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**Meeting Minutes of:
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (PAC)**

**October 20, 2016
1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

<p>George W. Dunne Building 69 West Washington, 35th Floor Chicago, IL</p>	<p>IDPH Offices 535 West Jefferson, 5th Floor Springfield, IL</p>
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Attendees

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
<p>Bree Andrews (Phone) Richard Besinger Jennifer Brandenburg Lori Filock William Grobman Janet Hoffman (Phone) Robin Jones (Phone) Jean Kosmatka (Phone) Mark Loafman Phyllis Lawlor-Klean Stephen Locher Lisa Masinter Cindy Mitchell Phil Schaefer Yesenia Yopez Maripat Zeschke</p>	<p>Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Amanda Bennett, IDPH Andrea Palmer, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Nirav Shah, IDPH Kyle Stone, IDPH</p> <p>Pam Wolfe Elaine Shafer Jodi Hoskins Raye Ann de Regnier Andrea Cross Cecilia Lopez Jamie Mitchell Juan Morado Angela Rodriguez Sandy Kraiss Deborah Schy Melissa Zahnd</p>
	Members Not In Attendance
	<p>Beau Batton Omar LaBlanc Mike Farrell Howard Strassner Linda Wheal Jared Rogers</p>

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Motions

1. **Motion to nominate William Grobman as temporary chair.**
 - 1st Cindy Mitchell, 2nd Phil Schaefer, Unanimous Yes
2. **Motion to approve minutes from June 2016.**
 - Richard Besinger 1st, Stephen Locher 2nd, Unanimous Yes
3. **Motion to discard the present perinatal levels of care designation, replace it with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), with the recognition of all aspects of the AAP, including the need to take geography into consideration.**
 - 1st Stephen Locher, 2nd Mark Loafman, 13 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstaining
4. **Motion to create a subcommittee, of the HFDSC, on what the site visit process should look like moving forward. Phil Schaefer will chair it with Elaine Shafer to co-chair.**
 - 1st Yesenia Yepez, 2nd Jenny Brandenburg, Unanimous Yes.
5. **Motion to add new member Adrienna Beatty to the Hospital Facilities Designation Subcommittee.**
 - 1st Phil Schaefer, 2nd Stephen Locher, Unanimous Yes.
6. **Motion to adjourn**
 - Unanimous yes.

Introductions

The Office of Women's Health Deputy Director, Shannon Lightner, started the meeting with introductions of members and guests around the room. She then called for a motion to nominate a temporary chair in Beau Batton's absence for a family emergency. William Grobman was nominated, accepted, and voted on as the temporary chair.

Minutes

The minutes from June 2016 were approved.

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Agenda Items

1. IDPH Update

NICU Rules

- The Hospital Facilities Regulation Board was at the meeting to speak to an update on the certificate of exemption. To establish a category of service of neonatology in a healthcare facility you can file a certificate of exemption which is different than a certificate of need. It asks for certain documents to be submitted and if all documents are then the regulation board is to allow that certificate of exemption. The last meeting they told the committee that they were going to change that system. However at the last regulation board they decided to keep the current process.
 - o Q: Difference between the certificate of need and the certificate of exemption process?
 - o A: The certificate of need requires more document submissions, a longer time review (100 days instead of 60), it is brought to review in front of a board which than can be denied whereas the certificate of exemption will always be approved with proper documentation.

Ethics Training

- Alexander Smith from the Illinois Department of Public Health went over updated FY2017 ethics training which needs to be completed yearly.

NAS Update

- IDPH did a quick update on what the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Committee is working on. It was also brought up how the group plans to possibly expand to working on issues other than NAS once it completes its objectives of determining a uniform screening process for NAS.
- The committee is trying to learn from other states that done it prior.

2. Chair Update

- None at the moment.

3. Old Business

- None at the moment.

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4. New Business

- None

5. Committee Updates

Levels of Care

- William Grobman spoke about the levels of care committee and how they had ended the previously in the year and the group was tasked with reviewing both the maternal and neonatal levels of care. The American Academy of Pediatrics had released a new system and the group was to review it and determine whether or not it should recommend to IDPH as to whether or not they should adopt the new rules.
- From the LOC committee the maternal levels of care vote was 14-0 approval and the neonatal levels of care vote was 12-2.
- Amanda has previously spoken to the group using the LOCaTE data. The data supports that there is very little impact on the community and would be advantageous on the whole. Amanda then briefly spoke about the final findings. The analysis shows a greater increase of mortality for the infants. Since most other states have adopted this already, the group was able to see the positive impact in other states, but needed to do see what it could possibly look like in Illinois which is why the survey was initially sent out.
- PAC is supposed to make a decision at this meeting as to whether or not it should adopt the AAP guidelines for the neonatal as the maternal levels of care has been previously passed and sent through the PAC.
- Phil Schaefer did a presentation as a possible negative impact of adopting the AAP new proposed levels of care on the southern region of Illinois. He broke down the financial, family stability, and the difficulties of hiring specific specialty doctors.
- There was then a discussion about whether or there would be certain exceptions for hospitals if the new system is adopted. And the committee did look at that and they did not want certain geographical areas to be affected, but do believe that overall it would be a better move.
 - Q: A question was asked about the how many of the hospitals that were going from a level 2 to a level 1 would be in the Chicago area as opposed to outside the Chicago area.
 - A: Most will be outside of Chicago.
- If this were to pass, the next step is to have a committee that would allow for all parts of the state to weigh in and how they will want to approach it. It also will have to go through the rule changing process which is open to public comment.
- Motion to discard the present perinatal levels of care designation, replace it with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), with the recognition of all aspects of the AAP, including the need to take geography into consideration. Motion by Stephen Locher and seconded by Mark Loafman.
- The vote was 13 Yes, 1 No, and 1 Abstaining.

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- The director of IDPH thanked the work put forth by the committee and all the data presented. He also expressed that he understands that there is no rule that is one size fits all and will work on try to make the rules beneficial to everyone.

Maternal Mortality Review Committee

- Did not meet this month.

Maternal Mortality Review Violent Deaths

- No new information. Next meeting is to be determined.

Statewide Quality Council

- Cindy Mitchell gave the update as she was chair in Stephen Locher's place.
- Most of the agenda was an update from the ILPQC.
- The ILPQC yearly conference is coming up.
- ILPQC put together a slide set available for download and is still looking for speakers for their upcoming conference.
- ASTHO selected Illinois to be a part of how to improve LARC (Long Acting Reversible Contraception) at Delivery.
- IDPH gave an update on flu vaccine. Flu in pregnant women was identified as a focus point for states.
- Revisit committee membership.

Hospital Facilities Designation

- The group had two motions to come out of the subcommittee.
- There was a discussion about hospitals need a site visit when they are decreasing in levels and how they believe it to be a waste of resources.
- Motion to create a subcommittee on what the site visit process should look like moving forward. Phil Schaefer will chair it with Elaine Shafer to co-chair. Yesenia Yopez motioned with Jenny Brandenburg and Unanimous Yes vote.
- The group also talked about the policy of Chairs of Neonatology of level II+'s and level III's.
- Talked about the network change process and to create a streamlined and routine for all hospitals to go through.
- Motion to add new member Adrienna Beatty to the HFDSC committee. Phil Schaefer motioned with Stephen Locher seconded and had a Unanimous Yes.

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Closing

Unanimous vote to close the meeting.