

The Direct Entry Midwife Registration Program in DORA, the Department of Regulatory Agencies, will be convening a group to discuss if Midwives should be given the authority to suture perineal tears, and if so, what education, training, and practice standard should be enacted.

This group will meet Friday, June 28, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the DORA offices, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1250B, Denver, Co 80202.

A diverse group has been selected to give program staff information to write a document that will then be given to the Legislature and the DORA Office of Research, Policy and Regulatory Reform before the next sunset review. The information will also be made available on the website.

Any member of the suturing group or any member of the public may submit written comments about these issues to maureen.hartlaub@state.co.us or 1560 Broadway St. #1350, Denver, CO 80202. Comments must be limited to one page, and factual information with a bibliography or cite is preferred.

The public is invited to attend and will be able to give brief comments.

The draft agenda is:

3:00 Convene, introduction

3:05 Public Comment on authorization to suture

3:15 Panel Discussion: Should Direct-entry midwives be authorized to suture perineal tears.

3:40 Public Comment: What education, training, and practice should be required of Midwives

3:50 Panel Discussion: If Authorized, what education, training, and practice should midwives have to safely suture.

4:50 Public comment: Open.

5:00 Adjourn