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Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee Meeting (HFDSC)

October 16, 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 Sorce, Joanne Stewart, Diedra Stupek, Christina Zeschke, Maripat (Chair)	Diaz, Leandra Harris, Trishna Hedges, Tonya Martin, Nancy Smith, Alexander Kelly, Hillary Wilson, Sierra Montalvo, Patricia Wang, Jessica Melesse, Biniyam Bergo, Cara	Annabel Tomas April Caruso C. Susie Bachman- Penning Daniell Ashford Donna Lemmenes Emily Bingley Hannah Klamm Heather Bomstad Jennifer L Callison Keri Benbrook Melissa Riley Myra Sabini Paula D Culvey Roma Allen	Aprahamian, Charles Mels, Autumn Pillai, Srikumar Shupe, Casey Strassner, Howard Zahnd, Melissa

Motions

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

1st C. Stupek, 2nd J. Source

2. Motion to Adjourn

1st C. Stupek, 2nd J. Hoskins, the group unanimously approve

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 August 2025

1st C. Stupek, 2nd J. Source

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Staffing changes at IDPH:
 - Biniyam Melesse has joined the IDPH team as the Perinatal Data Coordinator.
 - Jessica Wang has joined the team to serve as an intern with Lisa.
 - Lead nurse and MCH Director are in process, and the MCH Director position will begin interviews in December.
- 640 updates:
 - Moving through the final editing process before moving on to the Governor's Office.
- MANDI updates
 - Now fully implemented
- IDPH Maternal Health Summit- invitation only. All PAC, SQC, and HFDSC members should have received an invite.
- One Net training reminder. Trainings were due in September. Please reach out to Alex and Hillary if experiencing issues.

Work Plan Review

- Kishwaukee Hospital increase from II to IIE.
 - Returning from Kishwaukee are C. Favre, E. Bingley, and team.
 - Review of RT completing NPS certification- complete for one staff member according to E. Bingley
 - **Motion** to move Kishwaukee from II to IIE: 1st J. Source, 2nd C. Stupek
- Alexian Brothers Medical Center decrease from IIE to II.
 - Postponed by state to go before 250. Will now take place in December.
 - R. Allen is assisting with to go into a non-birthing status with them.
 - St. Alexius does have a plan in place for taking on staff and births. They are also increasing NICU and overflow beds.
 - Will be moving some services to outpatient.
 - PNA R. Allen is staying in close contact and offering ED support to Alexian Bros. during the transition.

- T. Harris (IDPH) has offered to share details for 250 meeting with R. Allen once she is notified.
- St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ottawa, IL decrease from a level II to a level I
 - Heather Bomstad will be transitioning out of the CNO position
 - C. Susie Bachman-Penning is assisting with education for the staff, such as sims and drill completion.
 - Open house discussion for providers and for the community
 - Site visit was on 10/10/2025.
 - T. Hedges (IDPH) has reviewed and revised plan since the last meeting. H. Bomstad ensured they have contacted each individual pregnant and postpartum patient, informing them of the situation and ensured they were clear on the expectations.
 - Will have an update to the communication plan in December.
 - T. Hedges notes from the 10/1 site visit that the review board meeting was upcoming in November regarding the move. Ottawa is a level I and needing to update the policy, due by 11/10. Peru will need a level I designation. (for December agenda) Plan is to close Ottawa in November and open Peru in December. If approved on 11/18, will have final date of opening in Peru. Will schedule a site visit in 1 year in Peru, Nov 2026.
- Huntley Hospital- request to increase from a level II to level IIE.
 - Site visit 10/29 and materials are coming along well. Showing experience in levels IIE and III.
 - Materials are with IDPH for site visit preparation.
 - Plan to return in December following their site visit.
- Resurrection Hospital decrease from IIE to II.
 - HFDSC notified of this decrease by R. Allen during this meeting.
 - Notification letter is out to T. Harris, as 11/6 was their redesignation date.
 - Reason for decreased is noted as the decrease of deliveries (by half) in the last 3 years, due to population and OB changes.
- Vista Medical Center- east in Waukegan (level II) to suspend OB services
 - HFDSC was notified of this suspension by D. Ashford
 - Begins on 10/28
 - Reasons for suspension are all financial
 - Were at 400 deliveries annually, serving a high population of Medicaid recipients
 - D. Ashford is in contact and will assist with the communications plan.

Old Business

- Implementation Committee
 - Still open for all interested to submit CVs and general interest/questions to Alex and Hillary
 - Meetings will begin once LOC are at 1st notice.
 - M. Zeschke asks for consideration in doing a crosswalk between the old and new LOC and adding ad hoc members to this committee.



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- Will potentially be scheduling more meetings, also following 1st notice.
- SOP for hospital designation requests.
 - Tabled until new LOC are out.
 - Potentially needing a smaller workgroup with IDPH facilitation, and IDPH nurse participation as well.
 - M. Zeschke will send IDPH the most recent checklists
 - Note the discussion of needing 3 subcommittee members under quorum rules

New Business:

- None to discuss

Public Comment: No public comment.

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