

**Call for Public Member
to the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC)**

Applications Due June 25, 2020

The **Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC)** accrediting body which is seeking to fill a **public member** vacancy beginning **October 8, 2020** for a 3-year term.

Individuals interested in applying for the **public member** position must not be a member of the professions of midwifery. In addition, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education, a “representative of the public” is a person who is not (a) an employee, member of the governing board, owner, or shareholder of or consultant to a program that either is accredited or has applied for accreditation by the MEACA; (b) a current or past member of any trade association or membership organization which advocates on behalf of midwifery issues; or (c) a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in (a) or (b).

The role and responsibilities of MEAC’s public member are as follows:

- a. serve as consumer advocate, represent and protect the public interest, oversee the process for fairness and reasonable action.
- b. advise and make recommendations to the MEAC regarding issues of fairness, due process, and consistency.
- c. participate in committees of the MEAC as requested.
- d. review self-evaluation reports, annual reports, monitoring and compliance reports and substantive change plans of programs and institutions to evaluate compliance with standards and render decisions

The MEAC accredits direct-entry midwifery institutions and programs. The board of directors is currently composed of 9 members (academics and practitioners and one public member), with 3-year terms. The Board meets four to eight times a year via teleconference platforms and one in-person meeting at various locations every October. Information is available on our web site about the MEAC and the accreditation program: <http://meacschools.org/>

Those interested in being considered for MEAC’s public member vacancy must complete the application verifying that they meet all sections of the public member definition and submit it along with current curriculum vitae through the online application (linked from https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NDOYTowil_6PNcYbhufffd3a9pgFAYviYehCvkqCuxQ/viewform?edit_requested=true) by **June 25, 2020**.

The MEAC Nominating Committee will consider all applications received in accordance with its policies and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Trixi Packmohr, Executive Director at info@meacschools.org.