



## CSMC MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 17th, 2011, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
JK Wylie Boardroom (PSAC)  
233 Gilmour Street, Ottawa.

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Chair: Julie D.

Minutes: Renée C.

Attendees: Julia D., Renée C., Melissa F., Ashleigh W., Jennifer F.-W., Sarah L., Carol M.

### 1. Continuous Midwifery Care for VBAC clients.

The Ottawa Hospital has now changed its policy regarding women wanting a vaginal birth after cesarean. Midwives are now able to maintain care in labour of women wanting VBAC. As a result, the midwifery Collective of Ottawa will once again be caring for women wanting a VBAC.

### 2. CSMC

#### i) Email

Renée Curry will now be handling the CSMC e-mail. Leslie Ashton, after many years of handling the CSMC e-mail, is stepping down from this role within the group. Erin Shaheen assisted temporarily with e-mail over the summer.

#### ii) CSMC Survey (Jennifer)

Jennifer F.-W. will be developing a membership survey in order to learn more about the CSMC members. The meeting has agreed to act as an advisory committee for the development and testing of the survey and many ideas were shared. Drafts of the survey will also be sent to senior members of CSMC in order to solicit their expertise in developing a more complete tool: Sheila, Leslie, Julia and Mary B. A final version of the survey will be sent by email to all CSMC members in April in order to have the results announced during the next CSMC meeting in May.

#### iii) CSMC has received a request for support and guidance from the Valley Families for Midwifery in Nova Scotia.

Dawn Hare, a member of the Valley Families for Midwifery in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, wrote to CSMC in order to connect and share resources as they prepare for an important meeting with the District Health Authority in the hopes of working together to implement a program that will meet the needs of the community in terms of maternity care. The request was transferred to Sheila, Leslie, Julia and Mary for the follow-up.

### 3. Midwifery Practice updates:

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Midwifery Group of Ottawa – The updated list of midwives working with MGO is: Diane Parkin, Teresa Bandrowska, Celine Goodrich, Chantal Bourbonnais, Maxine Vigneault, Suzanne Desaulniers, Jan Teevan, Nancy Greenwood, Liz Darling, Jessica Ludgate, Joanne Rack and Leah Hackett. Joanne and Leah are only with MGO temporarily: Joanne will be there until the end of May and Leah will be there until the end of October.

Midwifery Collective of Ottawa – MCO now has a new website:  
[www.midwiferycollective.com](http://www.midwiferycollective.com) (the older site will no longer be maintained).

Ottawa Valley Midwives – OVM has moved into a new larger clinic space (see address below). Rachel Sutton has been working with OVM as a New Registrant since July (she replaced Natalie Kirby). The midwives are now: Leslie Viets, Anne-Marie Carter-McAuslan, Kristen Stevens, Sharon Dean and Rache Sutton. They have privilege at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital and the Almonte General Hospital.

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East Ottawa Midwives – EOM (formally known as Sage-femmes de Prescott-Russell Midwives) has moved to Blackburn Hamlet (255 Innes Rd.) on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. They still have six (6) midwives. They have a long waiting list for the summer but have three (3) or four (4) spaces empty between March and the end of June.

Madawaska Valley Midwives – Leslie (Chapley) Soopalu, one of the partner midwives, has retired from active practice. Kilmeny Heron (RM) is currently mentoring an IMPP student, Suki Hardesty. Suki has been a midwife in England for 15 years and recently immigrated to Canada. She will be joining Kilmeny in March to replace Leslie.

Gentle Beginning Midwifery – GBM continue to work with the Winchester District Memorial Hospital in Winchester and have five (5) midwives. They also have three offices: 30 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, Cornwall (613-933-3030), 462 Main street East, Winchester (613 774-3131) and 868 Notre-Dame street, Embrun (613-443-0335).

Leeds-Grenville and area Midwives – LGM is on target for their plans for the year 2011. They submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MHLTC) to open a satellite office in Smiths Falls early this year. Their hope is to make midwifery services more accessible and convenient for the women of the Smiths Falls and Perth area.

Gatineau – No updates provided.

### 4. Finances (Leslie)

Bank account: \$ 1 185.68 (balance as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010)

Petty cash: \$ 32.88.

Margaret C. has volunteered to take over the banking. Leslie A. and her will arrange to have everything transferred over to her name.

## **5. Info Sessions (Elissa & Mary B.)**

### **i) Last information session**

Elissa C. and Mary B. Ran a small info session at the Barrhaven Library (in Barrhaven) in November. Great stories were shared and the midwife guest speaker was wonderful. A huge thank you goes out to all Midwifery Consumers who are able to continue promoting these events designed to help educate the general public regarding midwifery care in this area!

### **ii) Upcoming information session**

There will be a Midwifery Information Session on Thursday, February 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At Milkface Nursingwear -Westboro location (445 Churchill Ave, Ottawa, [www.milkface.com](http://www.milkface.com)). Volunteers are still needed!! Anyone interested in helping out can contact [mary.beatty@ocdsb.ca](mailto:mary.beatty@ocdsb.ca) or 613-729-7278.

Another session is planned for late April/early May in Kanata at the Early Years Centre with Susan Wheat.

## **6. Media**

### **i) 2017 International Confederation of Midwives' Triennial World congress**

Many thanks to Jennifer Forbes-Walker, who, on behalf of CSMC, wrote a letter of support for Toronto's bid to host the 2017 International Confederation of Midwives' Triennial World congress.

## **7. Fundraising**

i) BACN monthly e-mail – nothing new.

ii) Onesies (Sheila) – no updates.

## **8) Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.