

Meeting Minutes

Hospital Licensing Board Meeting

February 18, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.

Conference locations:

525 W. Jefferson, 4th Floor, Springfield

122 S. Michigan Ave, 7th Floor, Room 711, Chicago

4302 N. Main St., Rockford

11 Executive Drive, Suite 10, Fairview Heights

5415 North University St., Peoria

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Call to Order

Members Present: Donell Barnett, Matthew Kolb, O. Erin Reitz, Chris Klay, Kelly Park

Members Absent: Gagandeep Goyal, Kimberly Landers, Kim K. Tee

Department Staff: Jackie Richmond, Sean Daily, Sara Ettinger, Rebecca Gold, Allison Nickrent

Guests: Lance Kovacs (IHA)

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Matthew Kolb, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at (10:06 a.m.) announcing this is the Hospital Licensing Board Meeting with today's date being February 18, 2025.

Matthew Kolb gave a brief explanation of the protocols for conducting this meeting. This is a public meeting, and it is subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and a recording of this meeting is permitted. By joining this session, you are automatically consenting to be recorded and if you do not consent to be recorded, you should not join this session.

Members of the public and others wishing to speak will be recognized by the chair during public comment period, which will open the floor at the end of the meeting for discussion/comments.

An introduction of Board members was conducted to establish a quorum. After roll call was conducted, a quorum was established at this time and the meeting was called to order.

Approval of the Draft Minutes for the November 19, 2024 (VOTE) {Exhibit 1}

The approval of the draft minutes for November 19, 2024, are on hold until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

77-250 amendments implementing PA 103-0803 (hospital affiliate) {Exhibit 1}

The biggest definitional change here in subsection C, bullet one is expanding the definition of hospital affiliate and then incorporating that into the subsequent provisions of this section. This expands to include corporations, partnerships, LLC or other similar organizations that devote their services primarily to the provision, management, or support of healthcare services and is under the control of the hospital. Essentially ensuring that subsidiaries or other entities controlled by the hospital are included within this patient protection from abuse Act. Sara Ettinger added that all of the changes made are per the Public Act, so it is all statutory language, so we are just incorporating to align the Code with the Act. Matt thanked Sara for the clarification and opened the changes up to a vote for formal adoption. Donell moves to approve. Chris Klay seconds. All were in favor, and none opposed.

77-250 amendments implementing PA 103-0948 (stillborn birth certificates) {Exhibit 2}

These changes are also statutory to comply with the law as written. Sara added that on page 27 in subsection I)3)b, these changes are not a statutory language change, but a clarification to show what form the hospitals need to use. Matt noted that the hospital shall utilize the notification form developed by the department for parental education regarding Liam's Law. He opened the changes up to a vote. Donell moves to approve. Kelly Park seconds. All were in favor, and none opposed.

77-250 amendments implementing PA 103-0784 (EMTALA) {Exhibit 3}

The definitional changes here related to codifying what an applicant is and expands the definition of stabilizing treatment to include abortion when needed to save the life of the mother. These are also derived from statutory changes. Allison Nickrent added that this was just a little clean-up that the Governor's office wanted to see to add clarity to what was approved in the last meeting. Matt offers the changes up for a vote. Donell moves to approve. O. Erin Reitz seconds. All were in favor, and none opposed

IHA Update

IHA are knee deep in the legislative session right now. This has been one of the more intense legislatures that we've gone through. In most sessions, you see about three thousand bills and we've already seen six thousand introduced. We are combing through any hospital related pieces and working on those with sponsors as need be. We are hosting our annual legislative reception tonight, which we always do the night before the Governor's budget address. I was just able to get an initial draft from HFSRB on some work we're doing for small format hospital proposals within the certificate of need regulations. When we get closer to a final product, we'll be working with the Board and the Department more broadly on that. There has been much talk of the federal budget cuts and just in general, even before that, there was an estimated shortfall in funds for this coming fiscal year. Our top priority is to ensure that we protect the increased Medicaid funding that IHA was able to secure two sessions ago and make sure that doesn't go away for hospitals.

Board Membership Update

Current vacancies: 1 physician, 1 administrator, 1 dentist and 2 governing board and a State Representative for DHS. If you have any suggestions for new members, please let us know.

Public Comment Period – None.

Future Meeting Dates for 2025 Schedule {Exhibit 5}

Next Meeting Schedule May 20, 2025

Adjourn at 10:30 a.m.