

## IHST Minutes September 12, 2012

### 1. Call to Order

-Members present: Deborah Crabbe, Amanda St. Aubin, Shelley Thorkelson, Kimberly Couch, Linda Nixon, Nikki Morris, Yohanah Levia, Brittany Simplicio

### 2. Approval of minutes from the June 2012 ACNM meeting

-A link to those minutes can be found on the members only page and under the “news” tab on the IHS/Tribal Affiliate website: [ihst.midwife.org](http://ihst.midwife.org)

-Motion of approval by Kimberly Couch, seconded by Shelley Thorkelson

### 3. Old Business

#### A. Sign up issues resolved?

-Our minutes from the June meeting include the how-to on signing up for our Affiliate from George Hamilton. Please encourage colleagues to join ACNM and this Affiliate

-Signing up for the Affiliate is done at the same time you renew your ACNM membership

- Service units/areas are able to have chapters within the affiliate

### 4. New Business

#### A. Officer's Report

President –

Vice-President – Also acting as current secretary, anyone who is interested in being our Affiliate secretary, please contact Deborah Crabbe or Amanda St. Aubin

Treasurer - Our current total is \$50 right now. We are open to any suggestions on how to use our funds as they grow.

#### B. News/announcements –

-Don't forget to sign up on the midwife list-serve organized by Carolyn Aoyama – how to is in June minutes located on website (see approval of minutes above)

- Congratulations to Brittany for receiving the Student Spotlight Award at the Center for Native American Health at UNM, <http://hsc.unm.edu/community/cnah/>

#### C. Update on member activities –

-ACNM Midwifery Pearls-evidence-based practices that can be found on the ACNM website and is accessible to members and non-members– we are trying to have access through our members only site but the presentation is too big of a file to upload. We will try to get the link to it for our members to find in our “Members” Section. Here is an explanation from the ACNM website:

Evidence-Based Practice: Pearls of Midwifery is a new ACNM presentation to assist midwives and their supporters in explaining the science and art of the midwifery model of maternity care. Designed to showcase evidence-based midwifery practice to hospital administrators, physicians, residents, students, and consumers, Evidence-Based Practice: Pearls of Midwifery emphasizes the proven benefits of normal, physiologic labor and childbirth for mothers and their newborns. Pearls is available via the **ShopACNM in the Publications section** of the site.

-Benchmarking – Phoenix has been doing it for many years, lead by Linda Nixon. Fort Defiance also participates in benchmarking. We encourage other IHS/Tribal sites to participate in this project as well. Information can be found on the ACNM website.

-Baby Friendly Health Initiative –

- Phoenix is scheduled for site visit in December. They are having issues with re-admits for dehydration and hyperbilirubinemia. Providers are coming on board, other units are becoming involved, and most have gone through education
- Shiprock- Currently moving quickly through steps and are in the process of getting everyone educated.
- Congratulations to Rosebud Comprehensive Healthcare Facility. The FIRST Indian Health Service hospital to receive official Baby Friendly Hospital designation!

#### D. IHS/Tribal Affiliate Website –

-ihst.midwife.org

-Site Intro- We encourage all member/sites to send us a bio of your site that we can put on the website. We are trying to get all IHS/Tribal sites represented on the website. Please include a contact person for your site in your write-up and possible a list of the midwives in your practice. This will also allow other sites a resource to contact if they have questions regarding certain practices or issues that may be unique within IHS/tribal practices and how they were managed at different sites.

Please send site bios to Deborah Crabbe: [Deborah.Crabbe@ihs.gov](mailto:Deborah.Crabbe@ihs.gov)

-Navigating the Website- Deborah walked us through some of the features on the website. Check it out and explore whenever you get the chance. If you have any suggestions or recommendation, please let Deborah know.

-Individual ACNM Profiles- Please update your individual profiles on the ACNM website

-Suggestions- Put link to IHS best practices on website

**E. Member Involvement in Annual Meeting –**

-Abstracts for presentations at the 2013 meeting in Nashville were due 9-15-12

-We continue to encourage all members of our Affiliate to participate in the ACNM Annual Meetings each year as presenters in poster/education sessions/workshops in order to increase awareness of IHS/tribal midwifery challenges and successes within the college. Our goal is to have at least one IHS/tribal presentation represented at the Annual Meeting every year.

-Example/suggestions for future presentations:

-SANE/SART by MaryRose Korduner and Carolyn Aoyama

-GDM updates and guidelines/management by Shelley Thorkelson

-Presentation of current research project that our Phoenix site is involved in regarding intensive maternal lifestyle modifications including food coaching/exercise/etc. and their impact on childhood obesity/diabetes.

**E. Upcoming Conferences –**

-ACNM – conference May 30 – June 4 2013 in Nashville

-An Affilaite meeting time and place will be announced as soon as we get a space.

-IHS/ACOG – working together - women’s health conferences, last one was held in August

- Navajo Area Maternal Health meeting on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Chinle, AZ. Midwifery chapter will have their meeting in the morning prior to Maternal Health meeting

-Indigenous Women's Health meeting in 2013, date may change

-Please watch our web site and we will post upcoming meetings of interest

**F. PAC – We can’t contribute as an affiliate due to our association to the federal government, but individuals are encouraged to donate and may do so as they wish. Here is a link to the site and a note from a member of the PAC Board of Directors:**

The Midwives PAC is working hard to get a hospital privileging bill introduced early in 2013 - this will encourage hospitals to credential midwives to the full extent of their state scope of practice, require them to respond within 60 days if privileges are denied, and require that the reasons for denial be documented, allowing transparency that can be used to lodge more effective appeals. Full medical staff appointments and voting privileges are addressed also. This is a true next step in getting midwives ‘to the table’ in their local institutions, but it needs to be done at the federal level or we will all be inventing this wheel at home. Individual member donations are critical - the link for online donations is:

<https://midwivespac.org/midwivespac/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000000001/2011%20Midwives%20PAC%20Donation%20Form.pdf>

Any questions? Please contact Heather Bradford, Midwives-PAC Chair at [hbradford@comcast.net](mailto:hbradford@comcast.net), or Eliza Holland, Midwives-PAC Board of Directors at [elizacnm@gmail.com](mailto:elizacnm@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

G. **Member issues** – Does each service unit have a supervisory midwife? Autonomy? A cohesive midwifery group? How are midwives supported in our sites?

-Phoenix has great set up, will be included in their site bio on the website. Kimberly Couch- head midwife at Phoenix- independent service for many years, she reports their service setup works really well.

H. **Next Meeting** – December

- A survey monkey with optional times for a December meeting will be sent out. Please fill out ASAP so we can get a final meeting date announced.

-Phoenix would like morning meetings

-Please e-mail Deborah any suggestions or recommendations:

[Deborah.Crabbe@ihs.gov](mailto:Deborah.Crabbe@ihs.gov)

Also, send me any of your e-mail addresses to put onto my Affiliate e-mail list, especially if you are getting these minutes through the midwife listserv that Carolyn Aoyoma distributes. Thank you

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