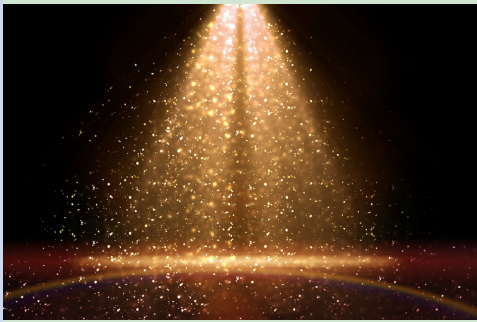
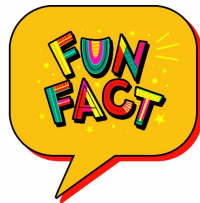




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## Commissioner Spotlight: Emily Hayes, MHA, RNC-OB/ EFM CABC Vice President



"My husband and I are empty nesters and recently had one son graduate from Ohio University (one down, one to go!)"

We enjoy Ohio mountain biking (there are no real mountains in Ohio; we aren't adventurous or brave enough to do hard core mountain biking) and going to local German Festivals throughout the year – can't beat a good German beer!"

**Why do you think that CABC-accreditation is important to birth centers and alongside midwifery units?**

I am a strong believer in CABC accreditation for both the freestanding birth center (FSBC) and alongside midwifery unit (AMU) in order to focus on high quality care. For the FSBC – the CABC offers a lot of resources on structure, quality reviews, and best practices.

For the AMU – CABC-accreditation provides "fighting power" in a larger organization to maintain the midwifery model of care within the hospital setting. It sets boundaries to keep medical management of patients in the labor and delivery units vs the low risk alongside midwifery unit.

**What expertise, experience and philosophy do you bring to the CABC board?**

I have worked as a registered nurse in women's services for almost 24 year:

- 11 years at the bedside in a level 3 L&D unit as well as floating to FBBC as needed.
- 2 years as Team Leader/Clinical Nurse Manager for L&D/FBBC units.
- 2 years as Associate Nurse Manager for L&D/FBBC.
- 8 years as Nurse Manager for L&D/FBBC.
- Now the Director of Nursing for Women's Services (NICU, L&D, OR, PICU/Antepartum, FBBC, PP, and MFM) since March of 2023.



I have been a Commissioner since October 2018. I have also been involved with AABC since 2021, assisting with education about AMU's and developing a curriculum for future workshops.

Once I assumed the role of manager for the FBBC unit – I really delved into learning more about the philosophy and program as well as CABC accreditation. I truly believe that the AMU it is the best of both worlds and gives patients the opportunity to have choices in care in the Dayton area. I am excited that I have the chance to help others have create similar experiences in hospitals. It is important that consumers have access to safe, high quality care in all settings in every community.

### **What is your vision for CABC in 5-10 years?**

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### **What piqued your interest in a position as a CABC Commissioner?**

I was recruited by Susan Stapleton and Pam Bartlett due to my experience managing the alongside midwifery unit (AMU) in Dayton – Family Beginnings Birth Center (FBBC) - as the CABC was working to create specific AMU indicators for accreditation. I was interested in expanding my network and also being able to influence future AMU's nationwide.

Continued growth, with more stability and diverse representation. Growth and stability go hand in hand – if we can increase our number of accredited FSBCs and AMUs, that will provide the stability of the organization and opportunity to expand our reach. Adding diverse representation to the board will also benefit the organization in relating to our constituents and providing them with the unique support that they need and desire.

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## **Achievement Spotlight**

December 2023 - January 2024

### **Congratulations on Your Re-Accreditation!**

A New Story Birth Center - Miaca & Brainerd, MN

Puget Sound Midwives & Birth Center - Kirkland, WA

Mary V. O' Shea Birth Center at St. Peter's Hospital  
New Brunswick, NJ

### **Now In-Process**

True North Birth Center - Poulsbo, WA

Canyon Midwifery - Peria, AZ

Columbia Birth Center - Richland, WA

Ohio Birth Center - Columbus, OH

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