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Meeting Minutes of:

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

August 15, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Abrams, Robert Andrews, Bree (Vice-Chair) Batton, Beau (Chair) Brandenburg, Jennifer Burton, Jennifer de Regnier, Raye-Ann Hoffman, Janet Hussey, Michael Javed, Jawad Jones, Robin L. LaBlanc, Omar Loafman, Mark Madrigal, Sharon Vidis, Jennifer Wolfe, Traci Yepez, Yesenia Zeschke, Maripat	Chambers, Cassidy Davis, Julie Diaz, Leandra Han, Seulgi Harris, Trishna Hassan, Adebola Hedges, Tonya Horne, Ashley Kelly, Hillary Martin, Nancy Nege, Joquine Smith, Alexander	Allen, Roma Ashford, Danielle Benbrook, Keri Burton, Jen Calderelli, Leslie Caruso, April Cross, Andrea Culvey, Paula Festle, Lisa Folken, Lori Harden, Laura Hoskins, Jodi Lou, Lily Maine, Amanda Pinkwater, Jennie Pursell, Terri Rice, Jennifer Sabini, Myra Source, Joanne Stewart, Diedra A. Stupek, Christina Swain, Susie C. Thompson, Connie Vuckovich, Kim	<u>Excused:</u> Elam, Gloria Filock, Lori Locher, Stephen Merriman, Molly

Motions

- 1. Motion to approve minutes from the June 2024 meeting.**
1st Jawad Javed, 2nd Robert Abrams, the group unanimously approved.
- 2. Motion for edited statement: Neonatal Resuscitation Training**
1st Lily Lou, 2nd Roma Allen, the group unanimously approved.
- 3. Motion to Adjourn.**
1st Bree Andrews, 2nd Raye-Ann De Regnier, the group unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Chair Beau Batton, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:04 P.M. Leandra Diaz conducted the roll call and asked guests to type in the chat box with their name and association.

Review/Approval of Minutes from February 2024

The agenda was reviewed. June 2024 Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Motion: 1st Jawad Javed, 2nd Robert Abrams, the group unanimously approved.

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Maternal Health Blueprint: in Collaboration with UIC and under the Birth Equity umbrella a contract has started and IDPH might be reaching out to get input from this team (PAC). More to come in the next meetings.
- The Illinois Women and Families Health Conference: **October 15-16, 2024** in Bloomington
FREE Registration and 1-night Hotel stay will be provided (inquire with the ILPQC team).
- The Illinois Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health and Family Services and the University of Illinois at Chicago's Division of Academic Internal Medicine are partnering to conduct a maternal and child health (MCH) landscape survey. We are asking all MCH organizations across the state of Illinois to complete this 15 to 25-minute survey. The purpose of the survey is to identify and understand the various programs and services available across the state to improve the health of Illinois' MCH population. https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aWtcnGk4FUQgrpY
- New Maternal Health and **Birth Equity** Initiatives at South Side Birth Center: 4M Funding
<https://www.illinois.gov/news/press-release.29662.html>

This funding is directly coming from the legislative most recent legislative session and budget that was passed around birth equity, \$4 million will be available and the intention is for this funding to go towards communities that are having and noting adverse outcomes, in whatever way that might be in terms of geography, in terms of population and demographics. IDPH intent is to make sure we are engaging with partners who are working in those communities but may not have been plugged into the IDPH system.

Please pass on the info to any who would benefit in applying for this grant.

Old Business

- Levels of Care: IDPH is moving forward and have a current internal deadline 640 Rules: Expected to be with the governor's office by the end of summer- 640 is moving forward smoothly. Public comment will then follow. IDPH hopes to have this document finalized by end of 2025.
- Level 0 (zero): A concern is that many of Hospital with level 0 are losing Obstetrics providers. There has been concerns in terms of emergency management and challenges that take place in terms of early pregnancy. A rise of pregnant patients arriving in level 0 emergency hospitals. IDPH is making sure these concerns are being notated. A group discussion took place on 7/19/2024 to add level zero to the Perinatal code.
 - IHA Hospital Survey: Update/Presentation (Lance Kovacs): None

New Business: NONE

Committee Updates

MMRC-V Update: None, July meeting cancelled. Next Meeting 9/19/2024

MMRC Update:

- Last meeting was (yesterday) August 14, 2024
- MMRC finalized reviewing 2021 cases (5 cases)
 - Reviewed 5 deaths (3 due to epilepsy, 1 due to sepsis, 1 due to ectopic pregnancy)
 - Of the 5 deaths, 4 deaths were found to be pregnancy related (2 deaths due to epilepsy, 1 death due to sepsis, 1 death due to ectopic pregnancy) and all 4 were found to be at least somewhat preventable.
 - We reviewed committee make up and decided to look for an anesthesiologist outside of Chicago. If anyone has a reference, please let us know.
 - No votes for membership today. We will revisit the need for a third anesthesiologist in October.

Statewide Quality Council (SQC):

- Save the date: **ILPQC 12th Annual Conference: 10/30/2024 at the Westin Lombard.**
 - The new verbiage was voted and approved by the committee → Neonatal Resuscitation Training
- SQC Motion:** 1st Lily Lou, 2nd Roma Allen, the group unanimously approved.
- PAC Motion:** 1st Jawad Javed, 2nd Sharon Madrigal, the group unanimously approved.

Statement: “Capability to provide neonatal resuscitation in the delivery room shall be satisfied by current completion of a Nationally recognized neonatal resuscitation by Medical, Nursing and Respiratory staff or a Rapid Response Team that includes a hands-on component to demonstrate proficiency.”

“Policies and procedures shall assign responsibility for identification and resuscitation of distressed neonates to individuals who have completed a nationally recognized neonatal resuscitation program which includes a hand-on, in person component to assess proficiency.”

This expectation applies to staff responsible for neonatal resuscitation in the delivery and staff providing care to newborn infants at all levels of care, including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and respiratory therapists.

- The committee agrees to have this released as an IDPH memo and applied to the new 640 code.
- Obstetric Hemorrhage Education Project (OBHEP) 2016: The committee plans to review these guidelines from 2016.
- October Agenda Topic: A discussion regarding SQC role in Sustainability on a Statewide Quality improvements.

D. Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC)..... **Maripat Zeschke**

- New Business: None
- Work plan: No hospitals opening or closing.
- EMS: a discussion took place about how HFDSC can support our EMS system via education and simulation. Maripat Zeschke will send a list to Alexander Smith. This list will be reviewed before sharing with the IDPH EMS.

The committee came up with a couple of different options:

1. Invite our EMS partners to all our educational opportunities. More info to come.
2. Volunteer to speak at and do simulations at EMS conferences that are across the State.
3. Looking at including EMS at our statewide needs assessment. This would have to be talked about further, during the next Administrator educator meeting.
4. ER toolkit, that is rolling out soon.

- A discussion regarding restarting an implementation Committee was talked about. This would help in creating a checklist (SOP) for different topics/concerns. Such as opening or closings of facilities, relocating of services, changes in Network, etc.
- Per IDPH, this will start once we are close to the execution of the code.
- October Agenda Discussion: SOP/Checklist to be created internally.
- This would include general hospital code Part 1130.

<https://www.ilga.gov/ftp/JCAR/AdminCode/077/077011300A01400R.html>

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC):

- Levels of care: Previous moratorium on changes in level is no longer in place. Therefore, changes in Level can be pursued. On that note, bearing in mind that the new Levels are coming, and the amount of work needed to change Levels on all fronts is not minimal.
- Changes in Network: There is no moratorium on changes in Network currently. However, there was discussion about the work and time involved in changing Networks and the uncertainty of what the Networks will look like with the new rules.
 - a. The issue of Network changes will come back to Facilities in August for discussion and possible recommendation for moratorium, pending IDPH legal input. Thought process being that a change in level may indicate a loss/gain of essential services whereas a change in Network would not.
- Work Plan: St. Elizabeth in Ottawa is planning to move OB, ICU and OR services to St. Elizabeth in Peru in summer 2025. St. Elizabeth in Ottawa will then be opening a new facility that will be a Level O designation for OB. More to come on that in the future.
- Discussion evolved regarding changes that will come before Facilities and preparation. A checklist was developed.
 - a. Opening and closing of a facility
 - b. Opening and closing of OB services
 - c. Relocation of services
 - d. Change in designation.
 - e. Change in Network
- Emergency Services in Illinois
 - a. A list of questions was created- regarding EMS and EMR service based on some concerns regarding decreasing numbers of EMS services available.
 - b. The concerns were brought to Bobby VanBebber, Division Chief for Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety at IDPH.
 - c. Mr. VanBabber joined the meeting. He provided feedback and answers to the committee's concerns.
 - d. We talked a lot about how we could work together and provide support via policy and education across the state:
 - Goal is to work with EMS and APC's to help coordinate education and training to ensure that the most updated protocols are shared.
 - Discussed how we could work together on quality metrics.
 - HFDSC
 - The committee has more questions for the EMS Team and Bobby. Maripat will be sending a list to Alex who will review it and then get it to committee for edits prior to sending it to Bobby (IDPH EMS)
 - HFDSC plans to set aside time for themselves at future meetings to create checklists for those who need to come before the committee in an effort to help prepare them and make sure everything is done correctly. **No IDPH follow up needed.**

HFDSC wants to make sure the implementation team starts soon. I told them we have been collecting items to address for any implementation team created and that we likely will not start one up until we get closer to execution of the code or at the very earliest when first notice shows up. **No IDPH follow up needed for now**

Public Comment

- Elections are taking place Sept 11-25, 2024 for President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Lily Lou would like to be considered and hope that those who can vote are able to participate in the elections.



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Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, Bree Andrews made the motion to adjourn, and Raye-Ann De Regnier seconded the motion and the group unanimously approved.