



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

**May 18th, 2018
10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.**

IDPH Offices 122 S. Michigan Ave, 7th Floor Chicago, IL	IDPH Offices 535 West Jefferson, 4th Floor Springfield, IL
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Attendees

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Beau Batton William Grobman (Phone) Don Houchins Jessica Kandel Kim Kocur Stephen Locher (Phone) Nicole Niwa (Phone) Kousiki Patra	Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Roma Allen Daniell Ashford Jenny Brandenburg Robyn Gude Salena Kinser Lance Kovacs Raye-Ann de Regnier Carol Rosenbusch Myra Sabini Shirley Scott Natasa Van Grinsven
	Members Not In Attendance

Motions

1. **Motion to approve the minutes from March 2018.**
- Unanimous Yes
2. **Motion to add a disaster preparedness policy**
- Nicole Niwa 1st, Don Houchins 2nd, Unanimous Approval
3. **Motion to adjourn.**
- Unanimous yes.

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Introductions and Welcome

- Beau Batton, Chair of the committee, asked everyone in the room and on the phone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Items

1. Disaster Preparedness

- Nicole Niwa shared some documents on CDC guidance as well as some AAP articles about disaster preparedness.
- There was a brief discussion about including it as a policy.
- Motion to add disaster preparedness policy passed unanimously.

2. Pediatric Subspecialty Provider Survey (Telemedicine)

- A survey was sent to the group concerning pediatric subspecialties and whether or not it should be acceptable as an initial consult in either a Level III or Level IV facility.
 - Alexander Smith created the survey and sent it the members of the workgroup.
- The committee then discussed each subspecialty and their benefits and barriers when done with telemedicine.
- Due to the variance in answers, the committee decided to look at an always/sometimes/never approach for each item.
- For Level IV the committee consensus was for telemedicine to be a tool used to communicate with other hospitals, but all subspecialties should be in house and available.

3. Level III Discussion

- Another Levels of Care Workgroup had a question for the Levels III and IV workgroup: What happens to a hospital's status if they have a loss of resources? Do they enter probationary status? Do they lose their level of care status?
 - The committee discussed these questions and looked at resources and whether a facility was 100% required to have certain resources to maintain a level III or IV status.
- The committee reviewed what has been decided so far.

Provider Types

- Beau will update the spreadsheet with the telemedicine discussion decisions.

Blood Banks

- Discussion on access to blood banks.
- IDPH reminded the group that as the rules are being rewritten, do not assume anything.

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Pharmacy

- Discussion on access to pharmacy.

Palliative Care

- Discussion on palliative care and what should the team consist of?

NICU Follow-Up Clinic

- The committee decided it is needed.
 - Either in-house or consult.
 - Process for discharge as well as a documented process should be established.

4. Next Steps

- Revisit discussions from today.
- Continue discussion on Level III.

5. Public Comment

- **Public Comment:** Myra Sabini: Asked if there has been a discussion on nurse educators yet. A: It has been discussed at previous meetings.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, Unanimous yes.