

Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 15, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Bree Andrews (Vice-Chair) Janet Hoffman Jenny Brandenburg Lori Filock Maripat Zeschke Mark Loafman Omar LaBlanc Phil Schaefer Raye-Ann de Regnier Robin L. Jones Sharon Madrigal Stephen Locher Traci Wolfe Yesenia Yopez	Jelena Debelnogich Leandra Díaz Trishna Harris Lisa Masinter Alexander Smith	Christina Stupek Connie Thompson Andrea Cross Grace Wimpffen Hannah Klamm Jessica Kandel Jen Callison Jodi Hoskins Keri Benbrook Lily Lou Lisa Weber Marion Henry Michelle Djonlich Myra Sabini Patricia Lee King Paula Culvey Roma Allen Stephanie Loiacono William MacKendrick	<u>Excused:</u> Beau Batton, Chair Gloria Elam Molly Merriman

Motions

- Motion to approve minutes from April 2023 meeting.**
1st Raye-Ann de Regnier & 2nd Phillip Schaefer, the group unanimously approved.
- Motion to support the ILPQC: The Equity and Safe Sleep in Infants (ESSI)**
1st Robin L. Jones & 2nd Phillip Schaefer -The group unanimously approved.
- Motion to accept and approve 5 new members for Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee Chair**
1st Maripat Zeschke & 2nd Stephen Locher, the group unanimously approved.
- Motion to Adjourn**
1st Maripat Zeschke & 2nd Mark Loafman, the group unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Vice-Chair, Bree Andrews, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:08 P.M. Leandra Díaz conducted the roll call and asked guests to respond in the chat box with their name and association.

Review/Approval of Minutes from April 2023

- The agenda was reviewed, and Minutes from the **April 2023** meeting was reviewed. Raye-Ann de Regnier & Phillip Schaefer made motion to accept the minutes as written- Subcommittee unanimously approved.

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH):

- PAC: Virtual meeting continue to be accepted; however, in-person attendance is suggested.
- Should you wish to attend in-person, an email is required to notify the IDPH security teams.
- Members who attend in-person, a travel reimbursement will be provided (submit a travel voucher). This is for members only. Travel reimbursement = parking cost and tolls.
- Conference Room Locations:
 - A. Chicago: 122 S Michigan Ave, Room 711, Chicago, IL 60603
 - B. Springfield: 535 W Jefferson St, 5th floor, Springfield, IL 62702
- Wi-Fi: Both conference room locations have Wi-Fi. Due to security measures, at times are not reliable.
- Title V Division Chief/Director: This position is moving forward with great progress. Candidates have been approved and interviews are being scheduled.
- Perinatal Nurse: Waiting for applicants list. Hopeful for interviews in late summer 2023.
- Grant: 18 million dollars: Statewide project to fund and support reproductive health focus along with pediatric mental health.
- Site Visit Calendar: IDPH is looking to hire more staff to assist with site visits.
- Midwife Data: 3 other additional rules will be drafted this year related to midwife data submission.
- Maternal Morbidity and Mortality: Report scheduled for released in Fall 2023.
- 2nd Illinois' Maternal Health Summit 2023: October 17-18, 2023 (virtual)- Additional details to come.

Old Business: Levels of Care (LOC) Small Groups Update

- Levels of Cares: IDPH received all needed documents from the stakeholders. A log for which hospitals have provided this letter has been created for tracking purposes.
- will be completed, to ensure internal consistency. Each letter was reviewed individually and marked for all required items provided. These requirements were check in a yes or no checklist style.
- 640 rules are being reviewed by Trishna Harris, Lisa Masinter and IDPH legal team. Meeting are being held to discuss this topic.
- Neonatal Surgeries Letter Update: IDPH received letters and a log was created for the member to review. Committee members requested to review letters. IDPH will look for an approval with legal and update during the next meeting.

New Business: Discussion of PAC Membership in New Levels of Care (LOC)

No updates discussed.

Committee Updates

Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC):

- **MMRC:**

- Last meeting June 14, 2023. 2021 deaths were reviewed. 7 deaths due to COVID-19. 6/7 of the deaths were found to be pregnancy related and all were at least somewhat preventable.
- MMRC will continue to review COVID death cases during the Aug. 2023 meeting.
- Dr. Sherry Jones, MD provided her expertise related to COVID deaths. Specializes in Women's health at Southern Illinois University.
- Dr. Joan Briller presented on an upcoming cardiovascular clinical trial.

- **MMRC-V:**

- Last meeting May 18, 2023. 2021 deaths were reviewed. 7 deaths due to substance use disorder. 4/7 of the deaths were found to be pregnancy related and all were at least somewhat preventable.

- **MMRC/MMRC-V (Both Committees)**

- Grace Yarnoff, abstractor for MMRC, presented on barriers to mental health access to both committees with some potential recommendations the committee could include when reviewing deaths.
- Cara presented results from a committee membership survey which highlighted committee members comfort level with MMRC process, pieces we are doing well on and things we can improve upon.

Statewide Quality Council (SQC)

- New Members Suggestions: maternal levels of care and focusing on quality, Healthcare educators, Midwives, Data Entry, nurse practitioners, emergency physicians, family medicine providers, third party care, etc. The State of Illinois represent a lot of different communities; therefore, we are asking to keep this as racial and ethnic diversity.
- SQC wants to encourage people to join the committee.
- Annual Conference on November 2, 2023 (The Westin Lombard).
- **A vote was conducting and approved to support The Equity and Safe Sleep in Infants (ESSI)**
- AAP: as of May 22, 2023- The American Academy of Pediatrics has published (online) the first national standards for neonatal care. The AAP policy statement, "Standards for Levels of Neonatal Care: II, III, & IV." Complete information can be found by clicking on the link. <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2023/american-academy-of-pediatrics-develops-national-standards-for-levels-of-neonatal-care-to-improve-health-outcomes-for-hospitalized-infants/>
- APP National Standards on neonatal published May 2023. This committee might be able incorporate these suggested levels of care to the Final Report.

ILPQC: ESSI: Equity and Safe Sleep in Infants

- Racial and ethnic disparities exist for **ALL** causes of infant mortality.
- ILPQC has an opportunity to prevent infant deaths and reduce racial disparities through a quality framework. Our next initiative will address infant safe sleep environment, racial equity, social determinants of health, and other contributing factors.
- ESSI Planning Group: A group made up of neonatologists, pediatricians, family practice physicians, nurses, doulas, public health, and quality improvement professionals representing diverse perspectives from around the state who collaborate on the development and planning with the ILPQC Central team on the ESSI initiative.
- ILPQC Annual Conference November 2, 2023 & Face-To-Face May 22-23, 2024
- **Motion to support the ILPQC: The Equity and Safe Sleep in Infants (ESSI)**
1st Robin L. Jones & 2nd Phillip Schaefer -The group unanimously approved.

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC)

- Vice Chair: Ongoing. Maripat Zeschke is requesting that a Vice-Chair be selected.
- Level III was discussed extensively. Committee members would like to review as a group the NICU level III letters provided. Lisa Masinter and/or IDPH legal would need to approve this review- Trishna Harris will provide an update on this request (Aug 2023 meeting).
- Outbound Transfer Out Log: Using Part 5 from the Level III memo regarding Neonatal Surgeries dated 10/11/2022. The members agreed for a new letter to request The Outbound Transfer Out Log. By using Part 5 of previous memo, the hospitals should have maintained their logs.
- Membership Vote: Resumes of the five members below were reviewed and voted to join the HFDSC sub-committee. Autumn Mels, Christina Stupek, Diedra Stewart, Joanne Sorce and Jodi Hoskins.
- **PAC voted and approved the five new members for HFDSC.**
1st Maripat Zeschke & 2nd Stephen Locher, the group unanimously approved.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Maripat Zeschke made the motion to adjourn, and Mark Loafman seconded the motion and the group unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: 8/10/2023