DEFINING PRIMARY MIDWIFERY CARE

Type of activity: Scavenger hunt

Purpose: To identify how several international, national and provincial midwifery organizations define midwifery as a primary care profession

Equipment: Electronic device with Internet access, web links and scavenger hunt activity sheet (see below), printer

Instructions: In this activity, you will review several webpages and documents from international, national and provincial midwifery organizations to identify how they define midwifery. An activity sheet is provided below that lists key components of primary care and primary health care. Several lines have been left blank where you can add additional components. Print this sheet. Link to the webpages or documents listed below in the order in which they appear. Review these sources and match the information found in these sources with the components of primary care or primary health care listed on the scavenger hunt activity sheet. You may need to interpret the information presented in the sources to make a match. You may also indicate more than one source for each component of primary care or primary health care. When you are done, review the list and summarize how midwifery is defined as a primary care profession at the international and national levels, and in Ontario. This summary may be verbal or in writing. Share and compare your summary with another student. (You will be able to link to a completed scavenger hunt activity "answer" sheet later in this lesson. Do not look ahead to give yourself every opportunity to reflect on and become familiar with these sources that help to inform how midwifery is defined as a primary care profession in Ontario.)

Web links:

1. ICM Council. International definition of the midwife [Internet]. International Confederation of Midwives; 2011 June [cited 2015 May 28]. Available from: http://www.internationalmidwives.org/who-we-are/policy-and-practice/icm-international-definition-of-the-midwife/
2. Canadian Association of Midwives. Midwifery Practice [Internet]. Montreal: Canadian Association of Midwives; What is a Canadian registered midwife?; c2015 [cited 2015 May 28]. Available from: http://www.canadianmidwives.org/what-is-a-midwife.html
3. Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium. Midwifery in Canada [Internet]. Winnipeg: Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium; What is a Canadian registered midwife?; c2006-2015 [cited 2015 May 28]; para. 6. Available from: http://cmrc-ccosf.ca/node/18
4. Ontario. Midwifery Act, 1991 [Internet]. SO 1991, c 31. Toronto: Queen's Printer for Ontario; 1991 [updated 2011; cited 2015 May 28]. Available from: http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91m31
5. College of Midwives of Ontario. The Ontario midwifery model of care [Internet]. Toronto: College of Midwives of Ontario; 2014 January [cited 2015 May 28]. Available from: http://www.cmo.on.ca/?page_id=429
6. Ontario Midwives. What is a midwife? [Internet]. Toronto: Association of Ontario Midwives.; c2015 [cited 2015 May 28]. Available from: http://www.ontariomidwives.ca/midwife/

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Primary Care or Primary Health Care Component	International Definition of the Midwife	Canadian Association of Midwives	Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium	Ontario Midwifery Act	CMO Ontario Model of Care	Association of Ontario Midwives
First point of entry to health care system						
First level/"low risk" care						
Wellness /"normal" oriented						
Health education/counselling						
Health promotion/disease prevention						
Partnership with clients/ patients						
Client-centred decision making						
Continuity of care						
Community-based care						
Access to institution-based services						
Coordinated consultation & referral						
Adapted to community need						
Educated/competent practitioners						
Recognized to practice						
Quality care						
Distinct scope of practice						
Fully responsible, accountable						
Autonomous/"self-regulating" profession						
Publicly funded/affordable						
Universal access						
Care over time/life cycle care						
Childbearing and postpartum						
Women's health, sexual health, reproductive health, child care						