Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PERINATAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
STATEWIDE QUALITY COUNCIL (SQC)

December 9, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

George W. Dunne Building
69 W. Washington, 35th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Chair (Acting): Stephen Locher, MD


Absent: Karen Callahan, Robin Jones, William MacKendrick

IDPH Staff: Andrea Palmer, Trishna Harris, Amanda Bennett, Shannon Lightner

Guests: Debora Schy, Cecilia Lopez, Patti Lee King, Lisette Zermeno

AGENDA

1. Election of Acting Chair ................................................................................................................. SQC Committee
   Stephen Locher was nominated and elected by vote as Acting Chair by the SQC Committee members.

2. Call to Order & Welcome .........................................................................................................Stephen Locher, MD
   The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Stephen Locher. Members and guests introduced themselves. Lenny Gibeault has retired from the Committee.

3. Review/Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2015 Meeting .................................................... Madiha Qureshi, MPH
   The minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Besinger wanted it noted that he requested an excused absence from the October meeting. Dr. Locher agreed. MOTION was made by Madiha Qureshi to approve the minutes and seconded by Cindy Mitchell. The Committee unanimously approved them as written.

4. IDPH Updates...........................................................................................................................................................

   Andrea Palmer: Shannon Lightner is the new Deputy Director of OWHFS, IDPH. An update was provided on the COIN Collaboratives: SDOH (Social Determinates of Health) Work Group has a Poverty Sub-Committee which has an Infant Mortality Toolkit that is now live. Training will start by the end of April 2016. The Care Coordination Work Group is doing a survey regarding the home visiting program. The Safe Sleep Team has released the hospital survey policy and their next meeting is January 2016. With the Prenatal Conception/Inter-Conception Work Group Janine Lewis of EverThrive spoke on the Tool-Kit at the last meeting and it has now been rolled out.
4. **IDPH Updates (continued)**

   **Amanda Bennett:**
   Perinatal Regionalization (Risk Appropriate Care) Update – At the last meeting, Raye Ann O de Regnier presented the VPT Review Form, which looks at infants less than 32 weeks gestation being born outside of Level 3 hospitals. The hospitals will fill out this form providing information which focuses on the reasons why a transfer did not take place and what the outcome of the infant was. They are still working out the process of implementing the form.

   LOCATE Tool Update – Data collection has been completed and as of today, 118 hospitals have participated so far, which really impressed CDC. Only 2 perinatal hospitals did not complete the survey. She is working with CDC on some of the data management issues related to the survey and how to take those responses and categorize them according to the levels of care. Within the next month, they will be moving towards analysis of the data.

   **Andrea Palmer:** Amanda and Andrea Palmer have been discussing the data review process and want to provide details in the future the value of the data and the collection of it. IDPH is also working with Dr. Stacie Geller on 2 separate severe maternal morbidity projects and the PNA's will be working with Dr. Geller to get a review tool finalized to gauge the reasons why. There will be one for inpatients and one for violent deaths.

   **Miranda Scott:**
   Update on ePeriNet Work Group – It is the data system currently used by hospitals to report their activities on perinatal regionalization. However, they are still working on a process to enable them to upload their data from their electronic health records (EHRs) directly into ePeriNet to provide better accuracy. In the near future, they hope to send a few test files to couple of hospitals before fully rolling it out.

5. **Committee Updates**

   **Ann Borders, MD, MSC, MPH – ILPQC**

   **Annual Conference** – Ann was curious about any feedback from the committee about content, location, and Ideas for next year’s conference. One in particular she wanted to target was that of a spatial issue, to try to engage more small-group discussions with leaders of particular fields (Physician team leaders).

      Idea brought forward: Breaking out into groups earlier in the day.

      Idea: Bringing in other collaboratives that have been successful and getting well respected Key note speakers

   **Birth Certificate Initiative** – 76% of hospitals have turned in their data. There has been a constant month to month quality improvement. Three variable percentages are not where they want to be at: Infant Feeding, Prenatal Care, and LNP. They have set up calls for hospitals to call in to learn and meet with other hospitals to try strategizing and work together to improve their data collection. A lot of hospitals have been requesting an annual training in Springfield. The committee offered the idea to try to set up a WebEx or Webinar for people who cannot travel to Springfield.

   **Hypertension Initiative** – The team will be sending out a welcome e-mail to the Wave 1 teams. Ann will inform the committee when they send out a welcome letter from Director Nirav Shah from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Wave 1 will include asking the hospital teams to attend their monthly informative calls concerning data forms and how to collect said data. It will be working with the individual hospitals on what strategies work best for them and hopefully can use the information to be better prepared for when the next wave begins. Illinois is officially an AIMM state. It shows that Illinois has an active perinatal collaborative in the state, so thusly were designated as an “AIMM Associate State” to be used as a mentor state. Illinois is the first to receive a special designation.

   **Golden Hour** – Doing training for the Golden Hour in January.
Patient Family Engagement – This initiative is about engaging people in the quality improvement process. The ILPQC has an intern working on this process and will have a further update on this for the next meeting.

Budget/Funding – Ann listed funding that has already been acquired, what is in process, and listed some other opportunities they are looking into. If the committee has any ideas or leads to please forward them to Ann or Patti.

*Shannon Lightner had arrived during Ann Borders’ presentation and after Ann’s presentation, Shannon gave a brief introduction of herself to the committee*

6. Old Business ............................................................................................................................................................

IDPH spoke to electing a new chair for the committee. The committee is to e-mail a designated IDPH person within a designated timeframe with their vote for a new chairperson. The new chairperson is supposed to be a member of the Perinatal Advisory Committee (PAC). The nomination will then be decided/confirmed at the beginning of the next SQC meeting to make a recommendation to PAC.

7. New Business.............................................................................................................................................................

Pat Prentice voted to close the meeting to discuss new SQC member’s CV.

After the meeting was opened back up from discussion, there was a motion to add Jean Goodman to the committee.

**Motion to add Jean Rachel Goodman to recommend to PAC went through with unanimous approval with one abstention**

Adjournment .....................................................................................................................