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Meeting Minutes of:
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee Meeting (HFDSC)

April 11th, 2019
9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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Attendees

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Cindy Mitchell Adriana Beatty (Phone) Jenny Brandenburg Robyn Gude Srikumar Pillai (Phone) Phil Schaefer Howard Strassner Melissa Zahnd	Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Kristen Woytowicz, IDPH Roma Allen Peggy Cowling Andrea Cross Robyn Gude Jodi Hoskins Cecilia Lopez Elaine Shafer Maripat Zeschke Swedish American Hospital Staff Unity Point Hospital – Pekin Staff
	Members Not In Attendance
	Urmila Chaudry (excused)

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Introductions

The Chair, Cindy Mitchell, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 A.M. She asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves as a member or guest.

Motions

1. **Motion to approve December 2018 minutes.**
1st Phil Schaefer, 2nd Robyn Gude, Unanimous Approval

2. **Motion to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to approve Unity Point Health Pekin to decrease their perinatal level of care designation to Level I.**
1st Robyn Gude, 2nd Howard Strassner, Unanimous Approval

3. **Motion to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee 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 Jenny Brandenburg, 2nd Howard Strassner, Unanimous Approval

4. **Motion to adjourn.**
1st Phil Schaefer, 2nd Robyn Gude, Unanimous Approval

Minutes

- The minutes from the December 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Updates

- IDPH talked about the new director, Ngozi Ezike MD, and gave a brief background on her.
- The Maternal and Child Health Division Chief and Title V Director, Andrea Palmer, has now retired. Abigail Holicky is serving as Title V director in the interim while the Department posts the position and is actively seeking candidates for the role.
- This sub-committee will no longer have closed session.

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Agenda Items

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Work Plan

- There two facilities coming before the committee today. Unity Point Health-Pekin plans to decrease their level of care to a level I and Swedish American Hospital plans to increase their perinatal level of care designation to a level III. Swedish American Hospital had submitted their intent prior the moratorium on increase of perinatal level of care.
- Galesburg Cottage intends to close their OB services in May.
- Westlake Hospital is planning on closing all services.
- LaGrange Hospital plans on closing their OB services on June 1st
 - The patient base will go to Hinsdale.

Hospital Review

- Unity Point Hospital – Pekin plans to decrease in perinatal level of care from a level II to a level I. Some topics discussed were:
 - The hospital is worried about maintaining skills as patient numbers decline.
 - They intend to notify the community and have a plan in place.
 - Discussed how the education plan will be handled.
 - The committee asked if provider coverage will remain the same? A: They have 2 OB's and a midwife at the Heartland Clinic and plan to hire more. They also have two pediatricians for coverage.
 - How HIV and Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Reporting System (APORS) reporting would remain in compliance.
 - Elaine Shafer, with the Administrative Perinatal Center at St. Francis, noted that they are available for any support.

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- Robyn Gude motioned to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to approve Unity Point Health Pekin to decrease their perinatal level of care designation to Level I. Howard Strassner seconded with unanimous approval.
- Swedish American Hospital came before the committee with plans to increase in perinatal level of care designation to a level III. The hospital representation came before the committee in December, but the Perinatal Advisory Committee denied their request (in December) and asked them to come back after preparing more documentation as well as some other recommendations. Some topics discussed were:
 - Pediatric Anesthesia coverage.
 - Surgery coverage. Are using their partners in Wisconsin as back-up which is a team of 5.
 - Neurology questions.
 - Telehealth questions.
 - Response time for pediatric anesthesia.
 - Quality plan.
 - Education grid.
- The committee noted their concerns about the neurology telemedicine consult. Other perinatal Level III's currently use telehealth to consult for the lower level hospitals in their area, but not for their own consults as they have the staff in place to be available in house.
 - The hospital noted that if they had a patient who would need hands on and to be seen multiple times that they would keep that resource onsite as needed.
- The committee also noted that the level of care rules are potentially being rewritten and advised the hospital to track any changes concerning telehealth.
- Jenny Brandenburg motioned to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee 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. Howard Strassner seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Membership Discussion

- The committee has been having an ongoing discussion about what disciplines should be added to the committee.

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- The committee discussed various specialties including: a downstate surgeon, another neonatologist, more maternal fetal medicine doctors, more OB doctors, family medicine providers, pediatric hospitalists, social workers (down the line), neonatal nurse practitioners, and midwives.
- The committee wants to encourage rural physicians to be on the committee.
- **Action Item:** Make a declined membership letter template to use for candidates who were considered for the committee, but ultimately not selected.
- **Action Item:** The group intends to revisit the membership discussion with a discipline breakdown when the proposed levels of care have been further developed. Also plan to review by-laws.

Next Steps

- Send a letter to facility requesting network change.
- Put on agenda the levels of care updates and to revisit moratorium discussions.
- Memorial EAST is now coming to the June 2019 meeting.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Phil Schaefer and a second from Robyn Gude with unanimous approval.