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**Meeting Minutes of the  
Sub-Committee of the PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)**

**August 7, 2019  
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

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

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Robin L. Jones Timika Anderson Reeves (Phone) David Arnolds Katherine Austman Jennifer Banayan Deborah Boyle (Phone) Stacie Geller Ashley Horne Patricia Lee King Olga Lazala Kathryn Lindley (Phone) Jerome Loew Paula Melone Nicole Miles (Phone) Frank Nagorka (Phone) Beth Plunkett Donald Reese Shirley Scott Michael Socol Patrick Thornton Paloma Toledo	Amanda Bennett, IDPH Sarah Bowler, IDPH Intern Abigail Holicky, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Nancy Martin, IDPH Sara Navin, IDPH Intern Miranda Scott, IDPH Sophie Shepley, IDPH Intern Alexander Smith, IDPH Deisi Williamson, IDPH Intern  Daniell Ashford Roma Allen Peggy Cowling Andrea Cross Robyn Gude Jodi Hoskins Cindy Mitchell Teri Ryals, UIC Lesley Schwartz, IL Governor's Office Elaine Shafer Marco Tecva Ashley Walker, UIC Cara Wolfe, UIC Maripat Zeschke
	Members Not In Attendance
	Rob Abrams (excused) Joan Brillier (excused) Stacey Chamberlain Gary Loy (excused) Lisa Masinter (excused) Heather Nixon Brielle Osting (excused) Kirbi Range Sheila Sanders Jennifer Seo Lee Smith (excused)

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## Introductions

The Robin L. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and began with introductions.

## Motions

1. **Motion to approve the June 2019 Minutes.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Stacie Geller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Plunkett, Unanimous Approval
2. **Motion to close for maternal death case reviews.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Stacie Geller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerome Loew, Unanimous Approval
3. **Motion to reopen the meeting to the public following case review.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Paula Melone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerome Loew, Unanimous Approval.
4. **Motion to adjourn.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Donald Reese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Socol, Unanimous Approval

## Minutes

The minutes from the June 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

## Agenda Items

### Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Update

- IDPH gave an updates on the different housebills:
  - o HB1, HB2, HB3, HB5, and HB2895
- Stacie Geller gave an update on the work from the Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) meeting.
  - o Discussed feedback from both the committee and the perinatal network administrators on the SMM review process.
- Sophie Shepley, IDPH intern, gave an update on her summer project which looked at Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) aligning with MMRC review forms.
  - o She created a form to help capture appropriate SDOH data.
  - o Sophie went through the previously reviewed MMRC cases and filled out a form for each.
  - o She discussed her data collected as a result of going through the previously done case reviews.
  - o Discussed some challenges that went into it.

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- Questions/Comments:
  - Were use of screening tools looked at? Answer: Results of screening tools are typically noted as being done, but often do not note extra information or results of the screening.
  - It was suggested that the form should capture the level of education. Answer: It was not added as this information is included in vital records information that is already provided during the reviews.
  - Was anything learned on racial issues and equity? Answer: That type of data is hard to capture through medical records.
  - Under “education and translation services” does this refer to documents given to the patient? Answer: Yes, it was recorded on the SDOH form if it was documented. Olga Lazala suggested that this should be referred to as “interpretation services”

Refresher on the Mission of the Meeting

- Amanda Bennett gave a presentation on the committee’s mission. She gave updates to the 2016 review year and the upcoming case year information.
- The committee will only have one case left for 2016 after today’s meeting.
- The maternal mortality review committee- violent deaths has completed their 2016 cases.
- Discussed that sometimes the sentinel event happens close to the pregnancy and the woman will die 3+ months later from complications of that event. How can the committee capture that information?
- As a reminder, keep in mind that if any cases are well abstracted that they could be used as case examples for teaching purposes.
- Robin L. Jones noted that when using the word “preventable” the group is not pointing fingers at any one person and it should be viewed as an opportunity.
- Reminded the committee to:
  - Use “unable to determine” sparingly especially when the death is related to pregnancy.
  - If the death is determined not to be pregnancy related or determined to be not preventable, the rest of the form will not be completed for time purposes.
  - Come prepared to the meeting.
  - Keep an open mind when discussing the cases.
  - Listen to other committee members and value all contributions.
  - If you recognize a case, keep extra information to yourself.
- Reminder that these case reviews are emotional work and to practice self-care after the meeting.

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Closed Session

- The committee reviewed 7 Cases.
- Meetings are closed pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(15) (professional ethics and performance in case review) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(17) (matters protected under the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, or the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA))

Debrief and Recommendations

- Discussed the next meeting logistics.
  - o In October, plan to have the committee come together with the MMRC-V to vote on the recommendations made by the committee to be included in the annual report.
  - o IDPH asked for volunteers to help prioritize the recommendations before the October meeting.
- After the upcoming report, IDPH will have 2 years of data and plan to stratify the data a little more in the report. However, still cannot report on numbers under 10.

**Next Steps**

- Next meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Will have a meeting from 9-12 for normal case review. Will have a joint meeting with the MMRC-V from 12:30pm-2pm to vote on recommendations for the annual report.

**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting from Donald Reese with a second from Michael Socol with unanimous approval.