

PALM Phone Meeting March 25, 2020

Called to order at 6:23 p.m by Jami Morris, President

Introductions: Jami Morris, Alex Wagner, Lori Gibson, Susan Smart, Joanne Gottschall, Sandy Glenn, Sheila Dell

Guests: Jessica Day, CNM; Judy Fry, CNM; Nicole Lavallee, LM, CPM

Jessica Day stated that she has suggestions for updates to our regulations in order to provide better access to what our clients need. Judy Fry agreed with the following suggestions.

1. Recommendation: In the draft of suggestions, section F4bb change "Estimated fetal weight less than 2500 grams or greater than 5000 grams" to Fundal Height greater than or less than 3cm difference in gestational age for 2 or more consecutive prenatal appointments.
  - a. Rationale: ACNM recommendation. Using grams is subjective and indicates that the client would need to have an ultrasound.
2. Add telemed/ virtual visits with a medical provider for required medical visits at the discretion of the provider.
  - a. Rationale: Removes hardship of travel, client can still call in if sick, precedent has been established during CoViD-19 pandemic. Insurance companies, including medicaid, will reimburse/ pay for telemed visits. Medical providers conducting telemed visits can send prescriptions to home birth clients as needed.
3. Supportive of midwives use of IV fluids, but would like to ensure that GBS prophylaxis as well as protocol of antibiotic sensitivity is in place.
  - a. Rationale: If a client GBS positive the option of IV antibiotics should be offered. It can be administered in a home setting.
4. Would like to see consistent basic prenatal labs
  - a. Rationale: the statute and regulations are different. As a medical provider she would like to see at least the following at the initial prenatal appointment: Blood type and factor, antibody screen, RPR, Rubella, CBC, Hepatitis B. Then CBC or H/H at 28 weeks.
5. Inclusion of repair of 1st and 2nd degree lacerations.
  - a. Rationale: Must have these skills for national credential, should be able to carry out these repairs
6. VBAC: I was unable to hear a great part of this bit of the conversation... can someone add to this section? Was decided not to put this in so as to leave it a gray area ie the memo, so they will not flat out say no

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Lori Gibson, CPM, LM, MBC on March 25, 2020.*