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

April 11th, 2019
1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Beau Batton (Chair) Bree Andrews (Co-Chair) Jenny Brandenburg Katherine Collins (Phone) Raye-Ann de Regnier (Phone) Lori Filock Robin L. Jones Omar LaBlanc Phyllis Lawlor-Klean Stephen Locher Mark Loafman (Phone) Molly Merriman (Phone) Cindy Mitchell Phil Schaefer Howard Strassner Yesenia Yopez Traci Wolfe Maripat Zeschke	Eduardo Alvarado, IDPH Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Kristen Woytowicz, IDPH Roma Allen Daniell Ashford Patti Bellock Peggy Cowling Andrea Cross Robyn Gude Jodi Hoskins Lance Kovacs Cecilia Lopez Angela Rodriguez Carol Rosenbusch Myra Sabini Debbie Schy Elaine Shafer Melissa Zahnd Swedish American Hospital Team
	Members Not In Attendance
	Richard Besinger (excused) William Grobman Janet Hoffman (excused) Nicole Niwa Jared Rogers

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Motions

1. **Motion to approve minutes from December 2018.**
 - 1st Howard Strassner, 2nd Mark Loafman, Unanimous Approval.
2. **Motion to approve minutes from February 2019.**
 - 1st Jenny Brandenburg, 2nd Robin L. Jones, Unanimous Approval.
3. **Motion for infants born in Level II hospitals who are otherwise well and do not require assisted ventilation in excess of six hours and are between 32-34 weeks gestation; and/or with a birth weight between 1500-2000 grams, may remain at a Level II facility in consultation with a neonatologist at a Level III or Administrative Perinatal Center.**
 - 1st Jenny Brandenburg, 2nd Cindy Mitchell, Unanimous Approval.
4. **Motion to add Ashley Horne and David Arnolds to the Maternal Mortality Review Sub-Committee.**
 - 1st Yesenia Yepez, 2nd Stephen Locher, Unanimous Approval.
5. **Motion to add Barbara Scavone and Christopher Cambic to the Severe Maternal Morbidity Sub-Committee.**
 - 1st Yesenia Yepez, 2nd Cindy Mitchell, Unanimous Approval.
6. **Motion to add Nana Matoba to the Statewide Quality Council Sub-Committee.**
 - 1st Yesenia Yepez, 2nd Cindy Mitchell, Unanimous Approval.
7. **Motion to approve Unity Point Health Pekin to decrease their perinatal level of care designation to Level I.**
 - 1st Robin L. Jones, 2nd Jenny Brandenburg, Unanimous Approval.
8. **Motion to approve Swedish American to be a perinatal level of care hospital level III with a 12 month follow-up site visit. Also include a report provided 6 months after designation on transports to the Administrative Perinatal Center along with outcomes of telehealth and transport logs of neonatal and maternal.**
 - 1st Omar LaBlanc, 2nd Yesenia Yepez, Unanimous Approval.
9. **Motion to adjourn.**
 - 1st Phil Schaefer, 2nd Cindy Mitchell, Unanimous Yes.

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Introductions

Beau Batton called the meeting to order about 1:01 P.M. and went around the room asking everyone introduce themselves.

Minutes

The minutes from December 2018 and February 2019 were voted on and approved.

Agenda Items

1. IDPH Update

- The Illinois Department of Public Health's (IDPH) update started with an introduction of the Department's new director, Ngozi Ezike.
- Andrea Palmer, the previous Title V Director at IDPH, has retired. Abigail Holicky, IPDH Women's Health Data Manager, is taking on the duties in the interim while a new employee is hired.
- Alexander noted to the committee that the conference room is booked at 3 PM the day of the meeting and asked that everyone quickly vacate the room after the meeting.
- Discussed a couple updates on how closed session is done.
- Gave an update on IDPH applying for the Centers for Disease Control's grant for maternal mortality reviews.
- The group revisited the moratorium of perinatal hospitals increasing their level of care until after the proposed IL code 640 rule change/update. The group consensus was to continue the moratorium.
- IDPH asked for insight regarding a conflict between IL Code 640.42 and IL Code 640 Appendix H. Asked the committee to help settle the conflict.
 - The committee said that in the past the 640.42 rule would trump the Appendix.
 - Some networks and perinatal level II hospitals have letters of agreement with their administrative perinatal center stating they can keep 32 weeks and above and 1500 grams and above.
 - Discussed possibly reaching out to each hospital to see what each individual hospital does prior making the formal decision.
 - After some wordsmithing by the committee, Jenny Brandenburg made the motion for infants born in Level II hospitals who are otherwise well and do not require assisted ventilation in excess of six hours and are between 32-34 weeks gestation; and/or with a birth weight between 1500-2500 grams, may remain at a Level II facility in consultation with a neonatologist at a Level III or Administrative Perinatal Center. This motion was seconded by Cindy Mitchell and had unanimous approval.

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- Bylaws
 - Discussion on the committee's by-laws. IDPH is making revisions to them, mostly geared towards clean up and code citations. Some differences were:
 - Changes to language on excused/unexcused absences.
 - Regarding hospital level of care redesignation site visits and PAC member attending, participation can be done via video or teleconference.
 - Time allowances for public comments at the meetings and setting precedence.
 - Reimbursement language.
 - The committee is to review the by-laws between this meeting and next and they will vote in June on the updates.
 - The committee had some questions of what constitutes an excused absence. Answer: Alerting IDPH of your absence prior to the meeting counts as excused.

2. Chair Update

- The chair again encouraged the PAC to sign up for perinatal hospital level of care designation/redesignation site visits and how imperative it is.
- Updated confidentiality agreements went out for the Maternal Mortality Review, Maternal Mortality Review on Violent Deaths, and the Severe Maternal Morbidity sub-committees. PAC members can attend these meetings as they are sub-committees of the PAC, however, due to the sensitive nature of these meetings, a signed confidentiality agreement must be turned in to IDPH.
- Two memos came out from IDPH recently. One regarding telemedicine at perinatal level III hospitals and one regarding testing infants at risk for hepatitis C infection. The chair asked if the committee had any comments or questions on those two memos.
 - Eduardo Alvarado from IDPH's HIV program and said their program are also looking at the hepatitis screening through Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

3. Old Business

- Eduardo Alvarado also discussed an update on the third trimester HIV screening.
 - The program has printed educational materials for hospitals
 - Eventually would like the committee's input on some mock-ups.
- Levels of Care Update
 - The quality group has yet to start.
 - The implementation is still meeting, but pushed back their committee dates until the rules writing process is further along.
 - IDPH plans to have draft rules later this year for review of the committees prior to going through the state board of health and the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review.

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4. New Business

- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Committee report.
 - Jodi Hoskins, co-chair of the NAS Committee, discussed the report.
 - The NAS committee was charged with look at and address five different topics.
 - They researched articles from a variety of sources including American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and collaborated with other agencies such as the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC)
 - The NAS committee decided the Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Reporting System would be the best way to track data.
 - The PAC committee asked when the report would be available? A: IDPH will send it to the group when it is finalized.
 - The chair asked to revisit the NAS committee in June.

5. Committee Updates

- Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)
 - Robin L. Jones, the MMRC chair, discussed the number of cases reviewed by the committee at this week's meeting and how many they have left for calendar year 2016.
 - The Centers of Disease Control attended the meeting and gave a presentation as well as provided some technical assistance to the committee.
 - In 2011 there were 11 states with a statewide maternal mortality review committee and now there are 41.
 - There are bills introduced at the Illinois legislature regarding some findings from the MMRC report release in October 2018.
 - The MMRC is on track to have an updated report in October of 2019.
 - The PAC asked if there was some examples of possible new legislation? A: IDPH noted that there was a bill extending Medicaid coverage for up to a year post-partum. IDPH also noted that if the committee was further interested to look at House Bill 1 through 7 and 35-11.
 - Two new members were voted on and approved at the MMRC meeting. These two members are Ashley Horne and David Arnolds. Yesenia Yopez motioned to confirm the two new members with a second from Stephen Locher and unanimous approval.
- Maternal Mortality Review Committee-Violent Deaths (MMRC-V)
 - Maripat Zeschke, the chair of the MMRC-V, stated has 10 cases left for the 2016 case year and all the cases were homicide. They have plans to meet in July.

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- Statewide Quality Council (SQC)
 - Stephen Locher, the chair of the SQC, talked about the federal projects/LEAD exposure.
 - Discussed the Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) launch.
 - Dr. Locher talked about the vision for the new committee.
 - They reviewed 5 cases.
 - The committee is still learning the review process but have plans to standardize the SMM hospital review.
 - The committee is still looking to diversify and expand membership.
 - The Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC) reported on updates to their projects such as: mother and newborns affected by opioids, immediate postpartum long-acting reversible contraception, hypertension project sustainability, and expanding insurance to cover postpartum up to one year.
 - Two new members were voted on and approved at the SMM meeting. These two members are Barbara Scavone and Christopher Cambic. Yesenia Yepez motioned to confirm the two new members with a second from Cindy Mitchell and unanimous approval.
 - One new member was voted on and approved at the SQC meeting. This new member is Nana Matoba. Yesenia Yepez motioned to confirm the two new members with a second from Stephen Locher and unanimous approval.
- Hospital Facilities Designation (HFDSC)
 - Cindy Mitchell, the chair of the HFDSC, talked about the future work plan for the group.
 - Cindy discussed different OB hospital closures: AMITA LaGrange, Westlake Hospital, and Galesburg Cottage.
 - Jackson Park hospital plans to close their OB services as well.
 - Two hospitals came before the HFDSC group. One was a decrease in perinatal level of care and the other was an increase, the last hospital to submit before the moratorium took effect. The committee discussed each and made the following motions:
 - Robin L. Jones motioned to approve Unity Point Health Pekin to decrease their perinatal level of care designation to Level I. This was seconded by Jenny Brandenburg and had unanimous approval with the exception of Lori Filock who abstained.
 - Omar LaBlanc motioned to approve Swedish American to be a perinatal level of care hospital level III with a 12 month follow-up site visit. Also include a report provided 6 months after designation on transports to the Administrative Perinatal Center along with outcomes of telehealth and transport logs of neonatal and maternal. This was seconded by Yesenia Yepez and had unanimous approval.

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6. Next Steps

- The PAC might have a brief meeting in February, solely to do a vote on the new members of the MMRC and the proposed members of the SMM group.

Adjournment

Phil Schaefer motioned to adjourn and seconded by Cindy Mitchell and passed with unanimous approval.