

Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee Meeting (HFDSC)

June 27, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Location: Hybrid In-Person, Webex

Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Hoskins, Jodi Javed, M. Jawad Maripat Zeschke (Chair) Mels, Autumn Pillai, Srikumar Stewart, Diedra Stupek, Christina Zahnd, Melissa	Diaz, Leandra Harris, Trishna Hassan, Adebola Hedges, Tonya Masinter, Lisa Nege, Joquine Smith, Alexander Vazquez-Plaza, Natalia VanBebber, Bobby Division Chief for Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety	April Caruso Blanca Dominguez Connie Thompson Daniell Ashford Darlene West Jenna McCormick Jennifer L. Callison Keri Benbrook Melissa Kelley Myra Sabini Paula Culvey Roma Allen Selena Kinser Susie Swain	Aprahamian, Charles Beatty, Adriana (ac) Brandenburg, Jenny Shupe, Casey Sorce, Joanne Strassner, Howard

Motions

- Motion to approve minutes from the February 2024 meeting.**
1st Autumn Mels, 2nd Jodi Hoskins, the group unanimously approved.
- Motion to Adjourn**
1st Melissa Zahnd, 2nd Jodi Hoskins, the group unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Chair, Maripat Zeschke, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:34 A.M. Leandra Diaz conducted roll call and asked guests to respond in the chat box their name and association.

Review/Vote of Minutes from February 2024

The agenda was reviewed. February 2024 Minutes were reviewed and voted.

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Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Continue working with UIC regarding hospital closings.
- Maternal Health Blueprint: in Collaboration with UIC and under the Birth Equity umbrella a contract has started and IDPH might be reaching out to get input from this team (PAC). More to come in the next meetings.
- New Maternal Health and Birth Equity Initiatives at South Side Birth Center: 4M Funding

<https://www.illinois.gov/news/press-release.29662.html>

This funding is directly coming from the legislative most recent legislative session and budget that was passed around birth equity, \$4 million will be available and the intention is for this funding to go towards communities that are having and noting adverse outcomes, in whatever way that might be in terms of geography, in terms of population and demographics. IDPH intent is to make sure we are engaging with partners who are working in those communities but may not have been plugged into the IDPH system. **Please pass on the info to any who would benefit in applying for this grant.**

Work Plan Review

- Discussion evolved regarding changes that will come before Facilities and preparation: Will bring to the Administrator/Educator meeting in August. Would like to have established checklists for:
 - a. Opening and closing of a facility
 - b. Opening and closing of OB services
 - c. Relocation of services
 - d. Change in designation.
 - e. Change in Network

Old Business

Continued: EMS Questions Discussion

- At our last Facilities meeting we came up with a list of questions regarding EMS and EMR service based on concerns regarding decreasing numbers of EMS services available.
- Alexander brought these concerns to Bobby VanBebber, Division Chief for Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety at IDPH.
- Bobby was able to join us for discussion and provided a lot of very good information. A collaboration was expressed to provide support via policy and education across the state.
- Goal is to work with EMS and APC's to help coordinate education and training to ensure that the most updated protocols are shared
- Discussed how we could work together on quality metrics.

Continued: Discussion of Potential Levels of Care (LOC) Rule Implementation

- Previous moratorium on changes in level is no longer in place. Therefore, changes in Level can be pursued. On that note, bearing in mind that the new Levels are coming, and the amount of work needed to change Levels on all fronts is not minimal.
- There is no moratorium on changes in Network currently. However, there was discussion as above about the work and time involved in changing Networks and the uncertainty of what the Networks will look like with the new rules.
- Suggest starting a continuous item on the agenda to tie up things that we can.
- Start making questions and considerations from the hospitals and the committee.
- Running Questions:
 - Does everyone or anyone need to go through the committee per the new rules.
 - If all hospitals need a maternal designation, does this committee need to review them all and have individual hospitals come before the committee? If so, does the committee need more meetings when the time arises?
- **St. Elizabeth in Ottawa** is planning to move OB, ICU and OR services to St. Elizabeth in Peru in summer 2025.
- St. Elizabeth in Ottawa will then be opening a new facility that will be a Level O designation for OB. More to come on that in the future.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, Melissa Zahnd made the motion to adjourn, and Jodi Hoskins seconded the motion- the group unanimously approved.