

**November 19, 2007
CSMC meeting
from 7:30-8:30pm at
2327 Harding Ave.**

Present: Wendy, Annik, Julia, Erin, Kareen, Leslie, Mary, Donna, Ann, Suzanne

1)Practice Updates:

New practice (Ann Montgomery)

Hospitals must count full-time equivalency for midwives, not actual numbers of midwives working as many midwives are not working full case loads.

The current practices don't really want to increase their number of midwives. So where do we put new midwives?

Essentially Ann has this vision that new practices are opened in neighbourhoods where midwives live so they become community midwives. Ideally practice in each neighbourhood so all babies are caught by midwives.

Refugees that are pregnant are getting sent to one doctor only. This Dr does the delivery for free in hospital. Midwives get paid regardless of the status of the client (as long as they are a resident of Ontario, even without OHIP). (Doctor doesn't get paid for non-status or they pay out of pocket). Midwives could take some of this load.

There was talk about tightening up catchment areas as Group and Collective have whole eastern Ontario already. Midwives live in the community and you are the community midwife.

There was a question about why not Barrhaven? Idea is to be local to your neighbourhood. Ann does not live in Barrhaven. It takes lots of work for a new practice, the proposal. Middle career midwife is the logical choice for this battle. Focus on community health centres downtown. There will have to be a push to get back into the other hospitals. 2 new practices over the next 2 years. (Ann referred to the South Community Birth Project in Vancouver)

How can we help? Ann puts in a proposal and we send a letter stating that we feel there is a need (if we think so). The proposal includes electronic medical records. This allows a midwife to see her clients in any Community Health Centre. The CHC allow a room if you don't need their staff. If you are self-sufficient then they are on board with this idea. There would be a dip in midwifery clients for a short time as it gets set up due to more midwives. But then it would regulate again.

There was discussion about encouraging people to call later in their pregnancies and not assume that they won't get a midwife if they don't call the moment they conceive. We don't know who hasn't bothered to use a midwife due to their assumption that they won't get one later in their pregnancy.

LHIN doesn't have the power yet, but they will eventually.
Losing hospital privileges at OH is purely political. C-section rate is 35% at General. Recognized as high risk hospital. Civic will close part of it within the next 3 years. Those doctors would have to move. Civic could become level 2.

There is a new practice in Winchester. They want to split into 2 separate practices. One in Winchester and one Cornwall, rather than a satellite. There would be only 2 midwives working in Winchester. ***They would like Cornwall/Winchester info session.***

Madawaska-shortly submitting application to Pembroke to get into the hospital. Things are looking good, but not there yet. If they get the Pembroke okay...

MGO-no updates

Prescott-Russell- Wendy-They just got office space for December. Allowed to do whatever to make it a midwifery practice. 2127 St Joseph Blvd (near Orleans Blvd). Same numbers.

Collective-Ann-nothing new. Collective and MGO are volunteering in high schools.

Question from a member

2)Promoting Midwifery in our communities-could get into Algonquin perhaps? Erin suggested if we can put posters around town. Community newsletters. Send it out to the list for people to post in their businesses.

3)mail boxes in riverside south - Erin to post flyers.

4)Info session-Mary Set for Dec 3. Kelly Norman has offered to print off 200 copies CSMC flyer.

5)Finances

6)banking-Leslie can receive and take out money. Kelly is close to Leslie so she can easily double sign the cheques.

7)BACN-only 3 people have responded, but let's go for it.

8)Onesies-practices are taking a bunch to sell. Others can buy them tonight. Sheila will come to practices to pick up/drop off

9) Wedding show: Mary brought a flyer with information about. Leslie will follow up with *Illeana to pursue this.* www.ottawaweddingshow.com

10) tax receipts. We can issue receipts but it won't be for taxation purposes.

9)Survey link-some people it works, others it didn't. College survey site.

10)Consumer group WOMB-they want us to put a link on our website to them. Leslie brought it to the group. *Sure, add them as link.*

Next meeting is Dec 17.