



Informed Choice and Disclosure Statement for Kaufman County Birth Center Associate Midwives

According to the Texas Law, Texas Occupations Code Cg.203, the Midwife is required to disclose in oral and written form to a prospective client the limitations of the skills and practices of the Midwife. The informed choice and disclosure statement meets these legal requirements.

In accordance with the Texas Midwifery Act, as midwives we:

Assist only with normal childbirth except in an emergency situation that poses an immediate threat to the life of the mother or newborn.

Encourage each client to seek prenatal, postpartum, and newborn care.

Advise each client to seek medical care if the client develops signs or symptoms of a complication related to pregnancy.

Do not use forceps or surgical instruments for any procedure other than cutting the umbilical cord or providing emergency first aid during delivery.

Do not remove the placenta by invasive technique.

Do not advance or retard labor or delivery by using medicines or mechanical devices.

Do not administer a prescription drug except under the supervision of a physician licensed by the State of Texas, with the exception of oxygen and state approved prophylaxis to prevent blindness of the infant.

Do not knowingly or intentionally falsify or make false statements on a birth certificate application.

Do not use professional titles other than licensed midwife (LM) or Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) if NARM certified.

Have made the form available in English and Spanish.

Have made the statistics specified by the Texas Midwifery Board available (see below)

Have explained to the client all the other legal requirements which are applicable to the midwives practice;

- o The newborn screening law requires every newborn to receive testing for certain diseases. We are trained to do compulsory newborn screening.
- o A newborn baby must receive eye prophylaxis within 2 hours of birth to prevent possible blindness from infection.
- o A serology blood test for syphilis & hepatitis B is necessary during pregnancy and on admission for birth.
- o A serology blood test for HIV is necessary at the first prenatal visit and on admission for birth, unless the mother objects. The result of the test is confidential.
- o Communicable diseases must be reported.
- o Registration is necessary for both births and deaths.
- o Compliance with provisions of the Dangerous Drug Act and the controlled Substance Act is necessary and other laws applicable.

Should a client have a complaint about the care she receives from a midwife, she may contact the DSHS Midwifery Program, orally or in writing:

Texas Department of State Health Services Midwifery Program MC-1982

Professional Licensing and Certification Unit

P.O. Box 149347, Austin, Texas 78714-9347

(512) 834-4523 or 1-800-942-5540 and online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/midwife/>

Our practice discloses the information of any midwife who may be called to attend to you in labor and/or birth. All our associate midwives are in compliance with all education requirements approved by the Texas Midwifery Board. Whenever possible we work in teams of two, a primary midwife and an assistant, (whether midwife student or nurse) will attend your labor/birth and immediate postpartum period.

The expiration date of the midwives license is:

- o Audrey Stucker, LM, CPM: (2/28/2015)
- o Linda Turner, LM, CPM: 2/28/2014

Current certificates in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR) and Neonatal Resuscitation are required as part of the license renewal process for all midwives.

The expiration date of the midwives adult CPR is:

- o Audrey Stucker, LM, CPM: 4/2014
- o Linda Turner, LM, CPM: 9/2014

The expiration date of the midwives NNR is:

- o Audrey Stucker, LM, CPM: 5/23/2014
- o Linda Turner, LM, CPM: 12/14/2013

Midwifery Experience

Audrey Stucker, LM, CPM

- o Has Practiced Midwifery for 4 years
- o Total # births attended: 70+
- o Total # of births as primary care giver: 30+

Linda Turner, LM, CPM

- o Has Practiced Midwifery for 3 years
- o Total # births attended: 70+
- o Total # of births as primary care giver: 30+

Medical backup arrangements are: (unless prior arrangements are made) with Presbyterian Hospital, Kaufman Texas, or for a homebirth the nearest facility that can provide the appropriate care at the time of need.

Client Signature

Date

Audrey Stucker, LM, CPM

Signature of Midwife

Date

Linda Turner, LM, CPM

Signature of Midwife

Date