

Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee Meeting (HFDSC)

April 10, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Location: Webex

Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Aprahamian, Charles Hoskins, Jodi Javed, M. Jawad Sorce, Joanne Stewart, Diedra Zahnd, Melissa Zeschke, Maripat (Chair)	Bergo, Cara Diaz, Leandra Harris, Trishna Hedges, Tonya Martin, Nancy Masinter, Lisa Nege, Joquine Smith, Alexander Kelly, Hillary Gold, Rebecca Montalvo, Patricia Plaza, Natalia Vazquez	Cross, Andrea Thomas, Annabel Stewart, Dede Caruso, April Thompson, Connie Szlapka, Dominika Bomstad, Healther Gonzalez, Jennifer Lopez, Leonardo Ashford, Daniell Klamm, Hannah Benbrook, Keri Sabini, Myra Han, Selugi Swain, Susie Riley, Melissa Allen, Roma Lemmenes, Donna	Brandenberg, Jennifer Beatty, Adriena Strassner, Howard Mels, Autumn Pillai, Srikumar Shupe, Casey Stupek, Christina

Motions

1. Motion to approve minutes from the February 2025 meeting.

Quorum not achieved. Unable to vote.

2. Motion to Adjourn

1st Jawad Javed, 2nd Melissa Zahnd, the group unanimously approved



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AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Chair, Maripat Zeschke, called the meeting to order. Hillary Kelly conducted roll call and asked guests to respond in the chat box with their name and association.

Review/Vote of Minutes from February 2025

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Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Budget updates- no new updates at this time. We will share information as it becomes known to us.
- Staffing changes at IDPH: Currently in the interview process for the Perinatal Nurse Lead position.
- 640 updates: Currently with the policy advisor. Hoping to move forward in May and have additional updates in June.
 - Next step after the Policy Advisement team approves is sending to the Governor's Office
- Maternal Health Blueprint updates:
 - Moving through the Governor's Office. Anticipate a release soon.
- IDPH Maternal Health Summit- November 18-19 of 2025 at the ISU Bone Center.
- IL DOPP Program letter: currently double-checking language and program accessibility following newly announced budget cuts. Awaiting word from program partners.
 - ILPQC desires to send out information and remain consistent.
- LOC Map created by Cara Bergo can be found on the IDPH site- [Perinatal Regionalization](#)

Work Plan Review

- Kishwaukee Hospital- site visit 5/14. Moving from a II to IIE.
 - On track and moving forward well.
- Huntley Hospital- request to move from a level II to level IIE.
 - Site visit 10/29.
- St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ottawa, IL to move from a level II to a level I
 - Site visit at the end of February.
 - Heather Bomstad was present to speak on the decrease.
 - OB unit is moving to Peru, a 30-minute radius or less.
 - Close relationship with OSF St. Francis. Comfortable functioning as a Level I.
 - 645 births, 12 needed transferred, 9 were in-between transport.
 - Letter of Agreement is finalized, per Suzie Swain.
- Alexian Brothers Medical Center decrease from IIE to II.
 - Jennifer Gonzalez was present to speak on the decrease.
 - Struggled to keep nurses educated and staffed. High turn-over due to float/low census.

- Same coverage even amongst the change, 24/7 neonatology.
- Reiteration that the decrease was due to staffing and not programming.
- Discussion about LOC and neonatal resuscitation amongst the hospital and the committee.
 - Take-away - to comply with LOC is to call a neo for consult and discussion/consent for the transfer in all cases.
- Trinity Hospital to be added to the workplan.
 - 4-year plan to close and re-open in a new location.
 - IMMT attended the hearing.

Old Business

- EMS discussion: no new information to add.
 - Keeping open lines of communication.
 - Beth was not in attendance at the meeting to speak. Maripat and Hillary K will reach out to re-schedule, hopefully for June.
- Implementation of rule changes.
 - 2025-2026 implementation dates will more likely look like 2026.
 - Alex found some things in the previous minutes- recommendations of what to focus on first.
 - Still looking for more information. Will update in June.
 - Needing 2 people to be Implementation chairs.
 - Needing someone from PAC.
 - Meetings do not need to be open, but should have a PAC member there.
 - Needing to wait on 640. Can have some info/discussion, but needing to wait until the code is ready.
 - Please email Alex and Hillary if interested.
 - Unsure of start dates.
 - Chairs will be selected based on location and additional rules.
- SOP for hospital designation requests.
 - Maripat Z. and Jodi H. have been crafting a checklist for hospitals that are preparing to change designation.
 - Comes with links to 640 and 250.
 - Working to streamline the process.
 - New data system coming

New Business:

- No new business.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, Jodi H. made the motion to adjourn, and Charles A. seconded the motion- the group unanimously approved.