

Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017

I. Call to order

Natalie Wommack called to order the Membership meeting of the **Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance** at **12:07 pm** on March 9, 2017, at West Houston Birth Center, 11321 Richmond Ave, Houston, TX 77082.

II. Sign-In Sheet

Ashley Musil reminded members to sign the GHMA sign-in sheet. The following persons were present:

<i>Ashley Musil</i>	<i>Camellia May</i>	<i>Jennifer Vassilas</i>
<i>Nanci Stanley</i>	<i>Shannon Stellhorn</i>	<i>Amorette Embrey</i>
<i>Melissa Bates</i>	<i>Kate Lavender</i>	<i>Tolani Ajibose</i>
<i>Jackie Griggs</i>	<i>Sandra McDonald</i>	<i>Heather Barrett</i>
<i>Natalie Wommack</i>	<i>Stephanie Palacio</i>	
<i>Kim Lane</i>		<i>Guests:</i>
<i>Carmen Aguilar</i>	<i>Students:</i>	<i>Debbie Hull</i>

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Ashley Musil read the February 2017 meeting minutes aloud. Nanci motioned to approve the minutes. Jackie seconded the motion with unanimous approval by members.

IV. Business Meeting

- A. ATM Report:** Nanci gave the ATM report. The ATM Conference is Sunday to Tuesday, April 30 to May 2 this year. The website to register is atmconference.org. Kim Lane has assembled a student kit for the silent auction. Anyone who would like to donate oils for an auction set from GHMA may give to Nanci by the next meeting.
- B. AABC:** Jackie is going to the AABC board meeting in April. The hospital birth center controversy will be discussed. GHMA members discussed the concerns that are being addressed by AABC.
- C. School Outreach:** The PowerPoint is finished. Natalie suggested that we review the PowerPoint as a group and make suggestions before it is finalized.
- D. GHMA By-Laws:** Natalie and Carol proposed to change the by-laws to open all offices for vote every two years. Nanci seconded with unanimous approval. Ashley or Natalie will post a survey for all members to vote on the proposed change.
- E. EBB Classes:** Ashley Musil is teaching Evidence Based Birth classes this year. The first class in a quarterly series for birth professionals will be taught April 13 following the GHMA meeting at West Houston Birth Center. The website to register for any EBB classes with Ashley is musil.eventbrite.com.
- F. K Grant Proposal:** Erika Fuchs, MPH presented a K Grant Proposal she is preparing about vaccination education in the out-of-hospital birthing demographic. She requested support from local midwives to include with her grant proposal. She will follow up with the midwives who expressed interested in participating in the study.
- G. Education Topic Today:** Facilitating a Smooth Transfer (Stephanie Palacio)
- V. Next Meeting is April 13, 2017:** Educational topic: The Midwife's Role in Circumcision (Intact Houston).

Meeting minutes submitted by Ashley Musil, Secretary