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Meeting Minutes of:
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Levels of Care: Designation, Redesignation, and Change of Network (LOC)

April 12, 2018
8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.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
Jenny Brandenburg Lori Filock (Phone) Adriana Beatty (Phone) Harold Bigger Joan Cappelletti (phone) Linnette Carter (phone) Debbie Schy	Catherine Adalakun, IDPH Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Trishna Harris, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Roma Allen Daniell Ashford Andrea Cross Jodi Hoskins Cecilia Lopez Cindy Mitchell Myra Sabini Shirley Scott Bernadette Taylor Melissa Zahnd
	Members Not In Attendance
	Paula Melone

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Motions

1. **Motion to approve minutes from March 2018.**
 - 1st Lori Filock, 2nd Debbie Schy, Unanimous Yes
2. **Motion to adjourn.**
 - 1st Harold Bigger, 2nd Debbie Schy, Unanimous Yes

Introductions

- Jenny Brandenburg called the meeting to order and introductions were done in Chicago, Springfield, and on the phone.

Minutes

- The minutes from March 2018 were approved.

Agenda Items

1. **IDPH Update**
 - The Illinois Department of Public Health gave a brief update on progress of the other levels of care workgroups and timelines of where each of the groups should be.
2. **Old Business**
 - None that was discussed.
3. **New Business**

Change of Network Process

- The group continued discussion from the previous meeting's change of network process.
- Discussion on reconciliation attempts by the Administrative Perinatal Centers. (APCs)
 - Discussed that if an APC is not living up to their and the facility cannot come to an agreement, then they would be allowed to switch networks.
 - The group was also concerned that reconciliation attempts might be subjective and done haphazardly.
- Jenny reminded the committee that letters of agreement could/will look a little different under the new rules.
- It was recommended that deliverables are more clearly spelled out in grant agreements.
- The group recommended the APC's begin sharing their IDPH grant agreements with the facilities in their network.
- The group discussed having a standard letter of agreement with minimum required deliverables/standards and then the APC can add on to those deliverables to be customized for each facility.

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- **Public Comment:** Part of the problem with different letters of agreements is that it allowed for hospitals to switch networks to a more/less strict APC network.
 - Discussion on continuity of care.
 - Discussion on biases happening within networks.
 - Discussion on the M&M process.
 - Discussion on referral patterns
 - Discussion on reasons for approval
 - A facility should be allowed to transfer if the APC is not meeting the requirements spelled out in their letter of agreement.
 - Discussion on reasons for denial
 - Wanting to move to a parent hospital system is not an acceptable enough reason alone for a facility to change networks.
4. **Next Steps**
- The group wants to make the meetings during non-PAC weeks to be extended an extra hour.
 - Jenny and Lori will go through the minutes from the previous meetings to get a summary of discussion topics.
5. **Public Comment**
- **Public Comment:** Roma Allen: Keep in mind that some APCs have a lot of hospitals and there are other APCs that do not have many and could take on extra.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, Unanimous yes.