

Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

I. Call to order

Camellia May called to order the Membership meeting of the **Greater Houston Midwives' Alliance** at 12:15 pm on August 10, 2017, at Wellspring Birth Center, 794A Russell Palmer Rd, Kingwood, TX 77339.

II. Sign-In Sheet

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

<i>Ashley Musil</i>	<i>Maria Rojas</i>	<i>Rowan Twosisters</i>
<i>Melissa Bates</i>	<i>Patricia Ghaly</i>	<i>Lamonica Hollins</i>
<i>Camellia May</i>	<i>Leah Larson</i>	<i>Frances Coleman</i>
<i>Afua Hassan</i>	<i>Cathy Rude</i>	<i>Sarah Trost</i>
<i>Sherry Rumsey</i>	<i>Kate Lavender</i>	<i>Candice Jenkins</i>
<i>Dawn Housos</i>	<i>Paula Davis</i>	<i>Shani Daniels</i>
<i>Carol Schumacher</i>	<i>Stephanie Palacio</i>	<i>Tonya Rose</i>
<i>Holly Shearman</i>	<i>Lynneece Rooney</i>	<i>Donna Brown</i>
<i>Jumana Parkar</i>		
<i>Chris Duffy</i>		

Students:

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Business Meeting

- A. ATM Report:** Paula gave the ATM report this month. There have been 4 house bills that have passed on maternal morbidity, HB 9, 10, 11, and 28. They have put together a task force for HB28 that does not include midwives. There may be an appeal about it. There is also a lot of talk about mandatory reporting of deaths for midwives. Currently, we are not required to report a death. Doctors and nurses are also not required to report it. ATM sent out a survey about midwives carrying medication without standing orders. 2018 ATM Conference will be in Dallas the last week of April.
- B. Membership Update:** Memberships dues can be paid by check today. All members must be current by August 15 to be included on the rack cards for this year. Chris suggested posting to our website the various ways that information is disseminated for this group.
- C. Education Topics:** Next month is Dr. Goharkhay speaking on IUIGR at Bay Area Birth Center. Jackie mentioned that there may be very limited space at Bay Area, so we may limit attendees to midwives only. Paula suggested having Dr. Young's wife come to speak on vaccinations. She is a biochemist. Paula will be our liaison to schedule her. Patty suggested the following topics: Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy or HELLP Syndrome. Rowan suggested her sister Dr. Blythe can come to speak to our group about perinatal mood disorders. She will contact her.
- D. BIRTH Fair:** Camellia sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our booth. Jackie mentioned that the planning meetings will start August 21 and encouraged anyone interested to participate. Discussed ideas for the table, including samples, infant scale, map, rack cards, etc.
- E. Christmas Party:** Discussed the venue for this year's GHMA Christmas party in December. Last year, it was at Baba Yega's, and members present agreed it would be a good location for this year again. We will also plan to do a book exchange as usual.
- F. Midwifery Cruise:** February 9-14, 2018 is the Oceans of Opportunity Midwifery Conference and Cruise. Information is available at oceansofopportunity.org.
- G. PSI Annual Conference 2018:** PSI (Postpartum Support International) holds a conference every year, and it will be in Houston next year in July. Information will be available at postpartum.net as it becomes available.

- H. **NRP:** Camellia mentioned NRP with Karen Strange is coming up November 15 in Kingwood. Register online at karenstrange.com/workshopregistration/kingwood.
- I. **Texas Birth Center Coalition:** Jackie mentioned that August 26 is the Texas Birth Center Coalition meeting in Dallas from 10 to 5. They will be touring three area birth centers the night before.
- J. Education Topic Today: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome in Pregnancy
- V. Next Meeting is September 14, 2017: Educational topic: IUGR (Dr. Goharkhay)

Meeting minutes submitted by Ashley Musil, Secretary