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LOUISIANA DOULA REGISTRY BOARD

October 16, 2024
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location:
Benson Tower, Room 2024
1450 Poydras Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

Meeting link for members of the public:
<https://zoom.us/j/96681688720?pwd=aDIJZWlyTkFNROdFRzlQTDBXVVBOU09>
Phone: 312.626.6799 Conference code: 858363

Minutes

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Victoria Williams at 10:28 A.M.

II. Introductions

Nine members attended, and a quorum was present. Members in attendance included Ms. Amanda Devereux, Ms. Akeisha Cherry, Ms. Cassandra Jessie-Johnson, Ms. Jazzlyn Duplessis, Ms. Mallory Bryant, Ms. Karelle Percy, Ms. Shanika Valcour-LeDuff, Ms. Zana Washington, Dr. Victoria Williams. Members not present included Ms. Nanette McCann, Ms. Tiffany Wyatt, Ms. Gia Hamilton, Ms. Devin Bailey-Nichols, and Ms. Meshawn Siddiq. Guests in attendance included Mr. David McCay. Virtual guests included Tyler Technologies representatives Steven Patorno, John Rogillio and Jason Stelzer. Ms. Sharonda Smith and Ms. Yoruba Baltrip-Coleman served as administrative staff for the meeting.

III. Public Comment

Chair Williams asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The May 8, 2024, July 17, 2024, and the August 7, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Duplessis motioned to approve all of the above meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Percy. Motion passed with all members voting unanimously to approve the above-mentioned meeting minutes.

V. New Business

The chair reviewed and clarified the meaning of a public-facing versus a private-facing registry for new and existing members, describing a public-facing registry as accessible for review by the public and private as not accessible to the public. The chair explained that a private-facing registry would require a registry add-on so that Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) would be able to access the registry list to determine doula eligibility for insurance reimbursement. Mr. Patorno with Tyler Technologies explained that while the Doula Registry Board (DRB) will control what is visible to the public, a public-facing registry is standard in

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creating a registry website, while a private-facing registry would require additional funding for creation and yearly maintenance. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff motioned for the Doula Registry website (the registry) to be public-facing and to leave off the MCO add-on and Ms. Jessie-Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

The chair discussed adding an optional National Provider Identifier number to the doula registry application. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff motioned in favor of adding the NPI optional field to the application and Ms. Percy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to add the optional field to the registry application.

The chair invited LDH Legal representative Mr. McCay to discuss his investigation of DRB authority to implement and enforce an attendance policy. Mr. McCay stated that the DRB is authorized to handle internal matters and as thus has the right to dismiss members whether through voting and adapting grounds for removal, discussion and/or sending notice. Mr. McCay suggested that the board create by-laws or a process and procedures for dismissal that will include a concurring decision from the board advisor. The board agreed to create the attendance process/procedure at the November 13, 2024 board meeting, and the Ms. Baltrip-Coleman and Mr. McCay would meet to include process details. Chair Williams motioned to institute an attendance policy by January 2025 to be created at the November 13, 2024 meeting. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with no objections.

VI. Public Comment

The chair asked for public comment. There was a question in the chat from Ms. Karma Tudor asking how to get a doula training organization recognized as an approved doula training organization in Louisiana. Ms. Devereux attached a link to the current promulgated rule, stipulating the requirements that training organizations need to demonstrate for approval. The rule can be found [here](#).

VII. Communication Ideas

The chair asked that board members think about frequently asked questions related to the doula registry or the process of becoming a doula and create discussion points for a frequently asked questions document that will be created and addressed during future meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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