



**Meeting Minutes of:**  
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**Levels of Care: Levels I and II (LOC)**

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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

| Members in Attendance   | Guests and IDPH   |
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| Raye Ann de Regnier<br>Yesenia Yopez<br>Deborah Boyle<br>Sue Hesse<br>Melissa Hilt (Phone)<br>Omar LaBlanc (Phone)<br>Jessica Mossman (Phone)<br>Robert Walsh | Tanya Dworkin, IDPH<br>Alexander Smith, IDPH<br>Kristen Woytowicz, IDPH<br><br>Christine Emmons<br>Lisa Fillman<br>Robyn Gude<br>Debbie Kamrat<br>Cindy Mitchell<br>Carol Rosenbusch<br>Shirley Scott<br>Lisa Weber |
|   | <b>Members Not In Attendance</b>  |
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**Motions**

1. **Motion to approve the minutes from September 2017.**  
 - 1<sup>st</sup> Yesenia Yopez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Boyle, Unanimous yes.
  
2. **Motion to adjourn.**  
 - 1<sup>st</sup> Yesenia Yopez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Boyle, Unanimous yes.

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## **Introductions and Welcome**

- Raye Ann called the meeting to order and went around the room and on the phone doing introductions.

## **Minutes**

- The minutes from September 2017 were reviewed and approved with a unanimous yes.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. IDPH Update**

- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) staff spoke about the two new groups that the PAC added to the LOC groups. One Quality Improvement group and one for Implementation of the Levels of Care.
- IDPH covered the October 19 cross team meeting. Another meeting will most likely be happening.
- IDPH is working with CDPH to get details on the prohibition of Level I hospitals within the Chicago city limits.

### **2. State Comparisons for Neonatal Level I's**

#### *In regards to Birth Centers*

- This topic was talked about at the PAC meeting. The PAC committee wants to put something about birth centers in the code and this LOC team plans to get to it at the end of the policy review of level I and II's.

#### *In regards to Maternal Levels of Care – Level I*

- The group plans to come up with recommendations for maternal levels of care, even though it may not be accepted through policy.

#### *Equipment List – Neonatal*

- Tanya Dworkin will speak with IDPH Legal whether the rules will allow for general reference to national guidelines or if the year of the guidelines need to be included.
- Group will then decide whether or not to review the equipment list in detail.

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Education – Neonatal

- What type of education should be expected at each level? Is the LOC QI group going to be looking at this?
- Needs assessment to be conducted by the APC and Level I hospital every year with education activities developed to support that.
- Provide evidence of a yearly evaluation.
- **Public Comment:** Make sure you include all staff and not just nursing and physicians
- **Action Item:** The group would like a joint meeting with the new LOC:Quality Improvement group to come up with a basic needs assessment for an Administrative Perinatal Center (APC).
- Group decided on: Education needs assessment to be conducted by the APC and level I hospital every year with at least one educational activity completed with the perinatal center. Education activities should be tied to site-specific quality assessments. Provide evidence of a yearly competency evaluation.

“Other” Section – Topics Not Covered in AAP

- Access to telemedicine services for subspecialty care as appropriate to the level of care.
  - The group plans to review if telemedicine supervision of FP or APN can allow expanded privileges.
- Perinatal center to make option available to level I hospital
  - Payment across insurance lines should be addressed by the implementation team.
- **Action Item:** IDPH Legal, Kristen Woytowicz, to look at the Department of Financial and Profession Regulation and what nurses can do for admitting and billing.
  - Whether APN’s and Anesthesia can bill for medicare.
  - Will also look at the nurse practice act

**3. Maternal Level I**

Types of Patients Cared For

- The committee likes the current code:
  - Uncomplicated Pregnancies
  - Add that the letter of agreement shall detail specific conditions that are consistent with resources available within a level I hospital, including telemedicine resources
- Suggestion to possibly add specificity to try and push for the creation of telemedicine in policy.
- Suggested to add a condition to be consistent with other resources.

Family Centered Care

- Suggested to have guidelines for Perinatal Care.

Labor and Delivery Medical Director

- Physician who is board certified with a special interest in Obstetrics.

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- **Action Item:** Tanya to look up whether one physician can simultaneously serve in the role of the Chief of OB and the Chief of Pediatrics in level I hospitals per section 250.1830.
- Discussion on C-Sections.

*Maternal Providers*

- Discussed the number of physicians and nurses that should be required for the mom and baby.
- **Action Item:** Cindy Mitchell to send the AWONN staffing guidelines which covers this topic. All committee members should review prior to the next meeting.

**4. Homework and Next Steps**

- **Look at MFM:** Robert and Deborah.
- **Maryland Levels of Care:** Jessica and Sue.
- **Indiana Levels of Care:** Omar and Melissa.
- **AWONN Staffing Guidelines:** Everyone to review.

**5. Public Comment**

- Public Comment was asked for at 3:20 P.M. There wasn't any at that time.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Yesenia Yopez 1<sup>st</sup>, Deborah Boyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous yes.