appropriate to the bachelor's degree level, as opposed to the associate's or master's degree level.</p> <p>Safiya McCarter second.</p> <p>Board discusses whether MIACOM needs to compare and contrast bachelor's level of study and quality of work to associate's and/or master's degree level.</p> <p>Kristi Ridd-Young offers an amendment to the motion: to accept the IBR recommended score of Not Met for benchmark II.E2 with a compliance report due 3 months from notification demonstrating that the level of study and quality of work required are appropriate to the degree offered.</p>		

<p>Karen Ehrlich accepts the amendment.</p> <p>No further discussion.</p> <p>Recused: none Opposed: none Abstaining: none Motion passes.</p>			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Board Report and notification to school		Marissa Delgado Ohoyo	4/22/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? yes	

Agenda Item:	National College of Midwifery 2019-12-01 Compliance Report	Presenter:	Aimee Eden
Documents:	NCM 2019-12-01 CR IBR and Staff Report		
Discussion:	<p>Cassandra Jah recused, leaves meeting.</p> <p>Aimee Eden presents the IBR report and recommendations. Board discusses.</p>		
Conclusions:	<p>Kristi Ridd-Young moves to accept the IBR recommended score of Met-1 for benchmark III.E2 with a notice to the school that course instructors who do not hold degrees at the degree level to which they are teaching or higher may not petition to teach unsupervised. No further action required at this time. Katie Krebs seconds.</p> <p>Karen Ehrlich offers an amendment to the motion: to assign a monitoring report requiring the school to provide primary documentation of how they are supervising un-degreed faculty members.</p> <p>Kristi Ridd-Young does not accept the amendment.</p> <p>Karen Ehrlich withdraws the amendment.</p> <p>Recused: Cassandra Jah Opposed: none Abstaining: 1 Motion passes.</p>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Board Report and notification to school		Marissa Delgado Ohoyo	4/22/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? yes	

Agenda Item:	National College of Midwifery 2019-01-07 Compliance Report	Presenter:	Aimee Eden
Documents:	NCM 2020-01-07 CR IBR and Staff Report		
Discussion:	Cassandra Jah recused, left meeting during previous agenda item and has not returned. Aimee Eden presents the IBR report and recommendations. Board discusses.		
Conclusions:	Kristi Ridd-Young moves to find benchmark I.C2 Met-2 with no further action required at this time. Karen Ehrlich seconds. Recused: Cassandra Jah Opposed: none Abstaining: none Motion passes.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Board Report and notification to the school		Marissa Delgado Ohoyo	4/22/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? yes	

Agenda Item:	Bastyr University Department of Midwifery, Master of Science in Midwifery Program 2020-01-07 Compliance Report	Presenter:	Gina Gerboth
Documents:	BUDM 2020-01-07 CR IBR and Staff Report		
Discussion:	Safiya McCarter recused. Marissa Ohoyo recused. Both leave meeting. Cassandra Jah rejoins the meeting. Gina Gerboth presents the IBR report and recommendations. Board discusses.		
Conclusions:	Gina Gerboth moves to accept the IBR recommended finding of Satisfactory for 2018 Annual Report Key Indicator 5 with no further monitoring reporting required at this time. However, the program is required to send an email to MEAC confirming their 2018 headcount. Katie Krebs seconds. Recused: Safiya McCarter Opposed: none Abstaining: none Motion passes.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Board Report and notification to the school		Rachael Bommarito	4/22/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? yes	

Agenda Item:	Midwives College of Utah 2020-01-07 Monitoring Report	Presenter:	Aimee Eden
Documents:	MCU 2020-01-07 MR IBR and Staff Report		
Discussion:	Aimee Eden presents the IBR report and recommendations. Board discusses.		
Conclusions:	Karen Ehrlich moves to accept the IBR recommended finding of Satisfactory for 2018 Annual Report Key Indicator 13 with no additional reporting required at this time. Aimee Eden seconds. Recused: Kristi Ridd-Young, Gina Gerboth, Whitney Mesyef Opposed: none Abstaining: none Motion passes.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Board Report and notification to school		Rachael Bommarito	4/22/20
Change to P+P? no	Change to Handbook? no	Notify public or schools? yes	