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The MAWS eNews

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SAVE THE DATE!

MAWS 2015 Fall Conference and Annual Meeting

Friday, November 20th, 2015
The Mountaineers Club, Seattle, WA

Keeping watching our website and Facebook page for updates
www.washingtonmidwives.org

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**Reimbursement Committee
Welcomes Heike and Victoria!**

MANA's Gender Inclusivity

MANA recently revised the language in its

The MAWS Reimbursement Committee exists to promote equitable and sustainable reimbursement of licensed midwives and birth centers in Washington State. Two new members have joined, Heiki Hornsby and Victoria Malloy. Thank you to you both!

If you ever have questions for this committee or concerns that you would like to voice, please email them at reimbursement@washingtontmidwives.org

Draft Birth Assistant Certification Sunrise Review

The draft Birth Assistant Certification Sunrise Review is now available on the [Sunrise Review page of the Department of Health](#).

This is your opportunity to provide rebuttals to the draft recommendations before we finalize the report and submit it to the legislature. This is the last opportunity to comment on this review. If you see errors in the report, please let the DOH know about those as well.

All final comments are due October 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. You may email your comments to sunrise@doh.wa.gov, or mail them to the address below.

Thank you.

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New Apple Health Handouts

In an effort to improve payments by Managed Care Plans for newborn care, the Health Care Authority has asked us to remind midwives to offer the attached handout to new mothers on Apple Health to instruct them to add their newborns to their plan as soon as possible after birth. Please click on the documents below for more information.

[- Adding newborns to Apple Health memo](#)

[- Adding newborn instructions](#)

W.H.A.L.E.S. Going Live!

The Washington Health and Life Events System went live and has created a list of training materials to help you use it. Please

Core Competencies to reflect gender inclusivity and the validity of all persons experiencing birth. In a painful and discriminatory unfolding of events, a group known as "Woman-Centered Midwifery" penned an "Open Letter to the Midwives Alliance of North America," opposing MANA's use of gender-inclusive language.

MAWS stands firmly in support of MANA's revision of its Core Competencies, and the board has written a letter in support of MANA, which can be found on our [website](#) or attached [here](#).

We believe gender-identity is personal and valid, and we uphold the rights of all birthing individuals and families, in midwifery care and beyond. MAWS is currently in the process of revising our forms, documents, and website to reflect this belief and protect those who experience marginalization, stigma, and abuse at the hands of our healthcare system. We encourage MANA to continue to remove exclusive language from its documents, and urge other midwifery groups and individual midwives to do the same.

We welcome those with questions and who desire more information or education about transgender and genderqueer, to contact us at info@washingtontmidwives.org. There's also more info here:

<http://www.birthforeverybody.org/what-we-do/>

Thanks!

Continuing Education and Upcoming Events

Indian Health Service

Join the Indian Health Service for a Webinar Series on Illicit Substance Use around the Time of Birth: Education and Prevention Strategies. For the flyer, please click [here](#).

ABM 20th International Meeting

October 15th-18th Los Angeles, CA
This year's meeting is an ideal context for physicians, registered nurses, and other health professionals to continue their professional education in a highly respected, stimulating environment, while earning continuing education credits. The one-day pre-conference course, "What Every Physician Needs to Know About Breastfeeding," will once again be offered to all health professionals on Thursday, October 15. Register [here](#).

Midwifery Works!

visit this [website](#) to learn how to use the system. Need help? Please contact 855-562-1928 or email: WHALES@doh.wa.gov

Have you done your Peer Review yet?

If not, let MAWS help! The protected safe space of Peer Review and Incident Review enables midwives to freely discuss clinical cases with their peers providing them with an opportunity to improve their practice and future outcomes.

Two branches of the QMP program provide mechanisms for quality improvement:

- **Peer Review** *which each midwife must complete on a regular basis every 2 years with at least 3 other professional MAWS members (professional MAWS members must be WA State Licensed Midwives)*
- **Incident Review** *which is organized by the QMP committee and is conducted by a specially convened panel whenever an outcome occurs which meets "Sentinel Event" criteria and warrants a review.*

If you are a MAWS member in need of a Peer Review, organize one! Now anyone can organize a Peer Review as long as s/he:

1. *Is a current MAWS member.*
2. *Has participated in at least one Peer Review before.*
3. *Contact **Christine Tindal** in order to receive all of the necessary, updated and official paperwork and verify the member status of participants (as every midwife who participates in your Peer Review MUST be a current MAWS member).*

Interested in our All-Region Peer Review? Please contact Christine Tindal. This is usually done just before or just after our Fall Conference in November.

Call for 2015 MAWS Board Nominations

Join the Board of Directors! The next MAWS Conference and Annual Meeting is coming up on November 20th. A few members of our current Board of Directors will not be running for re-election, and we'd

November 5-8, 2015 Scottsdale, AZ
Advance registration for Midwifery Works! 2015 is happening right now, and this week we're unveiling the first of our confirmed education sessions and workshops. Whether you're in school, entering the workforce, or in the trenches, our inclusive program is packed with practical knowledge to enhance your career, your practice, and your professional life. Register [here](#).

Perinatal Care Certification

Perinatal Care Certification focuses on achieving integrated, coordinated, patient-centered care for clinically uncomplicated pregnancies and births. The certification program will use standards, guidelines, and The Joint Commission's perinatal care core performance measures for managing and monitoring aspects of perinatal care that are critical to improving and maintaining the health of newborns and their mothers. For more information please click [here](#).

LGBTQ Workshops

[MAIA Midwifery](#) and Fertility's web-based workshop for birth professionals, "Providing Culturally Sensitive Care for LGBTQ Families" is new and improved, and coming up on November 7. MEAC CEU's are provided. Get a registration discount when you sign up before September 30. Read more at: www.maiaidmidwifery.com

CONFERENCE 2015

Advanced Practice in Primary and Acute Care

This conference offers health care providers an opportunity to validate and enhance clinical competencies, acquire new assessment and management skills, examine critical issues in health care at the state and national level, foster a strong coalition of providers in advanced practice, and learn about new products, services, and pharmacotherapeutic agents. Conference faculty include distinguished national, regional and local experts. Concurrent sessions allow participants to design their own educational tracks in the areas of acute, adolescent, adult, family, geriatric, midwifery, pediatric, psychosocial and women's health care.

November 5-7, 2015 Washington State Convention Center.

20.6 contact hours (16.0 pharmacology hours at the advanced practice level)

[Register here!](#)

Simkin Center at Bastyr

- Birth Doula Skills Workshop
- Postpartum Doula Skills Workshop
- Pre and Perinatal Massage Certification

like to invite you to consider bringing all of your talents to furthering our mission to promote the health and well-being of women and families in Washington State through the profession of midwifery.

Board members take an active role in the work of MAWS. The Board typically meets once per month. Most meetings are in the Seattle area, though members can call in to meetings--so it is possible to join from a distance. Learn more about Board participation [here](#) and learn more about your role as a Board member [here](#).

Keep in mind our board is not just made of midwives. We welcome consumers and people in all fields that support midwifery in the state of Washington!

Here are just some of the positions we are looking to fill:

Nominations Committee Chair
Fundraising Committee Chair
Birth Center Representative
Anti-Racism Committee Members

If you're interested in getting on this fall's ballot, please [email your name and bio](#) (or that of a colleague, with their permission). **Nominations must be received by Friday, October 2, 2015.** Questions? Please email them to Amanda info@washingtonmidwives.org.

Are You on Facebook? "Like" the MAWS Page!

If you're on Facebook, [visit us and "like" our page](#), and encourage your friends to "like" us, too. This is a great way to get the word out on MAWS' legislative work and events.



- Certified Educator of Infant Massage

- Dancing for Birth

To register for any of these workshops, please follow the link [here](#).

Midwifery Today Conference "Pillars of Midwifery: Insight, Information and Intuition"

Bad Wildbad, Germany

21-25 October 2015

These are some of the topics we plan to present at the conference. Please see the [conference program](#) for the complete list of classes.

- Human Rights Issue: Premature Cord Cutting with **Robin Lim**
- A Day with **Michel Odent**: One Thousand and One Possible Topics (full-day class)
- Mexican Traditions and Techniques
- Comfort Measures for Midwives and Doulas
- Midwifery Skills
- Handling Birth Complications in Waterbirth
- Alternatives to Suturing and Tear Prevention
- Physiological Transition of the Newborn
- Reclaiming Our Autonomy through Style of Practice
- Alternative Remedies for the Childbearing Year
- Uncommon Complications
- Prolonged Pregnancy: Waiting, Watching, Worrying
- Overcoming Fear in Birth

To register please click [here](#).

This is *your* newsletter. Please send any feedback or suggestions to **Amanda Anderson**. We welcome suggestions for future topics, popular articles or research to include.

Would you like your story shared in the MAWS newsletter? Please email us!