

Director, Division of States' Advocacy

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May 2018



Responsibilities

The Director of the Division of States' Advocacy has five key areas of responsibility:

- knowledge and expertise in International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) global standards, including knowledge of Education, Regulation, and Association (ERA), especially as it relates to US midwifery
- knowledge and understanding of national credentialing and educational bodies such as NARM and AMCB, MEAC and ACME
- knowledge and expertise in State issues that involve midwifery work force, insurance and Medicaid reimbursement, education, legislative processes, and credentialing
- oversight of States' Community Partner Committee

The Director of States' Advocacy is responsible to maintain MANA's core mission and vision as a strong voice of expertise regarding the equitable implementation of the Midwives Model of Care. This will be accomplished through relationship with leadership and individual members on the State level, with a focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion.

The Director will:

- be a current voting member of MANA
- attend phone, virtual, and in-person Board meetings, and annual conference
- maintain knowledge of and report trends and events in State midwifery legislation through the MANA website, social media, and newsletters
- in coordination with the President and Vice President, nurture and maintain strategic State partnerships, alliances, and collaborations, through engagement with States' leadership and membership to assure these groups are well represented nationally
- provide State advocacy through mentorship or by providing testimony when requested
- be responsible for scheduling and facilitating State leadership and Community Partner meetings at the MANA conference as well as facilitate State legislative reports at the annual meeting
- participate as a liaison between the MANA Board and the MANA Division of Access & Equity through regular communication and engagement with the Division's Coordinating Council

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- oversee the following committees:
 - State Legislative Committee
 - Community Partners
 - Ad hoc Committees as needed

Preferred Skill Set

Previous nonprofit board experience or volunteer experience for an organization with similar goals as MANA is preferred, but not necessary. Persons seeking this position will actively pursue, appreciate and mentor the broadest cultural and geographic diversity to the Board, and have knowledge of and commitment to cultural safety and competency. Additional preferred skills: experience in State level MCH policy work, excellent writing and verbal communication skills, confidence, motivation, knowledge of and experience with principles and practices of social and reproductive justice, access and equity, collaborative team player, effective organizer, and negotiation skills.

Commitment

The amount of time that members spend on MANA Board work ranges from 0 to 15 hours per week depending on the time of year and projects they are involved in. Board members are expected to follow through with deadlines and commitments made, with the understanding that we are all practicing midwives.

