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

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Raye Ann de Regnier Yesenia Yopez Deborah Boyle Sue Hesse Melissa Hilt (Phone) Omar LaBlanc (Phone) Jessica Mossman Robert Walsh (Phone)	Alexander Smith, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Andrea Palmer, IDPH Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Jennifer Le, IDPH Ashley Horne, IDPH Claire Wheaton, IDPH Amanda Bennett, IDPH  Andrea Catalano, CDC Charlan Kroelinger, CDC Ekwutosi Okoroh, CDC Myra Sabini Lisa Weber Lance Kovacz Robyn Gude
	<b>Members Not In Attendance</b>
	Jessica Mossman

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## **Motions**

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

## **Introductions and Welcome**

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

## **Minutes**

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

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. IDPH Update**

- The Illinois Department of Public Health staff had no updates at this time.

### **2. Review of Level I Regulations from IL and other States**

- The committee went over a spread sheet that covered the Level I perinatal code for: AAP 2012 guidelines, Illinois' current policy. It also covered Texas and Arkansas who have already adopted the AAP guidelines, but have slightly tweaked the guidelines to fit their state.
- The committee only made it through some of the topics and plan to follow up with them at the next meeting.

#### **Gestational Age Cut Off for Newborns**

- There was a discussion on if Level I's should have as low as 35 week gestational age.
- During the discussion some topic points covered were:
  - Babies at 34-35 weeks will get transported out only to come back
  - Sometimes 37-38 week babies will need resuscitation.
  - Telemedicine

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- It might be helpful if the code listed weight in the requirements (as is done in level III and IV)
- The administrative perinatal center will need to help with training as well as telemedicine.
- The group decided the lowest age that Level I's should be able to keep babies at 35 weeks and 0 days gestation.
- Raye Ann will be researching the specific weights (kilos) for the guidelines to discuss at the next meeting.

Other requirements for newborns

- There was a discussion on if Level I's should have as low as 35 week gestational age.
- The group liked Arkansas', but wanted to define "physically stable". Jessica Mossman and Sue Hesse will be crafting language for the committee to look at for the next meeting.
- The committee discussed at what point in time should the hospital start seeking consult when supplying supplemental oxygen to the neonate.

Types of care provided

- The group liked Arkansas' language which states: "Infant and maternal transports arranged to higher level of care, hospital is responsible until transport team assumes care, infant care to include antibiotics, glucose management, IV fluids, oxygen, thermoregulation, sepsis evaluation, cardiac monitoring"

Exceptions

- The committee decided to not list any exceptions and leave it up to IDPH to determine when and what exceptions to be given.

Transports

- This discussion was held off on until the committee can be with the Levels of Care committee on transports.

Provider Types

- The committee liked Texas' language which states: "Physician, APN, or PA with special competence in the care of neonates, approved by the medical director and has NRP and annual neonatal CME"
- IDPH will send out the current rule for the committee to review. The administrative code Section 250.1830
- Discussion topics centered around:
  - Narrowing the scope of specialists will hurt hospital staffing issues
  - What is the role of a physician's assistant and will they be able to provide care to newborns in any context?
  - Change Texas' language to add "special education competence"

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*Neonatal Response Time*

- The committee thought the 30 minutes response time was a good gauge and will progress from there.

*Neonatal Medical Director*

- Robert Walsh will come up with guidelines and requirements for the Neo MD to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**5. Public Comment**

- There was a question about a plan for nursing staff. The committee had planned to get to the topic however ran out of time.

**Adjournment**

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