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

**October 11, 2018**  
**1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

<b>George W. Dunne Building</b> <b>69 West 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
Beau Batton (Chair) Bree Andrews (Co-Chair) Richard Besinger Jenny Brandenburg Katherine Collins Raye-Ann de Regnier (Phone) Lori Filock William Grobman (Phone) Robin L. Jones Omar LaBlanc Stephen Locher Mark Loafman (Phone) Molly Merriman (Phone) Cindy Mitchell Nicole Niwa Jared Rogers (Phone) Phil Schaefer Howard Strassner Traci Wolfe Yesenia Yopez (Phone) Maripat Zeschke	Amanda Bennett, IDPH Trishna Harris, IDPH Ashley Horne, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Andrea Palmer, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Kristen Woytowicz, IDPH  Roma Allen Daniell Ashford Andrea Cross Robyn Gude Sue Hesse Jawad Jared Lance Kovacs Angela Rodriguez Myra Sabini Ann Schramm Debbie Schy Elaine Shafer Melissa Zahnd Unity Point Hospital Team
	<b>Members Not In Attendance</b>
	Mike Farrell (excused) Janet Hoffman (excused) Phyllis Lawlor-Klean (excused)

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## **Motions**

1. **Motion to approve minutes from June 2018.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Omar LaBlanc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree Andrews, Unanimous Approval.
2. **Motion to approve the draft recommendations from the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC).**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Howard Strassner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Locher, Unanimous Approval.
3. **Motion to add Patricia Ann Lee King to the MMRC.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Omar LaBlanc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Brandenburg, Unanimous Approval.
4. **Motion to add four new members to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee on Violent Deaths.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Niwa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Besinger, Unanimous Approval.
5. **Motion to form a sub-committee to look at Severe Maternal Morbidity Reviews.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> William Grobman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Niwa, Unanimous Approval.
6. **Motion to adjourn.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Filock, Unanimous Yes.

## **Introductions**

Beau Batton called the meeting to order about 1:00 P.M. and went around the room asking everyone introduce themselves.

## **Minutes**

The minutes from June 2018 were voted on and approved.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Update**

- IDPH gave an update on the process of the Levels of Care workgroups progress and the planning for the Levels of Care Quality Group as well as the continuation of the Levels of Care Implementation.
- Alexander Smith reminded everyone about the mandatory ethics training and to turn in forms as soon as possible.

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**2. Chair Update**

- The chair talked about the new members Traci Wolfe and Katherine Collins and asked them to tell the committee about their background.
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**3. Old Business**

*Perinatal Code Revision Work Groups, Levels of Care (LOC)*

- Level III and IV group
  - The group had unresolved issues on respiratory therapists and education.
  - The group didn't have any formal recommendations on geography, but strongly recommend it be incorporated into the code.
- Level I and II group
  - The group had further discussion on whether or not to require a Neonatologist at a Level II facility. Data shows that outcomes are better with a Neo available, however it is not currently required at Level II.
- Designation, Redesignation and Change of Network
  - The group talked about the proposed fee structure. The fee intends to help support site visits and the proposed dashboard.
  - The group also finalized discussions on network changes.
- Transport:
  - The group discussed timeframes and when calls are accepted.
  - Discussion on required equipment and medications.
  - Discussion on transport director.
  - Discussion on expectations for follow-up communication from accepting facility to referring hospital after transfer.
- Site Visits:
  - The group has draft recommendations and think that a lot of the information will be strongly tied to the levels of care quality group.
  - The group strongly recommends that the focus should be on the quality of the site visit and not the process.
- Implementation:
  - The group has met and had their preliminary discussion re: work plans. The committee won't go into full effect until after the other levels of care groups have wrapped up.
  - Approximately 10 members of the public offered comments and engaged in dialogue with the committee.

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**4. New Business**

*Maternal Mortality Report – Case Year 2015*

- There will be a press conference on the report the week after this meeting at the University of Illinois Chicago.
- Amanda Bennett led a discussion on the report itself and what it details.
  - Discussion on how the deaths are counted and reviewed
  - Discussed the racial disparity findings.
  - Provided an overview of the deaths and common determinations (by the committee) of death.
  - Discussion on how the committee disagreed with the death certificate for approximately two-thirds of cases. The committee had a few questions:
    - Was there a pattern or theme observed for the cases in which the committee disagreed with the death certificate?
    - What are the opportunities improvement and education?
    - Amanda noted that people who write the death certificates might not realize they can be used for data purposes and are often not trained on how to complete the form.
  - Amanda discussed some common themes.
    - There was a question on the percentages of death being pregnancy related vs pregnancy associated. Answer: About 15% were women who died while pregnant. A majority of deaths were within 42 days post-partum.
    - Someone asked if the report could be issued by hospital? Answer: No, partly because the “assigned” hospital is the delivery hospital which may not have been involved in post-partum care after discharge or the patient’s death.
    - Can it be reported by level of care? Answer: No, mostly because women could have be seen at multiple different hospitals.
    - Can it be done by region? Answer: Will do a more in depth geographical analysis when there are more years of data.
    - Will be broken down by rural vs urban? Answer: Yes, in the full report.
  - It was noted that when looking at disparities the problem is more than just access to care. Literacy and other social determinants play a role.
- IDPH asked for some help from the PAC with suggestions on disseminating the findings.
- Discussion on infographics targeting populations.
- IDPH plans to build upon the report as more cases are reviewed.
- The group suggested to improve electronic medical records.
- Howard Strassner made the motion to approve the draft recommendations from the report with a second Stephen Locher.

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**5. Committee Updates**

*Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)*

- Briefly discussed the maternal mortality report a second time.
- There was a motion, from Omar LaBlanc, to add new member Patricia Lee King to the MMRC. Second by Jenny Brandenburg and unanimous approval.

*Maternal Mortality Review Committee – Violent Deaths (MMRCV)*

- The group has begun reviewing 2016 cases.
- There was a motion, from Nicole Niwa, to add four new members to the MMRC-V. Second by Rich Besinger and unanimous approval.

*Statewide Quality Council (SQC)*

- Discussed the environmental health CoIIN, a pilot program for screening for lead exposure that is covered by Medicaid.
- There was a SMFM presentation on future focus for both the committee and state. Some of the measures looked at are already covered by the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC).
- They discussed wanting a broader membership base for the committee and will accept recommendations.
- ILPQC gave an update and touched on their immediate post-partum long acting reversible contraception (IPLARC) and mothers and newborns affected by opioids (MNO) initiatives. Also discussed their upcoming annual meeting.
- There was a brief update on severe maternal morbidity (SMM).
- William Grobman made the motion to form a sub-committee to look at SMM cases. Nicole Niwa seconded with unanimous approval.

*Hospital Facilities Designation (HFDSC)*

- Discussed their work plan.
- Two hospitals came before the committee, but there were no formal voted on recommendations.
- St Anthony's in Alton closed their OB unit.

**Adjournment**

There was a motion to adjourn from Phil Schafer with a second from Lori Filock. Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting.