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Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee Meeting (HFDSC)

August 14, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Location: Webex

Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Brandenberg, Jennifer Hoskins, Jodi Javed, M. Jawad Mels, Autumn Pillai, Srikumar Shupe, Casey Sorce, Joanne Stewart, Diedra Stupek, Christina Zahnd, Melissa Zeschke, Maripat (Chair)	Diaz, Leandra Harris, Trishna Hedges, Tonya Martin, Nancy Smith, Alexander Kelly, Hillary Wilson, Sierra Montalvo, Patricia	Thomas, Annabel Caruso, April Faivre, Colleen Bingley, Emily Thompson, Connie Bomstad, Healther Ashford, Daniell Klamm, Hannah Allen, Roma Swain, Suzie Edwards, Christen Tucker, Cindy Trompeter, Dawn Hernandez, Frank Densberger, Kelly Benbrook, Keri Sieck, Lynn Riley, Melissa Sabini, Myra Kinser, Salena Remedios-Smith, Kimberly Krueger, Richard	Aprahamian, Charles Strassner, Howard

Motions

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

1st C. Shupe., 2nd J. Javed

2. Motion to Adjourn

1st J. Hoskins, 2nd J. Source, the group unanimously approved.

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 and April 2025

1st C. Shupe, 2nd J. Javed

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Staffing changes at IDPH:
 - Other positions, such as MCH Director and nurse supervisor are in progress. Perinatal Surveillance Coordinator accepted the position and will start in mid-September.
- 640 updates:
 - Still in review with IDPH policy team.
- MANDI effective 8/13. Working through the launch and being used now.
- Assisted ventilation letter went out.
- Maternal Health Blueprint updates:
 - Moving through the Governor's Office. Anticipate a release soon. Hopefully September.
- IDPH Maternal Health Summit- November 18-19 of 2025 at the ISU Bone Center.
- One Net training reminder.

Work Plan Review

- Kishwaukee Hospital- site visit 5/14. Increasing from II to IIE. Intros from C. Favre, E. Bingley, C. Tucker, R. Krueger, and Dr. F. Hernandez, Dr. N. Rhoads, and other names that we inaudible.
 - All docs were completed and submitted as requested, per J. Hoskins.
 - M. Zeschke called for questions before the vote to increase. None were asked.
 - VOTE- 1st J. Javed, 2nd J. Brandenburg. On to PAC for final vote.
 - F/U 12-month visit discussed, come back to Facilities in October of 2026.
- Alexian Brothers Medical Center decrease from IIE to II.
 - Suspension of OB services recently announced. Next steps explained by R. Allen and will be meeting with them on 9/4 to go over the checklist.
 - Plan is to shift to St. Alexius, but concerns were expressed regarding their ability to accommodate this. This would be adding around 100+ deliveries monthly to their current rate of 3,000 deliveries annually.
 - St. Alexius will take all OBs and staff.
 - Bring this topic to PAC for discussion, especially since this is a larger hospital and involves many deliveries.

- Members asked questions about why, ED and transfer concerns, and if expansion plans have been discussed at St Alexius. R. Allen explained the consolidation issues and that ongoing discussions are occurring; the news is very new.
- St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ottawa, IL to decrease from a level II to a level I
 - Heather Bomstad and Dawn Trompeter present to discuss
 - Change in plans from last meeting- new date for the move is 11/18 from the previous date of 8/18. Awaiting approval from the board.
 - Move to Peru will be after the new date.
 - Question of if they can have 2 level I facilities.
 - Can Peru be opened while Ottawa is open? Tonya and the committees are working through this question and working to optimize the situation however they can.
 - Needing to come before HFDSC again. The question of having two facilities operating under the one designation is a new situation.
 - Topic may require additional meetings and conversation to conclude. IDPH legal (P. Montalvo) and licensing (K. Singer) to assist.
 - Roundtable discussion of the pros and cons and the reasons for designation and site visits as it pertains to this situation.
- Huntley Hospital- request to increase from a level II to level IIE.
 - Site visit 10/29.
 - 8/5 J. Hoskins reports all is coming along well.
 - Will come before HFDSC, add to December agenda.
- Advocate Trinity Hospital
 - No new updates.
 - Have a level II SV scheduled for December. Will update the committee on this
- Weiss Memorial Hospital
 - Added to workplan during this meeting.
 - Full closure to come.
 - Owned by same company as West Sub.

Old Business

- Implementation of rule changes
 - A. Smith updates that meetings will begin once LOC are at 1st notice.
 - Can still send CVs and general interest/questions to Alex and Hillary.
- SOP for hospital designation requests.
 - Checklist is done and has been used by 2 admins thus far.
 - Please provide feedback if willing.
- B. Froelich next steps
 - Re-visit this in October. Looking to discuss a way to HFDSC to support and update policies.



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- Needing equipment lists to distribute to HFDSC.

New Business:

- None to discuss

Public Comment: No public comment.

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