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Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

February 20, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>		<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Abrams, Rob Andrews, Bree (Vice-Chair) Brandenburg, Jennifer de Regnier, Raye-Ann Elam, Gloria Filock, Lori Hussey, Michael Javed, Jawad Jones, Robin L. Hoffman, Janet LaBlanc, Omar Loafman, Mark Locher, Stephen Madrigal, Sharon Merriman, Molly Pursell, Terri Wolfe, Traci Yepez, Yesenia Zeschke, Maripat	Diaz, Leandra Hedges, Tonya Kelly, Hillary Martin, Nancy Masinter, Lisa Nege, Joquine Smith, Alexander Bergo, Cara Vazquez-Plaza, Natalia Davis, Julie Kovacs, Lance Han, Seulgi Harris, Trishna	Allen, Roma Ashford, Daniell Benbrook, Keri Bravo, Eva Brink Emalee Caruso, April Carioux, Jennifer Cross, Andrea Festle, Lisa Harden, Laura Henry, Marion Hoskins, Jodi Jones, Leslie Klamm, Hannah Loiacono, Stephanie Lowry, Jaqueline Maine, Amanda Mels, Autumn Plata, Kevin Rice, Jennifer Riley, Melissa Sabini, Myra Sorce, Joann Stewart, Diedra A. Stupek, Christina Swain, Susie C. Thompson, Connie Vuckovich, Kim Zoe		<u>Excused:</u> Batton, Beau (Chair) Burton, Jennifer Vidis, Jennifer

Motions

1. Motion to approve minutes from the December 2024 meeting.

1st Steve Locher, 2nd Jawad Javed, the group unanimously approved.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

1st Mark Loafman, 2nd Steve Locher, the group unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Co-Chair Bree Andrews, called the meeting to order. Hillary Kelly conducted the roll call and asked guests to type in the chat box with their name and association.

Review/Approval of Minutes from December 2024

The agenda was reviewed. December 2024 Minutes were reviewed and accepted, with one minor change in the attendance record.
Motion: 1st Steve Locher, 2nd Jawad Javed, the group unanimously approved.

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Federal Updates: IDPH is still working with HRSA contacts and Project Director. No major changes to report.
 - Following Governor's budget address today- proposed state level funding.
- Levels of Care: Still with the policy advisory. Alex has maintained and completed requested paperwork, and frequently checks in on progress. Next step is the Governor's Office.
- Birth Equity Innovations Seed Grant: Read about who was awarded here- [IDPH Awards \\$4.5 Million in Grants to Support Governor Pritzker's Birth Equity Efforts Across Illinois](#)
- Spring is the target for UIC partnership work. Potentially out by June- Maternal health Blueprint?
- IDPH staffing changes: Adebola Hassan (Title V Director) and Ashley Horne (Epidemiologist) have transitioned out of IDPH. We wish them well. If you have any ongoing work with either person, please reach out to Alex for Assistance.
- IDPH Maternal Health Summit- November 18-19, 2025. ISU Bone Center.
- Interactive levels of care map coming soon. Will go to Network Admins first, and Cara Bergo will be adding and making changes as this tool develops.
- Discussion or resurrecting the 640 code workgroup.

Old Business

- 640 code discussion continues. No updates at this time.

New Business

- Mark Loafman leads discussion regarding the situation at West Suburban Hospital, as well as the work and impact PCC had on the community.
 - Discussion of the history at WSH, connections to FM, the numerous sales of the hospital to private equity, and decline in deliveries.
 - Recognition of the de-accreditation of residency program from this discontinuation with FM.
 - Hire their own OBs for this work.
 - Discussion on the importance of public policy and protecting MCH.

Committee Updates

MMRC Update: Last meeting 2/19/2025.

- 2022 cases still under review.
- Of the 5 cases reviewed at the meeting yesterday, 4 were found to be somewhat preventable.
- Seeking nominations for representation from an anesthesiologist(s) outside of the Chicago area and/or collar counties. Also seeking nominations for a pathologist to join MMRC, can be from any area in Illinois.
- Interested parties can please reach out to Robin L. Jones or Cara Bergo. Additional information is available for those considering membership.
- Recently published case report- Joan Briller is a cardiologist, MMRC member, and contributor to this report.
- April 9th meeting will begin to review COVID deaths through 2020-2022.
- No new members to vote on.

MMRC-V Update: Last meeting 1/16/2025

- 2022 cases under review.
- 7 cases on substance use reviewed at the last meeting. 1 was found to be pregnancy related and somewhat preventable.
- MMRC and MMRC-V membership survey will be out soon. More to come when results are reviewed.
- Next report will be anticipated to release in the Fall of 2025. TBD.
- Please contact Robin L. Jones or Cara Bergo for membership information. There is a one-pager with helpful information for interested people.

Statewide Quality Council (SQC):

- Last meeting was 2/19/2025
- Perinatal Administrators are working on perinatal case reviews. Updating M&M process.
 - Have a draft of a standardized statewide abstract form in an effort to make the process easier for users.
- Perinatal administrators concern regarding OB hemorrhage.
 - Open to new education items
 - Skills discussed and codes 250 and 640 allow for more education.
- Hannah Klamm discussed the IL Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP) Program
 - Seeking IDPH letter of support. This motion passed at SQC.
 - Steve Locher moved for the motion to approve IDPH letter of support.
 - 1st Steve Locher
 - 2nd Mark Loafman
- Steve Locher moved for the motion of Dr. Kristopher Rosburg to join SQC.
 - 1st Steve Locher
 - 2nd Sharon Madrigal
- ILPQC has an in-person conference in May
 - PVB is now in sustainability. Hope to get participating hospitals in sustainability as well.

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC)

- Last meeting was 2/20/2025
- 4 hospitals on the workplan.
 - 2 increasing to IIE.
 - 2 decreasing. Alexian Brothers from IIE to II, and Ottawa from II to I.
- EMS discussion from Beth Froelich, hope to have her speak on this at next meeting in April.
- Brainstorming for new ideas with PAC
- SOPs for increasing or decreasing levels, opening or closing units, and suspending. Waiting on new 640 for further details and completing this work.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, Mark Loafman and Steve Locher motion to adjourn. The group unanimously approved.