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BSM, LM, CPM-TN  
Program Committee

Diana Jolles  
PhD, CNM  
Research Committee
Roll Call of Members

- Establishing a quorum
Annual Meeting Rules

• The voting body of the Annual Meeting consists of authorized representatives of Birth Center Members and Sustaining Members.

• All voting members are checked in via the webinar dashboard.

• In making a motion to the Annual Meeting, a member shall state name and birth center (if applicable). In speaking to a motion, a member shall state name and birth center (if applicable) and shall also state whether for or against the motion. Lengthy motions shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

• Voting members will cast their votes via links to an online voting platform.

• Preliminary voting results will be given, pending voter validation.
Annual Meeting Rules

• No speaker shall be allowed the privilege of the floor a second time until all those who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

• Each speaker shall be limited to two (2) minutes in discussion on questions, reports and recommendations before the house. Only by two-thirds vote of the Voting Members may additional time be granted.

• Debate shall be limited to eight (8) minutes on any subject. Only by two-thirds vote of the Voting Members may additional time be granted.

• The Annual Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED, current edition, insofar as said rules do not conflict with the Corporation’s Bylaws.

• The Board shall approve the minutes at their October 13, 2020 meeting.
Adoption of the Agenda

- Minutes of the 2019 Business Meeting
- AABC Reports
  - President
  - Executive Director
  - Committees
  - Chapters
- Updates
  - AABC Foundation
  - Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
President

Amy Johnson-Grass
President
Representing AABC + BCs

- ICM Triennial Congress *(postponed to May 2021)*
- Global Perinatal Task Force
- Rural Obstetrics Readiness Workgroup
- Delivering Decision
- National Academy of Medicine
- March for Moms
Representing AABC + BCs

- Expert Advisory Panel: Payment Innovation to Enhance Birth Center Access
- FGI Guidelines
- ACNM + NACPM COVID-19 Webinars
- U.S. Breastfeeding Committee (Moira Tannenbaum)
- Media Requests
Executive Director

Kate Bauer
Executive Director
AABC COVID-19 RESPONSE – COMMUNICATIONS

- AABC Position Statement: Maintaining the Integrity of the Birth Center Model During Crisis
- News Releases
  - AABC and CABC Lead Initiative for Solutions During Crisis
  - Freestanding Birth Centers Offer Options During COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Freestanding Birth Centers + Midwives: Essential Services During the Coronavirus Pandemic
- There have been 50+ news articles published on birth centers
AABC COVID RESPONSE – TAKING ACTION

Led Initiative to Address Surge Capacity

• Sign-on Letter with recommendations sent to governors
  – Signed by 20+ national organizations

• Collaborated with CABC to develop Guidelines for Auxiliary Maternity Units
AABC COVID RESPONSE - WEBINARS

Managing COVID-19 in the Birth Center Setting
American Association of Birth Centers

How to Start a Freestanding Birth Center in Response to COVID-19 Crisis
American Association of Birth Centers

Adapting Birth Center Policies as States Reopen
American Association of Birth Centers
AABC COVID RESPONSE – MEMBER CONNECTIONS

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR
Thursday, May 7th at 7 PM ET

MEMBER FORUMS

AABC COVID-19 ROUNDTABLES
AABC COVID RESPONSE – TOOLKIT

• Birth Center Preparedness
• AABC News Releases + Communications
• Links to Guidance:
  • Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
  • World Health Organization
  • Birth Place Lab
  • Telehealth
  • Mental Health Support
  • And more
Addressing Systemic Racism

• Statement on Racial Justice

• Task Force to Address Systemic Racism
  – Retained consultants – EnterChange Group
    • Develop DEI Roadmap
    • Standard related to DEI

“We cannot walk alone.”
Martin Luther King Jr.
New Member Resources

- All Member Forum
- Birth Center Forum
- AMU Forum

MEMBER FORUMS
New Member Resources

- RISK MANAGEMENT & SENTINEL EVENTS
  TOOLKIT for Risk Management & Sentinel Events

- Coordination + Collaboration with EMS for Safe, Timely Transfers
  EMS TOOLKIT for Safe, Timely Transfers

AABC
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BIRTH CENTERS
New Member Resources

Birth Centers in the United States: Policy, Regulation, and Access to Care

American Association of Birth Centers
New Member Resources

In Development

• Onboarding Training Modules
  – Birth Center Transfer and Transport: Optimal Practice for Safe and Satisfying Transitions of Care
  – HIPAA Information Security Training for Birth Centers
  – Medicines Used in Labor and Postpartum for Mother and Baby
  – Understanding the Birth Center Laboratory
  – Infection Control in Birth Centers
New Member Resources

In Development

• White Paper: Payment Innovations to Enhance Birth Center Access

• Model Birth Center Regulations
Education Programs

WEBINAR Wednesday

Live + On-Demand

- Coordination and Collaboration with EMS for Safe, Timely Transfers
- How Birth Centers Can Drive the Equity Conversation
- Strengthening Intermittent Auscultation in Birth Center Practice
- Advancing Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy to Your Birth Center Practice

- Birth Settings in America Consensus Report: What Birth Centers Need to Know
- The BABIES Act: Making Birth Centers More Sustainable
Education Programs

AABC CERTIFICATE BIRTH ASSISTANT TRAINING

APPLY NOW at BirthCenters.org

AABC Birth Center Focused NRP Provider Training
Gain confidence in your neonatal resuscitation skills

LEARN MORE AT BIRTHCENTERS.ORG/NRP
Education Programs

How to Start a Birth Center
Exploring Innovation in Maternity Care

Learn more at BirthCenters.org

2020 AABC Birth Institute
Celebrating the Midwifery-led Model
Online • October 1-4
More Member Resources

AABC HealthShare Works
A Call to Serve

Volunteer for an AABC Committee
Meet the AABC Staff

Kate Bauer
Kate Slider
Lisa Recke
Jennifer Wright
Linda Baysore
Lori Meneide
Finance Committee

Ann McCarthy
Treasurer
AABC Finance Committee
# 2019 Income/Expense

**Net Revenues:** $13,378

## REVENUES

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## 2020-2019 Comparisons

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Diversity + Inclusion Committee

• Collaborative work with other AABC Committees
  – Membership Survey
  – AABC Birth Institute Program
  – AABC Statement on Racial Justice + Equity
  – Task Force to Address Systemic Racism

• D+I Scholarships for the Birth Institute
  – Awarded 17 scholarships in 2020

• Affinity Group Meetings at the Birth Institute
Government Affairs Committee

Jill Alliman
AABC Government Affairs Committee
Government Affairs Committee

- Federal Legislation
  - BABIES Act
  - Midwives for MOMS Act
  - Momnibus
  - Cures 2.0

- State Issues: NY, OR, CA and KY

- Collaborations and Partnering
  - CMS Rural Maternal Health – Submission for RFI
  - National Academies Birth Settings Report
  - Black Maternal Health Caucus Stakeholders Meeting

- Publications
TRICARE Task Force

• Working for consistent and fair reimbursement for Tricare beneficiaries, sharing experiences

• Tricare survey of birth centers underway

• Communications with Defense Health Administration concerning:
  – Contact people for resolving billing questions
  – Resolution to inconsistent payment, underpayment, and recoupments
  – Payment of CNMs to be at the physician level in birth centers
HSBC Workshops Committee

Brianna Bennett
AABC HSBC Workshops Committee
HSBC Workshops Committee

- New faculty - Sarah Dumas, CNM
- Due to pandemic – all online in 2020
- Faculty hold weekly office hours for participants and DBC/BC members
- In-process – update for 27th edition

How to Start a Birth Center
Exploring Innovation in Maternity Care

Learn more at BirthCenters.org
Industry Relations Committee

Elizabeth Simmons
AABC Industry Relations Committee
Industry Relations Committee

- Strong start to year
  - Planned office hours for the year
  - Set goals for billing + coding

- Office Hours
  - Maintained during COVID-19
  - Collected information on areas of billing concern, especially unpaid codes

- Billing + Coding
  - Facility Billing Encounters (almost complete)
  - Professional Billing (just started)
International Committee

Jennifer Stevens
AABC International Committee
International Committee

- **Purpose:** To collaborate with supporting stakeholders to strengthen birth centers globally.

- **Current activities:**
  - Support and participate in the development of an International Confederation of Midwifery Center organizations to strengthen midwifery center representation globally
  - Plan for the ICM conference May 2021
  - Request for development of joint statement (ie AABC, MANA, NACPM, AABC, ACOG, ACNM) in support of birth centers (similar to the home birth statement)
Membership Committee

Madi Nolan Grimes
AABC Membership Committee
AABC Membership

- Associate: 21%
- Established Birth Centers: 25%
- Birth Center Representatives: 27%
- Developing Birth Centers: 7%
- Individual: 18%
- Institutional: 1%
- Alongside Midwifery Unit: 1%
Membership Committee

- Launch of online Member Forums
- Membership Survey
  - Developing plans to address suggestions/concerns raised
- Facilitating member connections
  - Virtual Member Happy Hours
  - COVID Roundtables
- Outreach to lapsed members and non-members
Nominating Committee

Madi Nolan Grimes
AABC Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee

• 2020 AABC Election
  – Members elected:
    • President-Elect
    • 4 Directors
    • 1 Alternate Director
  – Board will elect
    • Vice Presidents (3)
    • Treasurer
    • Secretary

• At Large Director Appointments
  – Welcome Dr Pooja Mehta
AABC Election Results

Aubre Tompkins
Leseliey Welch
Pamela Harmon
Judith Butler
Misty Ward
Ebony Marcelle
Program Committee

Jenny Fardink
AABC Program Committee
Program Committee

- Pivot to online
- 20+ CE contact hours
- Networking opportunities
- Still time to register!
- Thank you to the Program Committee for double duty in 2020

AABCBirthInstitute.org
Research Committee

Diana Jolles
AABC Research Committee
PDR Snapshot

- Total PDR records – 116,895
- Total complete – 95,215
- Total incomplete – 21,680
- Record completion rate – 81.5% (79.9% last quarter)
- Total active sites – 73 (77 last quarter)


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- Connecticut Childbirth & Women's Center
- Corvallis Birth and Women's Health Center
- Dar a Luz Birth & Health Center
- Family Beginnings Birthing Center at Miami Valley Hospital
- Family Health and Birth Center
- FamilyCare OB/GYN & Birth Center
- Flagstaff Birth & Women’s Center
- Footprints In Time Midwifery & Family Clinic
- Fort Worth Birthing & Wellness Center
- Frederick Birth Center
- Geneva Woods Birth Center
- Goshen Birth Center
- Health Foundations Birth Center + Women's Health Clinic
- Holy Family Birth Center
- Holy Family Services, Inc.
- Illinois Valley Community Hospital, Women's Health Care Center
- Lebanon Valley Birth Center
- Lifecycle WomanCare
- Mat-Su Midwifery & Family Health
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Standards Committee

Christy Peterson
AABC Standards Committee
Standards Committee

- Meets on adhoc basis
- Looking forward
  - Development of standards related to diversity, equity and inclusion
Arizona Chapter

Kathryn Schrag
Vice President
Arizona Chapter
Arizona Chapter

- Increased demand for community birth
- Growth for Arizona birth centers
- Engaged key stakeholders in COVID-19 response and shared AABC/CABC’s Guidelines for Auxiliary Maternity Units

- Welcome New Members
  - Babymoon Inn Tucson
  - Gilbert Family Birth Center
  - The Midwife Center at Tucson Medical Center (Alongside Midwifery Unit)
California Chapter

Nancy Myrick
President
California Chapter
California Chapter is Gestating…

• Long history of informal associations:
  – California Birth Center Association
  – Bay Area Region Birth Centers

• Now we are a formal chapter, but not yet “active”

• Big News for California CNMs! SB 1237 Passed
  – Removes Physician Supervision
  – Some limitations: MD/CNM guidelines for VBAC and other moderate/high risk mgmt.
  – LM concerns: Patient autonomy, impact on their law
Minnesota Chapter

Amy Johnson-Grass
President
Minnesota Chapter
Minnesota Chapter

• Newly established state chapter in 2020
• Supporting each other through COVID-19
  – Monthly virtual meetings or more if needed
• Working with the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) on insurance billing for freestanding birth centers
New York Chapter

Whitney Hall
President
New York Chapter
• 2016: Law passed to enable Midwifery Led Birth Centers to exist as Article 28 facilities in NYS.

• 11/19: Regulations created and published for the new facility type.

• 4/20: COVID-19 Maternity Task Force stood up to fast track MBCs.

• 6/20: DOH publishes the licensure process and hosts a webinar.

• This process is the same as any hospital licensure process and was not addended to ensure MBCs would actually open.

• DOH/NYSBCA phone call with AABC and CABC to explain why their process will not work. They are not inclined to change it.

• Continuing to push for CABC accreditation as the only prerequisite for licensure. New bill being introduced in January.
Texas Chapter

Jackie Griggs
President
Texas Chapter
Texas Chapter

- 2020 is a year to regroup and realign our Coalition
- We are having monthly online meetings to get things started again
- We appointed an Interim Board until we can have an election in the Spring
- We are sending out a paper letter this month to all Texas birth centers asking them to join AABC and our Coalition
- Projects we are interested in are increasing Medicaid funding for birth centers in Texas, creating a buying co-op for Texas birth centers, and enforcing the Texas law saying hospitals may not call themselves birth centers.
- A lot of misinformation among Texas birth centers about AABC
AABC Foundation Update

AABC Foundation

Grow more birth centers. Serve more families.
AABC Foundation Update

Ann Geisler
President
AABC Foundation
UPDATE

- Grants to Support Birth Centers
- Scholarships
- Research Grants
- Sponsorship
- Grant to AABC

$56,131 awarded in 2019
Grants to Support Birth Centers

- Accreditation Support Grants
  - Next application deadline: Nov 1st

- Birth Center Membership Grants
  - Next application deadlines: Sept 30th + Nov 30th
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Ann Geisler  
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Adrian Feldhusen  
*Gala Co-Chair*

Rebecca Gorski
Foundation Update

GROW
MORE BIRTH CENTERS
AABCF TELETHON

Saturday, October 3rd at 7:30PM ET

Birth Institute App / Facebook / YouTube
CABC Update
CABC Update

Michele DeAngelo
Executive Director
Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers
117 CABC-Accredited Birth Centers in 35 States
Care Provider Models in CABC-Accredited Birth Centers  N=117

- CPM/LM Only: 18 (15%)
- Both CNM & CPM: 45 (38%)
- CNM/CM Only: 53 (45%)
- Physician only: 1 (0.9%)
What is a Sentinel Event?

• Death
  • Neonatal
  • Intrapartum Fetal
  • Maternal

• Serious physical or psychological injury OR need for significant intervention

• “Near-miss” - Risk of injury or death, including any process variation for which a recurrence would carry significant chance of a serious adverse outcome

• Reporting required to CABC by CABC-accredited birth centers within 14-days of occurrence
CABC Process for Sentinel Event Review

**How Does the Sentinel Event Review Process Work?**

1. **Birth Center reports Sentinel Event through password-protected form on CABC website**
   - Birth Center
     - Conducts Root Cause Analysis
     - Redacts PHI from documents that will be shown during call with Sentinel Event Review Panel
   - CABC
     - Logs Sentinel Event for Complaints & Sentinel Event Committee
     - Schedules screen-sharing call with Birth Center
     - Appoints Sentinel Event Review Panel

2. **1st Conference Call with Birth Center**
   - Birth Center
     - Explains what happened
     - Presents Root Cause Analysis and action plan, if any
     - May offer recommendations for change in Indicators
   - CABC
     - Does not take notes or record call
     - Reviews Root Cause Analysis
     - Confirms reporting to appropriate entities

3. **Follow up Conference Call with Birth Center if needed**
   - Birth Center
     - Conducts additional Root Cause Analysis
     - Revises action and/or evaluation plan
   - CABC
     - Provides requirements or recommendations based on Indicators, if any
     - Enters de-identified data into Sentinel Event database
Total Sentinel Events Reviewed

155 sentinel events reported by CABC-accredited birth centers since 2016
Classification of SE’s Reported in 2019-2020 (YTD)*

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<td>Antepartum Fetal Death</td>
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<td>Intrapartum Fetal Death</td>
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<td>Maternal Death or Serious Maternal Injury or Illness or Need for Significant...</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Near-Miss – Risk of Injury or Death</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Process Variation for Which a Recurrence Would Carry Significant Risk of Adverse...</td>
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2020 (n=64) 2019 (n=66)
## Relevant Clinical Diagnoses of Sentinel Events

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<td>7 (16%)</td>
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<td>HTN or Pre-eclampsia or Eclampsia</td>
<td>3 (9%)</td>
<td>7 (16%)</td>
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<td>FHR Abnormality</td>
<td>4 (11%)</td>
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<td>IUFD</td>
<td>4 (11%)</td>
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<td>Cord Prolapse</td>
<td>3 (9%)</td>
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<td>Obesity</td>
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<td>Late Term or Post Term</td>
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<td>MSAF</td>
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<td>TOLAC</td>
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<td>Shoulder Dystocia</td>
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<td>Retained Placenta</td>
<td>1 (3%)</td>
<td>2 (5%)</td>
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<td>Prolonged 1st or 2nd Stage</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>6 (17%)</td>
<td>8 (18%)</td>
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Root Causes Identified by CABC-Accredited Birth Centers in 2019-2020 (YTD) Sentinel Event Reviews (N=285)

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<td>Collaboration/Communication</td>
<td>54 (19%)</td>
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<td>P&amp;P's Inadequate or Not...</td>
<td>42 (15%)</td>
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<td>Staff Issues</td>
<td>39 (14%)</td>
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<td>Documentation</td>
<td>27 (10%)</td>
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<td>Equipment/Supplies</td>
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<td>Fetal/Neonatal Assessment</td>
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<td>Maternal Assessment</td>
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<td>Transfer Initiation or Process</td>
<td>18 (6%)</td>
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<td>Risk Criteria</td>
<td>16 (6%)</td>
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<td>NRP</td>
<td>15 (5%)</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>7 (3%)</td>
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Actions Taken by Birth Centers as Result of RCA Findings (N=170)

- **Staff Development**: 43 (25%)
- **P&P Review/Revision**: 40 (24%)
- **Improve Communication/Collaboration**: 33 (19%)
- **Equipment & Supplies**: 15 (9%)
- **Review/Revise Documentation**: 15 (9%)
- **Outside Consult/Peer Review**: 12 (7%)
- **Staffing Changes**: 7 (4%)
- **Client Education Materials**: 5 (3%)
Birth center professionals are consistently honing their skillsets and updating their knowledge through continuing education opportunities. While this is an important aspect of professional development, reviews with your peers are equally important in the quest to become a better clinician. A shift is occurring in peer review from a punitive culture to a supportive environment encouraging each provider to achieve their very best performance. This shift is critical in order for providers to trust and feel safe in participating honestly and objectively in peer review.

In this issue:
Unpacking Peer Reviews
By Abbie Synan, CABC Staff Member

In this issue:
7 Tips for Communication with EMS
By Catherine Gordon, MS, CNM, FNP-BC, CABC Commissioner

CABC Commissioner Cathy Gordon recently met with the EMS Director in her birth center’s county. The discussion resulted in some great - and affordable - ideas that may be helpful to others in the event of a transfer. Here are some suggestions that may improve your birth center’s communication with EMS and care during transfers.

Noteworthy: May 2020
Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers

Noteworthy: A Conversation with a CABC-Accredited Birth Center
Elizabeth Simmons, co-founder of The Birth Center of Boulder updated CABC Commissioner Kim Pekin on what’s been happening at the birth center.

This is the next installment in the series, “Noteworthy: A Conversation with a CABC-Accredited Birth Center”

The Birth Center of Boulder is a freestanding birth center and women’s health clinic in the heart of Boulder, Colorado. The birth center opened in 2014 and became accredited that same year.
Navigating the Virtual Accreditation Process

1. Set up your Basecamp account
   Resource: Basecamp in 5 Easy Steps

2. Complete the Application
   Required form: Application

3. Complete the SER and supporting documents
   Required form: SER for 2020 Indicators
   Resources: Virtual Accreditation Checklist, Facility Tour Checklist, Video Tour Instructions, Sample Video Clip of Emergency Exits, Sample Budget Form, Optional Statistics Worksheet

4. Assemble Personnel Files
   Required forms (as applicable):
   Personnel File Checklist for Closed Model, Open Model, and Students

5. Complete accreditation tasks for video chats:
   - Prepare for facility check follow-up, personnel file review, and chart review
   - Review birth log and understand how to print an electronic report (if applicable)
   - Think about the best staff member for each video chat
   - Prepare/test equipment
   - Download GoToMeeting app
   Resources: Sample Chart Review Form, Exporting PDR Data for Birth Log tutorial

6. Schedule interviews and video chats when contacted by CABC
   Required form: Interview Scheduling Form

7. Participate in video chats

Resources for any step: CABC Indicators and Virtual Accreditation Training Modules
Congratulations to Birth Centers Achieving CABC Accreditation for the First Time in 2019-2020

- Tree of Life Family Birth Center – Jeffersonville, IN
- Seasons Midwifery & Birth Center – Thornton, CO
- Midtown Nurse-Midwives – Sacramento, CA
- Mary V. O’Shea Birth Center at St. Peter’s University Hospital (AMU) – New Brunswick, NJ
- Birth Center of Denver – Denver, CO
- Empowered Pregnancy – Kirkland, WA
- Moonstone Midwives Birth Center – Arcata, CA
- Sacred Roots Midwifery & Birth Center – Indianapolis, IN
- California Birth Center – Rocklin, CA
- My Family Birth Center – Ogden, UT
- The Birth Center at Comprehensive Women’s Health–Gainesville, FL
Congratulations to these Pioneer Birth Centers Reaching Excellence through Accreditation for Two Decades or More:

- Birth Care & Family Heath Services, Bart, PA (21 years)
- The Birth Center: Holistic Women’s Healthcare, Newark, DE (22 years)
- Connecticut Childbirth & Women’s Center, Danbury, CT - (23 years)
- Bay Area Midwifery Center, Annapolis, MD - (24 years)
- Women's Birth & Wellness Center, Chapel Hill, NC - (25 years)
- Nativiti Family Birth Center, The Woodlands, TX - (25 years)
- Santa Rosa Birth Center, Santa Rosa, CA - (25 years)
- Reading Midwife Center for Women’s Wellness, Reading, PA - (26 years)
- Best Start Birth Center, San Diego, CA - (26 years)
- The Midwife Group & Birth Center, Savannah, GA - (26 years)
- BirthCare & Women's Health, Alexandria, VA - (27 years)
- Lifecycle WomanCare, Bryn Mawr, PA - (28 years)
- The Midwifery Center at Tucson Medical Center, Tucson, AZ (29 years) - has been continuously CABC-accredited through all of its many iterations and is now CABC-accredited as an Alongside Midwifery Unit
Unfinished Business
New Business