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**Meeting Minutes of:**  
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM)**  
**subcommittee of: Statewide Quality Council (SQC)**

**October 1, 2019**  
**9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

<b>IDPH Offices</b> <b>122 S. Michigan, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor</b> <b>Chicago, IL, Room 711</b>	<b>IDPH Offices</b> <b>525 W. Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b> <b>Springfield, IL</b>
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**Introductions**

Stephen Locher, chair, called the meeting to order at about 9:20a.m. and went around the room asking attendees to introduce themselves and let us know whether they were a member or a guest. The meeting started late due to conflicts with the room in Springfield, IL.

**Attendees**

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Stephen Locher Roma Allen Deborah Boyle Christopher Cambic Karen Collins Kimberly Darey Stacie Geller Joseph Grazaitis (Phone) Kathleen Harmon Laura Meints Dennie Rogers (Phone) Barbara Scavone	Trishna Harris, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH  Daniell Ashford Peggy Cowling Andrea Cross Katie Garland, UIC Robyn Gude Ashley Horne, UIC Jodi Hoskins Cindy Mitchell Elaine Shafer Maripat Zeschke
	<b>Members Not In Attendance</b> Monique Jones (excused)

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## **Motions**

1. **Motion to approve the August 2019 minutes with minor changes.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Boyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacie Geller, Unanimous Approval.
2. **Motion to close the meeting to the public for the case reviews.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Boyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Scavone, Unanimous Approval
3. **Motion to reopen the meeting.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Roma Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Boyle, Unanimous Approval
4. **Motion to adjourn the meeting.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Cambic, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacie Geller, Unanimous Approval

## **Agenda Items**

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

- The Department got a grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to focus on maternal health and maternal mortality. Funds from the grant are planned to go to:
  - Support for the maternal mortality review committees and severe maternal morbidity committee.
  - Do a maternal health summit.
  - Create a new position that will be over maternal and infant health.
- The University of Illinois Chicago also received a grant to improve maternal health across the State. There are three components to the grant:
  - To form a task force on maternal health (and only maternal health).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> is to work with IDPH to improve data health collection and dissemination.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> is to implement certain initiatives:
    - Provide OB hemorrhage and hypertension education.
    - Implement a birth equity initiative
    - Training home visitors to pay attention to the maternal health when going for an infant home visit.
    - Collaborate with DocAssist to train providers on screening, treatment, and referral on behavioral and mental health issues.
    - Create a clinic called “2Gen” for each time the baby is seen for a clinical visit, the mother is also seen for the first two years post-partum.
- IDPH has identified a candidate for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Director to replace

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Andrea Palmer. Plan for them to start soon.

### **Closed Session**

- Deborah Boyle motioned for the meeting to be closed for case review. This was seconded by Barbara Scavone.
- The group reviewed 10 cases.
- Meetings are closed pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(15) (professional ethics and performance in case review) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(17) (matters protected under the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA))

### **Debrief Discussion**

- Quick membership updates:
  - The committee still wants to have an ER doctor and social worker.
  - Angela Rodriguez had to step down from the committee. They thanked her for her service.
  - The group decided to hold on Christina Stupek's resume until next meeting.
- Debriefing and feedback:
  - The committee discussed some wants from the abstractions:
    - Want hospitals to use proper forms.
    - Narrative timelines including documenting labs, vitals, and qbl as well as trends.
    - Pathology reports.
    - ICU diagnosis.
    - Discharge and follow-up plan.
    - Anesthesia reports when possible and as appropriate.
  - Feedback for the hospital discussion:
    - Considerations of using tranexamic acid (TXA). Not necessarily about access, but making sure staff feels comfortable administering it. Discussed educations around TXA.
    - Review the guidelines for previa. Discussed educations on previa.
    - Hospitals should utilize their patient coordinator more.
    - IV iron emphasis. Discussed education materials and protocols.
  - Discussed updating the SMM form:
    - Discussed removing the word preventable and replacing it with opportunities to improve.
    - Getting rid of using the word "pulmonary".

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- Discussion on if changing the form will mess with the data

**Next Steps**

- The next meeting is December 10 2019.
- Review the SMM form for the next meeting and be prepared to discuss any proposed changes.

**Adjournment**

Christopher Cambic motioned for the meeting to adjourn, that was seconded by Stacie Geller, and was passed with unanimous approval.