

From the Editors

We received an overwhelmingly positive response to our first issue of *Midwifery Matters*. We heard from a midwife who gave gift subscriptions to hospital-based CNMs in her community as a way of reaching out; from many CPMs who have long-wanted a research-based journal for their profession and are hopeful MM can fill that niche; from others who started blending standardized smoothies for their clients; and from a midwife who sent a copy of the article on GDM screening to a local OB who was so impressed he decided to offer the standardized breakfast smoothie to his clients who declined Glucola! These stories are so gratifying to us, and speak to the potential within the midwifery community to support this endeavor and shape it into the kind of resource that it needs - into that which you need.

In this issue we continue our commitment to publishing student research. You will find resources for midwives who want to expand their skill-set to include diagnosing and treating tongue-tie. We are thrilled to publish original research on CrossFit and labor and birth, accompanied by an interview with the author on her research methods. We also include a review of an infrequent postpartum hemorrhage complication, Sheehan's syndrome. This piece offers a thorough review of the pituitary gland's biology and function, a refresher we certainly found valuable given its importance to reproductive health.

Finally, the essays in our Political Updates department highlight two interlocking and urgent issues facing midwives: the ethical dilemmas of out-of-country (OOC) midwifery training, and how race and class intersect with health outcomes and the work of midwives. Various CPM professional organizations have taken or are taking action on the question of OOC training, and their decisions have broad-reaching impact. Consider the issues raised in this article, discuss them with your peers and colleagues, and share your opinions. We also include the 2014 Midwives Alliance of North America convention keynote address offering reproductive justice as a framework for action to midwives. Throughout the conference, general and breakout sessions educated attendees on aspects of race, class, allyship, and health disparities. Increasing our cultural competency and knowledge in these areas is essential to providing safe midwifery care and improving health outcomes.

We hope to hear from you with letters and article submissions. We'll be starting a peer review process in time for the next issue, so if you'd like to be involved, let us know. Above all, thank you for your continued support and subscription to *Midwifery Matters*. Share your copy of MM with a friend - if each subscriber finds one more, we will continue to grow!



MISSION

The mission of *Midwifery Matters* is to support the growth and development of our evolving CPM profession as well as evidence-based midwifery practice in the out-of-hospital setting. We hope to do this by providing a forum to share research, post research updates, and dialogue on issues relevant to the field.

Content is designed to keep alumni and other midwives up to date on research, clinical practice, and professional and political issues relevant to the midwife practicing in the home or birth center setting. Much of the research and writing is the work of Birthwise students, faculty, and alumni, and it also serves as a forum for alumni news.

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CORRECTIONS

In Issue 1, the article "Dialogue Between Midwives in the US" on the April, 2014, USMERA meeting misstated ACNM's position on new legislation licensing CPMs. The article should read: "ACNM committed to supporting legislative language that included a clause requiring all new applicants for licensure, starting in 2020, to have completed an accredited educational program."