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

June 13, 2019
9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

IDPH Office 69 W. Washington St., 35th Floor Chicago, IL	IDPH Offices 535 West Jefferson 5th Floor Springfield, IL
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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 Trishna Harris, IDPH Heather Kimmons, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Roma Allen Peggy Cowling Andrea Cross Jodi Hoskins Cecilia Lopez Elaine Shafer Maripat Zeschke Memorial East Hospital 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 April 2019 minutes.**
1st Phil Scafefer, 2nd Jenny Brandenburg, Unanimous Approval
2. **Motion to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to add Jawad Javed to the Hospital Facilities Designation Committee.**
1st Jenny Brandenbug, 2nd Howard Strassner, Unanimous Approval
3. **Motion to adjourn.**
1st Phil Schaefer, 2nd Robyn Gude, Unanimous Approval

Minutes

- The minutes from the April 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda Items

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Updates

- Metrosouth has been in the news to close, IDPH does not have updates on the status.
- The house passed legislation to include maternal levels of care. Stay tuned on the process for creating the rules.
 - Question: Is there a timeline? Answer: IDPH is working on it.
- IDPH introduced Heather Kimmons deputy general counsel. Kristen Woytowicz has left the Department and Heather will be legal counsel until a replacement is found for Kristen.

Work Plan

- Galesburg Cottage closed beginning of May.
- LaGrange Hospital closed their OB services on June 3rd.
- Heartland Regional Medical Center closed their OB services on May 30th.
- Westlake Hospital is currently doing a day-to-day, but has not fully closed yet.
- Jackson Park Hospital had a meeting with Healthcare Regulations and plan to do a temporary year closure. After that year, they plan to re-evaluate whether they want

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to permanently close or not. They have a plan for EMS services that was sent to IDPH.

- Question: Is lack of staff the reason for closure? Answer: Their numbers have been very low and the pressures financial burdens of low numbers.
- Q: When does the year suspension of service start? A: The suspension will start August 4th, but they are waiting for a letter from healthcare regulations.
- Swedish American hospital's follow-up will be in April of 2020. The committee will see them in June 2020.
- Memorial East Hospital is in today for their 18 month follow-up.
- Will Touchette come to the committee after their 18 month follow-up to their level decrease? They have a visit at the end of June. The committee thinks that they should come to a meeting after their site visit. The committee requested to be notified if there were any concerns.
- Discussed the process of OB closures and decreases in levels and the recent rise in both. The committee is expecting more OB closures throughout the state and discussed how to prepare.
- The committee discussed the moratorium on level increases. Decided to have the moratorium stay in effect until the new proposed rules are finished.

Hospital Review

- Memorial East Hospital was coming to the committee today for 18 month follow up to a Level II to Level II+.
 - The committee received Memorial East's materials for review.
 - Memorial East discussed their plans for coverage.
 - Discussion on turn around for lab results. The committee asked Memorial East to respond to any potential process improvements on the turn around time.
 - Memorial East asked if/when the new rules are in place, will they need to go through the redesignation process again? Answer: Rules are still being written and have yet to be formalized. The chair informed them that all Level II+ designations are going away and should plan with their Administrative Perinatal Center for guidance.

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Membership Discussion

- Discussed the new potential member: Jawad Javed.
 - Jenny Brandenburg made a motion to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to add Jawad Javed to the committee, this was seconded by Howard Strassner with unanimous approval.
- Membership discussion of disciplines desired by the committee
 - They want someone in family medicine, ideally a provider in a smaller facility.
 - Still looking for an emergency department doctor.
 - The committee plans to ask ILPQC for a list of doctors who might be interested.
 - Ideally the committee is looking for ED physician whose hospital went from delivering to non-delivering.
 - Discussed potentially wanting to add someone from EMS/Trauma. Policies for EMS are different from region to region, so someone from one part of the state may not know full details for the rest of Illinois.

Next Steps

- The group is not having their August meeting. Will meet in October for their next meeting.
- Put on agenda the levels of care updates and to revisit moratorium discussions.

Adjournment

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