

**POISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes
Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
October 13, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aks, Steve, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago
Hughes, Karen, Consumer
Wahl, Michael, Illinois Poison Center
Leikin, Jerry, NorthShore University HealthSystem

(Teleconference)

Fleeharty, Jack, Chief, Highway Safety and Emergency Medical Services
Short, Mike, Memorial Medical Center, Springfield

INVITED GUESTS

DesLauriers, Carol, Illinois Poison Center
Moran, Gail, Illinois Poison Center
Calder, Sarah, Government Relations, MCHC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Graneto, John, Illinois College of Emergency Physicians, Oakbrook
Ortinau, John, Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights

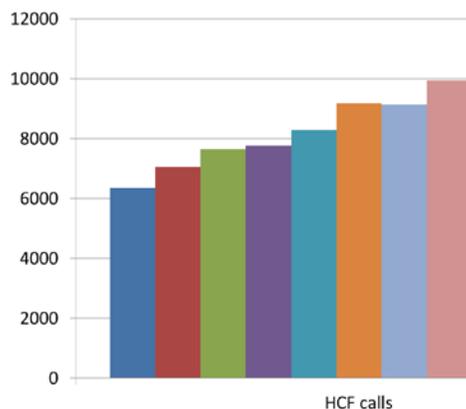
Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

The minutes of the May, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Emergency Call Center Report:

- 1) A summary of the time period April – Sept time period was reviewed.
 - a. Call volume was essentially stable comparing 2012 to 2013 for the 6 month time period.
- 2) The continued increase in calls from healthcare facilities was discussed:



There was a general discussion on the utilization of the IPC by psychiatric inpatient hospitals to provide an opinion on toxicological clearance of patients.

Web technology and delivery of non-toxic exposure information:

- 1) Web metrics from the My Child Ate (MCA) program were reviewed.
 - a. Visits were in between 7,000-8,000 per month.
 - b. Over 42% of visits were from a mobile platform (phone, tablet)
 - c. Applications for grant funding to increase online content of MCA was ongoing
 - d. Further measurement is ongoing

Budget Review:

- 1) IPC budget from 2011 – 2014 (projected) was reviewed
 - a. Ongoing losses of up to \$500,000 over the past three years were discussed
 - b. Review of revenue history and cumulative losses on state and federal side with loss of \$1.5 million annually reviewed
 - c. Staff and consultant cuts in outreach and the call center were reviewed
 - d. Reviewed benchmarks to national data (Avg national cost 43 cents per capita, IPC cost is 33 cents per capita, revenue at 29 cents per capita)
 - e. Discussed proposal for potential closure without increased funding
 - f. Discussed house and senate proposals for funding through telecomm fee

Ms. Calder presented the MCHC plan for sustainable funding through the 911 emergency telecommunications fee. There was a general discussion on support obtained and current opposition. There was concern and a discussion on options other than closure such as relocation of the center, other potential funding streams (e.g. Medicaid) or restoring GR funding to \$1.9 million.

Old and Other Business

- 1) IDPH Poison Advisory Committee openings.
 - a. Chief Fleeharty to assist in candidates for EMS coordinator
- 2) Next meeting: Dr. Wahl to send out meeting planner link for next meeting date.