

**Meeting Minutes of:**

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

April 10, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

<b><u>Members in Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>IDPH</u></b>	<b><u>Guest</u></b>		<b><u>Members Not in Attendance</u></b>
Abrams, Rob <b>Andrews, Bree</b> <b>(Vice-Chair)</b> <b>Batton, Beau (Chair)</b> Burton, Jennifer Javed, Jawad Jones, Robin L. Hoffman, Janet LaBlanc, Omar Loafman, Mark Locher, Stephen Madrigal, Sharon Merriman, Molly Pursell, Terri Wolfe, Traci 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 Montalvo, Patricia	Amin, Sachin Ashford, Daniell Benbrook, Keri Brink, Emalee Caruso, April Carious, Jennifer Culvey, Paula Cross, Andrea Harden, Laura Hoskins, Jodi Klamm, Hannah Kovacs, Lance Lal, Ann Lou, Lily Mels, Autumn Pillers, De-Ann Rice, Jennifer Riley, Melissa Sabini, Myra Sorce, Joann Stewart, Diedra A. Stewart, Anita Stupek, Christina Swain, Susie C. Thompson, Connie Tilleman, Katy Vuckovich, Kim		<b><u>Excused:</u></b> Vidis, Jennifer Yepez, Yesenia Hussey, Michael Filock, Lori Elam, Gloria de Regnier, Raye-Ann Brandenburg, Jennifer

**Motions**

**1. Motion to approve minutes from the February 2025 meeting.**

1<sup>st</sup> Jawad J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree A., the group unanimously approved.

**2. Motion to Adjourn.**

1<sup>st</sup> Mark L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree A., the group unanimously approved.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### **Call to Order & Roll Call**

The Chair Beau Batton, 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 February 2025**

The agenda was reviewed. February 2025 Minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Jawad J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree A., the group unanimously approved.

### **Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)**

- Budget updates- no new updates at this time. We will share information as it becomes known to us.
- Staffing changes at IDPH: Currently in the interview process for the Perinatal Nurse Lead position.
- 640 updates: Currently with the policy advisor. Hoping to move forward in May and have additional updates in June.
  - Next step after the Policy Advisement team approves is sending to the Governor's Office
- Maternal Health Blueprint updates:
  - Moving through the Governor's Office. Anticipate a release soon.
- IDPH Maternal Health Summit- November 18-19 of 2025 at the ISU Bone Center.
- IL DOPP Program letter: currently double-checking language and program accessibility following newly announced budget cuts. Awaiting word from program partners.
  - ILPQC desires to send out information and remain consistent.
- LOC Map created by Cara B ergo can be found on the IDPH site- [Perinatal Regionalization](#)

### **Old Business**

- Continued discussion on West Suburban Hospital
  - Mark L. lead the discussion, gave a recap of his presentation from February.
  - What role can PAC play in the future with policy and action?
  - Consider and discuss public health models that elevate midwifery care. Indiana has an effective model to assess, as they experience maternity deserts as well.

### **New Business**

- Assisted Ventilation
  - Discussion on assisted ventilation and what is expected at all levels.
  - The need is there to discuss assisted ventilation. Topics of discussion included-
    - When is bi-flow nasal cannula support considered assisted ventilation?
    - Personnel expectation when level I or II are

- providing AV.
- When patient needs AV, what is the expectation when needed for 6 hours- transfer at the 6-hour mark? (Call neo and discuss the case to determine next steps)
- Discussion is opened to anyone who should oppose a new definition.
  - Some did oppose, and the discussion continued regarding challenges and respective level of care of the hospital.
  - Looking to find the medium, and direction is to always call the APC to consult if on >2L for over 6 hours. Transfer or create a care plan to keep the infant. Considerations should also be taken when discussing separating mom and baby.
- PAC needs to approve the drafter letter on AV via a vote.
  - After a vote, the letter will go to the Director's Office, then to legal, and lastly IDPH and disseminated to the hospitals.
- Motion to approve the letter- 1<sup>st</sup> Jawad J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark L. None opposed. PAC to review the final document before release.

#### **Committee Updates**

##### **MMRC Update:** Last meeting 4/9/2025.

- 2022 cases still under review.
  - Reviewed 6 deaths
    - 5 deaths were found to be pregnancy related and 5 were found to be at least somewhat preventable
    - Cause of death : hypoxic respiratory arrest due to lost airway, Diabetes, Diabetes, Asthma, Stroke
  - New member vote: Julieta E. Barroeta (pathologist)- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve L. Passed PAC.

##### **MMRC-V Update:** Last meeting 3/30/2025

- 2022 cases under review.
  - Reviewed 3 deaths due to substance use, 4 deaths due to domestic violence homicide and 1 death due to suicide.
  - Of the 8 deaths, 4 were found to be pregnancy related and at least somewhat preventable.
  - New member vote: Sherry Jones (OB in southern Illinois, very involved in COVID work) 1<sup>st</sup> Robin J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve L. Passed PAC.
- 2025 MMRC membership surveys coming soon.

**Statewide Quality Council (SQC):**

- Last meeting was 4/9/2025
- Making progress on the postpartum hemorrhage review/discussion. Roma A. presented some updates in this area
- Perinatal Admins are still working hard to get the checklist ready and are on track to release their universal abstract in the near future.
- ILPQC (Ann) presented on Team Birth, discussing the 22 participating hospitals and when each wave of implementation begins. Wave 1 in Oct of 2025
- ILPQC updates- Upcoming face to face meetings in May
  - Vote on new initiative was approved and can be brought to PAC. IL Statewide Perinatal Quality Initiative
- New member voted in- Leslie Caldarelli
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Steve L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree A. Passed PAC.
- ILPQC vote on new initiative.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Steve L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree A. Passed PAC.
- ILPQC has an in-person conference in May.

**Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC)**

- Rockford network- Two hospitals moving from II to IIE.
- Peoria Network- St. Elizabeth decrease to level I.
- Loyola network- Alexian Brothers decrease from IIE to II.
- UIC network- Trinity closing in 2029. Opening a new facility, but no OB. IMMT has pushed to keep to hospital open until a new unit is available.
- Alex discussed the Implementation Committee for LOC. We are awaiting 1<sup>st</sup> notice, and interest letters can be sent to Alex or Hillary. Bree A. was the previous chair.

**Public Comment:** NONE

**Adjournment:** With nothing further to discuss, Mark Loafman and Bree A. motion to adjourn. The group unanimously approved.