Present: Louise Self, Jessica Frechette-Gutfreund, Kelly Gould, Sarah Gopman, Katie Avery, Katrina Nardini
Absent: Elena Campili Stauss, Felina Ortiz, Carolina Nkouaga
Guest: Lara Goldsmith, Jessi Sanchez (scribe)

Minutes Approval (Katrina)
• Unanimously Approved June & September Minutes

Board member update (Katrina)
• Consumer member position open
• MD member position opening in March
  o Brainstormed on possible new member

MCO reimbursement issues/newborn screening kits (Katie/Louise)
• Louise Self had one Medicaid claim paid and then immediately had a Rhogam claim denied and had to argue with claims reimbursement at Presbyterian and feels very discouraged
• It is very hard to spend large amounts of time arguing with billing/claims reimbursement people to get claims paid

Medicaid Claims Reimbursement Training Update – Including Update from Abigail regarding new 2019 Contract (Katie/Abigail)
• Katrina has updated slides from Abigail and will work on getting that to a finish point for posting
• Some LMs state they followed Abigail’s slides and did not get paid

Legislative updates:
• “Procuring Medication” update (Katie/Jessica)
  o There will be a lightning round during this legislative session and Jessica is confident that it will pass this time; essentially it will force open Pharmacy Rule and LM Rule.
• BWRF bill (Katie)
  o This will be part of legislative session, and LMs will be added as providers who can apply for funds
  o Informal survey with 50% response rate about LMs who carry malpractice insurance showed that only 2-3 carry malpractice insurance

Student Handbook update (Katrina/Louise)
• Will wait until Guideline are complete, and then work on this as next project

Guidelines update (Katrina)
• 2 comments remain to be addressed
• Expected to be done by December 31

Work team projects (Katrina) - Deferred

Final 2019 Meeting dates: Mar 15, May 31, Sept 20, Dec 13

**New business:**
IPRA requests
• Katrina will send link to Gate House Media Article to the board for review

Lapses in midwifery permits
• It is decided that these unique situations will be brought to the board for decision

NMMA
• Not meeting regularly right now
• Louise is President of the association at this time, no co-chair
• Mini conference has not been scheduled as of yet

MANA
• Having some changes at leadership level
• Future of MANA stats platform could change also

**Next meeting:** March 15, 2019 in Santa Fe