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MEMORANDUM

To: Home Birth Maternity Care Crisis Study Committee

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From: Richard Schultz, Assistant General Counsel

Date: October 15, 2019

Re: Meeting – October 17, 2019

The Home Birth Maternity Care Crisis Study Committee will convene a meeting at **1:00 P.M. CST on Thursday, October 17, 2019, in the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601 – 9th Floor, Room 9-040, and via video conference at the Springfield office of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, 320 West Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62786 – 3rd Floor, Room 376.** Please notify me at your earliest convenience if you are not able to attend the meeting.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals in compliance with Executive Order #5 and pertinent state laws upon notification of anticipated attendance. Handicapped persons planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact me either by telephone or letter, at least five days prior to the meeting date.

HOME BIRTH MATERNITY CARE CRISIS STUDY COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 17, 2019

1:00 P.M.

- I. Roll Call & Introductions
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2019 Meeting
- III. New Business
 - A. Comments from the Chair
 - B. Witness Testimony
 1. Edward Pont, MD, Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics – Expected to discuss integration and collaboration, and patient safety. Testimony expected to last about 15 minutes.
 2. Theresa Hubka, MD – Osteopathic Society – Expected to discuss patient safety. Testimony expected to last about 15 minutes.
 3. Yvonne Oldaker, APN/CNM, MPA, American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) - Expected to discuss a personal experience of CPM care in a licensed state vs. an unlicensed state. Expected to talk for 10 minutes.
 4. Michelle Breen, MHS – “Licensing CPMs: The Public Health Perspective.” Expected to discuss Medicaid, as well as maternal morbidity and mortality, cesarean rates, community-based initiatives to reduce disparities. Testimony expected to last about 20 minutes.
 5. Deborah Fisch, JD - Expected to discuss legal concerns, both insurance and consumer issues, regarding liability, the liability language in Senate Bill 1754 and malpractice coverage. Testimony expected to last about 20 minutes.
 6. Robert Minkus, MD – Expected to discuss the pediatrician’s perspective on home birth and CPMs. Testimony expected to last about 15 minutes.
 7. Michelle Minikel, MD, MS – Expected to discuss her experience as a physician collaborating with CPMs in Wisconsin, a state which licenses CPMs. Testimony expected to last about 20 minutes.
 8. Marilee Clausing, JD – Expected to discuss litigious nature of Illinois generally and trends in OB/birth trauma related litigation in Illinois in particular. Testimony expected to last about 15 minutes.
 9. Karen K. Harris, JD – Illinois Health and Hospital Association – Expected to present an overview of the existing 35 states’ midwife licensing laws with an emphasis on the provisions governing insurance and limitations on liability, including suggested provisions for any proposed Illinois midwife licensing law. Testimony expected to last about 15 minutes.
 10. Antonio Romanucci, JD – President of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Expected to discuss access to justice for maternal care victims. Testimony expected to last about 10 minutes.
 - C. General Discussion
- IV. Adjournment