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

**February 11, 2016
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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Introductions

The Chair, Dennis Crouse, called the meeting to order about 1:03 P.M. on Thursday February 11th, 2016.

Attendees

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Dennis Crouse Omar LaBlanc Robin Jones Phyllis Lawlor-Klean Jenny Brandenburg Madiha Qureshi Richard Besinger Howard Strassner Stephen Locher Cindy Mitchell Phil Schaefer Maripat Zeschke Jared Rogers Linda Wheal Nancy Marshall Bree Andrews William Grobman	Tanya Dworkin, IDPH April Johnson, IDPH Andrea Palmer, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Trishna Harris, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Barb Haller Trish O'Malley Patricia Prentice Bernadette Taylor Elaine Shafer Cecilia Lopez Pam Wolfe Robyn Gude Dan Bruzzin Adriena Beatty Donna Stephens Angela Rodriguez Dawn Reimann Amy Liesenfelt Kate Stowell
	Members Not In Attendance
	Mike Farrell Janet Hoffman

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Motions

1. **Motion to council opposing House Bill 43.64**
 - 1st William Grobman, 2nd Cindy Mitchell, Abstains-Phil Schaefer
2. **Vote to instate Belleville Memorial East Hospital as a Level II Hospital**
 - Unanimous Yes, Abstain - Dennis Crouse
3. **Motion to add *Melissa Zahnd* to the HFDSC committee**
 - Unanimous Yes, No Abstentions
4. **Motion to add *Phil Schaefer* to the committee**
 - Unanimous Yes, Abstains - Phil Schaefer
5. **Motion to add *Jenny Brandenburg* to the committee**
 - Unanimous Yes, Abstains - Jenny Brandenburg
6. **Motion to add *Srikumar Pillai* to the committee**
 - Unanimous Yes, No Abstentions
7. **Motion to add *Rick Pearl* to the committee**
 - Unanimous Yes, Abstains - Jared Rogers
8. **Motion to adjourn**
 - 1st Cindy Mitchell, 2nd Jenny Brandenburg

Minutes

The minutes from December 2015 were tabled to be approved at the next meeting to occur in April 2016.

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Agenda Items

1. IDPH Update

- IDPH Administration: Andrea Palmer informed the committee about the active search by the Department to attempt to find a replacement for Charlene Wells' position, a Perinatal Administrator for the Department.

- Healthy Illinois 2021: IDPH is working with the Governor's office on a health initiative called Healthy Illinois 2021. Maternal and Child Health (MCH) is one of the main concerns of the program, so it gives opportunity for a broader recognition of the need of MCH issues and also will give the PAC an opportunity to weigh in on said issues.

- NAS Committee: The Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Committee (NAS) had it's first meeting in February and the goal of that committee is to determine the definition of NAS and to create a protocol for hospitals to follow in order to identify children at risk for those outcomes and, ultimately, the group will be aimed to improve those outcomes.

Legal Updates

- The IDPH Legal team reminded the committee that attendance is required and that all members should attend at least half of the scheduled meetings throughout a calendar year to remain on the committee. Not following this rule subjects members to possible removal from committee.

- The Legal team also advised that when sending documents to be cognizant of sensitive material and to password protect documents in instances of files that will be discussed during closed meetings and/or those with protected (sensitive) information contained in them.

Risk Appropriate Care (Trishna)

- Currently developing the Very Preterm Form (VPTF). The group is in the process of having a Medical Studies Act waiver approved by the Director of IDPH and it will then be sent to the hospitals for them to fill out the VPT form. It is still in early process.

ePerinet (Miranda)

- Currently looking to automate the entry of hospital data. At night, it will auto populate and forms can be then reviewed the next day. It is currently in test phases with selected hospitals.

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The plan for when it begins it will start with Level III's facilities and move its way down from there. The goal is an attempt to get more consistent data and to have a more universal definition of certain fields.

2. Chair Update

- Question for IDPH Legal: As a member of this committee making recommendations to the Department, what is the risk assumed by the Chair or members in those decisions? If there is risk, are they covered by the Department?

Answer: Without looking at the any specific ruling: IDPH Legal stated as long as members and the chair are working with the scope of their duties there is no personal liability towards the Chair or Committee Members from decisions that arise from the advisory committee.

-Open Positions on PAC: Dr. Crouse opened it up to any suggestions from members to fill vacancies, so long as they had a letter of support. In addition, sub committee's might have vacancies as well.

3. Old Business

None to discuss.

4. New Business

House Bill 43.64 - It is an amendment to previous Lay Midwife Bill, It requires them to be a "licensed" midwife, making them go through education standards set forth by a midwifery board. The next level would then be a certified midwife and the next is a certified nurse midwife. This enables the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (DFPR) to oversee MidWife practices outside of hospitals.

IDPH Legal says that the committee could provide a formal professional opinion to either strongly support or disapprove of the bill that could be reviewed by the director. The director can take PAC's opinion and do what he will with it. It was recommended as well that if committee members have strong opinions, they can contact their legislatures, etc., to have their voice heard as individuals.

Motion made by William Grobman that the PAC to draft a letter of council opinion that advises against both Bill 43.64 and 43.41. Cindy Mitchell second. All Voted to proceed and Phil Schaefer requested to read the Bill more in depth prior to voting.

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5. Committee Updates

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub Committee (HFDSC)

- Juan Morado from the Hospital Review Board came to speak to the HFDSC committee about if a hospital wanted to open or close services. The process is still in discussion and it will be brought up at future meetings. Cindy encouraged the PAC members to attend the HFDSC meetings to give opinions and to gain more of an insight for educated decisions.
- Home Birth Safety Act – Was not discussed at the meeting, but hopefully will be discussed at a future HFDSC meeting.
- Site Visit Process: Rules and Regulations: The committee is looking to update the appendices of the rules 640.50 and 640.60. The committee didn't get a chance to look at it due to time constraints, but will have more information for the April 2016 Meeting.
- Standardized Letter of Agreement, asking each network to come up with a standard letter of agreement individually for each level: 0, I, II, II+, and III.

6 . Closing and Voting

The meeting was closed for the discussion of the opening of a new hospital and to discuss new members for the HFDSC committee.

When the session was reopened, the committee voted on designating Belleville Memorial East as a Level II facility. Afterwards, the committee voted on the new members for HFDSC.

MMRCV Update - Dennis Crouse asked that Andrea Palmer from IDPH give a brief word on the Maternal Mortality Review Committee on Violent Deaths (MMRCV). Andrea explained that the meeting will take place March 22, 2016 and that a lot of the hurdles in preparation of the meetings has been establishing data use agreements within the State of Illinois as the information is of a highly sensitive nature.

Closing

Dennis Crouse moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Cindy Mitchell approved the motion and Jenny Brandenburg seconded the motion.