

# Agenda

- ▶ Transition time (5 min)
- ▶ Presentation- recorded (30 min)
- ▶ Discussion- not recorded (20 min)
- ▶ Post survey (5 min)



The graphic features a woman with long, curly brown hair and a gold necklace, smiling. To her left is a circular logo with a stylized 'V' shape containing the text 'Midwifery M&B'. The background is dark blue with a subtle geometric pattern. A pink rectangular tab is visible on the right edge.

## Real Talk

Things to consider  
when looking into  
different practice  
settings for your  
first midwifery job

3/2/2022  
12-1PM PST

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PRACTICE SETTINGS



# Midwife Practice Settings

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN LOOKING INTO DIFFERENT PRACTICE SETTINGS  
FOR YOUR FIRST MIDWIFERY JOB

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# ABOUT ME :

## Diana

- ▶ Bachelors in Biology from University of California - Riverside in 2012
- ▶ Bachelors in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University in 2014
- ▶ L&D Nurse in District of Columbia and San Francisco
- ▶ MSN in Midwifery and Women's Health from University of California - San Francisco in 2019
- ▶ Worked in: private practice, free standing birth center, and currently working at an in- hospital birth center in Ventura, California



# TERMINOLOGY

- **Ambulatory Care** : providing in office appointments (antenatal, postpartum, gynecology, family planning, and primary care)
- **Inpatient Care/ Hospitalist** : providing care in a hospital setting (intrapartum and postpartum care)
- **Community Based Setting**: providing services in clients' home, an office, or a birth center

# PRACTICE SETTINGS

## Community Birth Settings

- Clients' home
- Private offices
- Free standing birth centers
- Combination of multiple settings

## Inpatient/Hospitalist

- Teaching hospital
- Labor and delivery units with or without hospitalists
- Delivering providers: midwives, OBGYN, family medicine, private practice

## Ambulatory Clinics

- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Community Clinics
- Private Practice

# COMMUNITY SETTINGS

## ADVANTAGES

- Focus on holistic care
- Longer appointments
  - Continuity of care
- Practice independence

## DISADVANTAGES

- Services might not be covered by insurance thus limiting access to care
  - On call schedule
  - Less employee benefits



# AMBULATORY CARE

## BENEFITS

- Predictable schedule
- Continuity of care
- Variety of specialties

## DOWNSIDES

- Focus on productivity leading to shorter appointment times and more clients scheduled
- Time spent doing administrative work (follow up on labs, consults)
  - CODING

# INPATIENT CARE

## PRIVATE PRACTICE

- Only provide care to clients who are seen by that specific practice
- Oftentimes take call from home and only come in if their clients are admitted to the hospital

## TEACHING HOSPITAL

- Care is provided by multiple providers (students, residents, attendings)
- Generally, there is always a provider on the unit supervising care

## MULTIPLE SERVICES

- Each service has an on-call provider (midwives, OBGYN, family practice)
- One model: Low- risk clients are delivered by the midwives or family practice and complicated cases are cared for by OBGYN
- Another model: clients are taken care of by pre-assigned on-call provider (for example, if a client is being seen by a midwife for their prenatal care, then the on-call midwife will evaluate that client)



# QUESTIONS TO ASK

- How many practice settings are you expected to be at?
- How much time will you spend at each practice setting?
- Which type of providers work at each setting?





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