An Informed Consent Form Taskforce Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination was held in the Poplar Conference Room, at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243 on November 15, 2018.

Members Present: Jeffrey L. Hamre, DO
Phyllis Miller, MD
Mary Ann Richardson, CPM
Sandra Tinnin, CPM

Staff Present: Candyce Waszmer, Administrative Director
Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director
Angela Lawrence, Executive Director
Sherry Williams, Board Administrator
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Deputy General Counsel

The necessary number of Taskforce members joined the meeting and a quorum was established. Board of Osteopathic Examination member, Jeffrey Hamre, DO, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Dr. Jeffrey Hamre discussed the reason for the Board of Osteopathic Examination wanting to develop this Taskforce regarding the Midwifery informed consent form. He gave an overview of concerns and explained details of the general rules governing Certified Professional Midwives and the Tennessee Midwives Association Practice Guidelines.

Dr. Hamre proposed the collaborating physician should be named in the informed consent form. Ms. Mary Richardson advised that the collaborating physician is named in the emergency care plan and that the care plan is forwarded to the collaborating physician. Further discussion yielded that the Midwifery statute does intend for Certified Professional Midwives to be independent practitioners and there is no standard informed consent form used by midwives. The Taskforce members held a lengthy discussion on the necessity of adding the collaborating physicians name in the informed consent form.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed rule revisions for Certified Professional Midwives and whether or not a collaborative care plan should be established through a written and/or oral agreement. Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs proposed that “written” does not mean a signature would need to be
obtained from the collaborating physician rather that language would be added to the emergency care plan about what a collaborating physician means.

Ms. Hughes-Toombs advised the Taskforce she would draw up a draft to present at the next Certified Professional Midwives meeting to be held on April 4, 2019 and to the Board of Osteopathic Examination meeting to be held on May 1, 2019.

Adjournment