

**Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2017**

**I. Call to order**

**Camellia May** called to order the Membership meeting of the **Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance** at **12:08 pm** on April 13, 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:

*Ashley Musil*

*Chris Duffy*

*Nanci Stanley*

*Afua Hassan*

*Students:*

*Melissa Bates*

*Cathy Rude*

*Tanya Rose*

*Carmen Aguilar*

*Jumana Parker*

*Camellia May*

*Paula Davis*

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Ashley Musil read the March 2017 meeting minutes aloud. Camellia motioned to approve the minutes. Afua seconded the motion with unanimous approval by members.

**IV. Business Meeting**

- A. ATM Report:** Paula gave the ATM report. We have a house bill and senate bill that we are participating in. Two weeks ago, the senate bill was heard and it pass on Monday. Both bills are for decriminalizing the erythromycin eye ointment, and we are hoping it will pass. The language of the bill drops out the misdemeanor portion. SB1157 and HB2886. The ATM Conference is April 30 to May 2. Rebecca Dekker is the keynote speaker. The new MANA president will also be speaking at the conference. It is her first public appearance. TDLR does not allow us to attend the workgroup meeting because they are not open to the public anymore. We have no input anymore except for the advisory board, though we can listen and watch the live feed. The new matrix has been released and will be addressed by TDLR at the conference. TDLR is working on a new Informed Choice document. Paula suggested that any midwife who can should attend the public TDLR meetings.
- B. School Outreach:** The PowerPoint is finished and uploaded to the website forum. Melissa demonstrated how to find and download the presentations from the GHMA website.
- C. GHMA By-Laws:** Ashley posted a survey link on the GHMA website for members to vote on a proposed verbiage change in the bylaws regarding executive committee voting. All members are encouraged to vote so a quorum can be reached.
- D. Annual Meeting:** The GHMA annual business meeting is next month. Members will be allowed to pay their membership dues by cash or check at this meeting only. There will also be a door prize drawing at this meeting. Voting for president and secretary positions will be open for voting.
- E. Memorial Hermann Memorial City:** Cathy Rude informed the group that Elyse Cho is a midwife now working at Memorial Hermann Memorial City, and when she is on call, she can take our transfers. She is working with Dr. De Ayala, who is hoping to have three midwives working with him someday so that there is one on call at all times.
- F. Education Topic Today:** The Midwife's Role in Circumcision (Amber Clark)
- V. Next Meeting is May 11, 2017:** Educational topic: Annual Business Meeting, no educational topic

Meeting minutes submitted by Ashley Musil, Secretary