

**February 18, 2008
CSMC Meeting
from 7:30-8:30 at
2327 Harding Ave**

Present: Leslie, Kathleen, Julia, Robin, Maxine, Annik, Erin, Shawn, Wendy, Ileana, Diane Parkin, Denise, Paula, Chrystal (student)

1) Midwifery Practice Updates -

a) Group – They have applied for 2 New Registrants, they are hoping current 2 will stay on (assuming they can practice with privileges-see below for more details). Kim F is coming back, Jan Teavan will be away for about 6 mos. (international leave). They have been talking with chief of OB at Ottawa Hospital-he's quite amenable to keeping privileges that they have there. Can they consider that we could combine GP's and midwifery division and let us practice with full scope as at Montfort? It wouldn't have such an impact on OB's. His plan is to wait and see what happens with LHINs as they have the power to determine who can do what and where. Diane is on one of their committees, but it's not functioning yet. Their numbers are okay, they have a full contingent of midwives, **but there is always a spot if people call late!**

Collective – Their numbers are good, no long waiting lists. They have a new website. They are hoping for Denise to stay on when she finishes new registrant, and are looking for funding for 2 New Registrants. There are concerns with privileges at the Montfort. As a follow-up from the last meeting, the Collective wanting to inform that there is a system in place for complaints with the Collective through evaluations etc. Other news is that Betty-Anne has left the Collective since the last meeting and has submitted a new practice proposal. In the interim, she will be joining Prescott-Russell Midwives.

Ottawa Valley - (many thanks to Rachel Sutton who has informed us that OVM has **sold out** of all their onesies!)

Prescott-Russell – Wendy informed the meeting that their clinic is up and running with walls and 3 offices. They have all the numbers they want. Cory joined them recently and her first client delivered yesterday.

Madawaska – No news but follow up from January meeting-Mary told Lesley Chapley that we would be happy to write a letter of support for their privilege request at Pembroke Hospital, if she wishes our support, we are here.

St-Lawrence Valley – no updates

b) Cap on midwifery privileges at the Montfort:

Just a quick update on the same old same old. I was at the Integration Meeting at Montfort and Midwifery Division meeting and the issue of privileges has come up again. The Montfort has capped midwives so that no new privileges will be extended - this does have a profound effect for any new practices and new midwives to the area. There was some discussion of not replacing any privileges (which is even more profound as it would mean a shrinking number since if one midwife left no new midwife could take her spot) but this is not the case yet - for now there will be no increase in the number of midwives at the Montfort (25 or 26!) and a cap on the number of births. The Montfort birth unit is busting at the seams!

The issue has come up again - the Ottawa Hospital is the only tertiary care centre in Ontario with no midwives. I bring this to your attention because it goes hand in hand with any discussion of increasing midwifery care access in Ottawa.

I hope to get out to the next meeting - but if not me someone else from MGO will be there to discuss further if needed.

I will keep you posted on any updates but it is clear that the Montfort can not/will not be contributing anymore to the expansion of midwifery in Ottawa (frankly it has done much more than its share!) for the next few years. If we are looking for growth the other hospitals in the area are going to need to chip in.<<

Kathleen has offered to write an article for the Citizen and see if it can be published to bring this to attention again.

OB group at QC was supportive of more midwives-last year, but the impact analysis shot it down (nursing staff, hospital etc.)

What can we do to help the situation?

Write letters to Wylam Faught from the OH.

Leslie said that letter writing campaigns have been more successful than other avenues. **Robin had already offered to write a letter template for QC and it can be used for OH. Leslie will let us know when the letters are ready and then we can send letters to the hospitals.** Snail mail is the way to go. We will go ahead and push for privileges at the Civic.

It does send a big message that the OH doesn't have midwives there.

The privilege issue is huge and consumers have to get involved and make a big stink or it will go nowhere! OH should reopen and QC should make room for more. Not ready to move out to Hawksbury.

c) Queensway-Carleton privileges issue – Kristin Stevens is working with Robin, Donna and Erin Y. We are taking cues from them.

2) New midwifery practice proposals – CSMC had been asked to write a letter of support. Betty-Anne has asked us to write a letter of support (and also for Ann). Both letters have been emailed to David Hole. The capping thing is the problem right now-both would need current midwives. Betty-Anne wants to practice near her house and reach out to immigrants, aboriginal midwife work with her, another midwife as well, 2nd attendant as well. Letters of support from Mother Craft, First Place-they'll find out July/August, start April 2009.

3) CAM letter request - Sarah had volunteered and wrote a letter. They asked us to turn out letter into a PDF file. **Leslie will put Sarah in touch with Ileana to help with this.**

4) Feedback Committee - Donna & Kathleen-As a clarification about the reason for doing this: women gather and talk about birth stories, and there might be some negative comments. This allows those to be brought somewhere and then relayed back to the midwives. This is strictly a consumer committee. Whatever it was that was remarkable about people's births and share the info with all the practices-it's anonymous from the consumer perspective-just to help people improve the experiences. If I could have changed "...", it would have been better. Eg. Student involvement at a birth, another is that a midwife hadn't visited the house before the birth and had to call for directions and other person didn't make it at all. The labouring woman was quite anxious. There has been no discussion about how the information will be given to the midwives. Let people speak about what they are moved to speak about.

5) Financial Report – Leslie \$410 in bank, petty cash-\$75 **Group has made a \$200 donation for the CSMC**

a) update on BACN/website fundraising-Kelly Norman has offered to be a volunteer business, but until it can get on the website, it will wait.

b) Onesies: Sheila having more made...

Group - returned to consumers, not willing to sell them for us, but Suzanne & Max did sell 4. Thank you!

Clarification-they were willing to sell them, but they were concerned about leaving them out in the waiting room. It was concern over exchange of money and taking care of them etc. **So they would take more in the next print.**

Collective - sold out! Thank you! They want more, clients love them!

OVM - sold out! Thank you!

Prescott-Russell - paid in full! Thank you!

Many thanks to Susie Pearson at **The Extraordinary Baby Shoppe** for carrying our onesies:

<http://www.extraordinarybabysshoppe.com/>

1131 Wellington Street West (one block east of Parkdale and Wellington), in Ottawa, Ontario

613-321-7249

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*If there are any other individuals or businesses that would like to carry our onesies, please let us know so we can order them for you.

They currently come in sizes 6 and 12 months only, and sell for \$10, payable by cash or by cheque, and proceeds go to our group.

Can there be other shirts that have different slogans for those who don't get the midwife to catch them?

6) Info sessions

a) Feb. Session #12-Went well! Great guest speakers and fabulous midwife speakers. Thanks to all the consumers and midwives who made this session happen.

b) March session #13Coming up Tuesday, March 4th-E-mail Leslie Ashton for flyers and posters for you to promote our session at Mothercraft.

c) April & May #14April-Session in the works in Riverside South Community Session-Erin Shaheen and I are finalizing details as we speak.

Also in touch with Frederique re. a session in Rockland and in Hawkesbury for April and May.

d) Algonquin FOLLOW UP FROM JANUARY MEETING-re. speaking to more members of our community about midwifery-I have touched base with my contact at Algonquin College and have invited her to our March 4th session. She has placed the CSMC on file, as guest speakers for the 09-10 third year nursing course. My contact, Ms. Lada, has also forwarded on our information to her colleagues, should they wish to contact us as guest speakers, re. Midwifery.

e) board-I have resent the promo for having MGO or the COLLECTIVE come into the high schools, to speak about midwifery as a career choice or as a future option for family planning. I also advertise ALL of our Midwifery Info sessions through the BOARD UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSIFIEDS message boards.

7) Renaissance Fair at the NAC - Sunday April 27th

Thank you to ALL the volunteers so far!!! More info to follow as received. This is English theatre for families. They invited us to bring our display as that's how Shakespeare came into the world...at NAC.

There is a professional display board that is to be auctioned from Comfort and Joy Doula. Minimum bid is \$100. We were capping at \$200. If we get it, we get it. If not, we'll look elsewhere.

Sheila has confirmed she will have more onesies in time for this opportunity - THANK YOU!!!

8) Birth Centre working group – Robin volunteered because the idea grabbed her-she circulated email, but it hasn't really progressed due to life circumstances. Need analysis-are the midwives interested? (yes), Does a birthing centre really offer value over home/hospital births? Is there a market? Are there funding issues? Robin has a contact in Winnipeg who has opened one. Wendy Catherine might be the person to talk to. Robert Cushman from LHINs would have to be talked with maybe. You can't offer anything more than home, but it has viability. Maybe GP's would be willing to come in and help? There is a lot of potential.

9) There is a documentary on birth from in collaboration with national film board and someone on Montreal.

10) Business of being born from 3-4:30 at Health Canada at Tunney's Pasture this Thursday.

11) Wedding Show-Ileana finally got in touch with one of the shows. March, Aug/sept-March is too late. She

has put us on a list for the fall-they do have some complimentary tables. Ileana will follow up closer to the time.

12) Next meeting - west, March 17th, 2008 Woofroffe and Carling.

* need to find another location (& date? re: Victoria Day) for May meeting (east) - a HUGE thank you to Annik for hosting meetings in the East this year **Monday May 26 in Orleans 820 Como Cres (Ileana's place)**