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Meeting Minutes of:

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

October 16, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Guest cont.</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Abrams, Rob Batton, Beau (Chair) Brandenburg, Jennifer de Regnier, Raye-Ann Elam, Gloria Filock, Lori Javed, Jawad Jones, Robin L. LaBlanc, Omar Loafman, Mark Locher, Stephen Merriman, Molly Pursell, Terri Wolfe, Traci Zeschke, Maripat	Bergo, Cara Davis, Julie Diaz, Leandra Han, Seulgi Harris, Trishna Hedges, Tonya Kelly, Hillary Smith, Alexander Melesse, Biniyam Masinter, Lisa Montalvo, Patricia Nege, Joquine	Maine, Amanda Caruso, April Mels, Autumn Backman-Penning, C. Suzie Faivre, Colleen Ashford, Daniell Stewart, Dede Klamm, Hannah Source, Joanne Hoskins, Jodi Tilleman, Katy Benbrook, Keri Harden, Laura Riley, Melissa Stupek, Christina Solomon, Britt Bingley, Emily O'Connell, Megan Khalifeh, Meriam	Sabini, Myra Culvey, Paula Rice, Jennifer Allen, Roma	<u>Excused:</u> Andrews, Bree (Vice-Chair) Burton, Jennifer Hussey, Michael Madrigal, Sharon Yepez, Yesenia

Motions

1. Motion to approve minutes from the August 2025 meeting.

1st M. Loafman, 2nd S. Locher, the group unanimously approved.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

1st M. Loafman, 2nd R. de Regnier, the group unanimously approved.



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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 August 2025

The agenda was reviewed. August 2025 Minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion: 1st M. Loafman, 2nd S. Locher, the group unanimously approved.

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Staffing changes at IDPH:
 - Biniyam Melesse has joined the IDPH team as the Perinatal Data Coordinator.
 - Jessica Wang has joined the team to serve as an intern with Lisa.
 - Lead nurse and MCH Director are in process, and the MCH Director position will begin interviews in December.
- 640 updates:
 - Moving through the final editing process before moving on to the Governor's Office.
- MANDI updates
 - AlertIT team to be presented on MANDI for SQC.
 - Now fully implemented
- IDPH Maternal Health Summit- invitation only. All PAC, SQC, and HFDSC members should have received an invite.
- One Net training reminder. Trainings were due in September. Please reach out to Alex and Hillary if experiencing issues.
- Please sign up for site visits

Old Business

- Kishwaukee Hospital
 - Completed NPS requirements for increase to IIE. Emily B. was present to walk PAC through doc submitted and answer questions.
 - Motion to allow transition from II to IIE with an additional site visit in 12 months
 - 1st M. Zeschke, 2nd T. Wolfe. All in favor.

New Business

- T. Wolfe asks a question regarding RT leadership in IL regarding the NPS certification and LOC. Some RTs cannot take the exam, and the new draft does not specify neonatal RT credentialing as required. Question of how to address these concerns moving forward.
 - T. Harris (IDPH) worked with the policy team regarding this, and the time to check again will be at 1st notice for making potential updates.

Committee Updates

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC)

- VOTE- NW Kishwaukee to increase to IIE.
 - All requirements were met and vote to increase was made and brought to PAC.
- Alexian Brothers
 - Preparing for level 0.
 - Moving patients to St. Alexius
- St. Elizabeth
 - 11/18 to review board
- 640 rollout discussion and overview of SOP checklists. Potentially needing to create smaller committees for review.

Statewide Quality Council (SQC):

- MANDI presentation from the AlertIT team
- PNA updates from Maripat
 - Hemorrhage project moving along well, the educators have taken over the updating process and bringing things current. The goal is to bring the updates to all perinatal network MFMs for review in November and complete the [project in December.
 - Perinatal abstraction forms- pilot period of 10/1/25-12/31/25. Maripat reminded the group of the purpose of perinatal case review, and the choice to standardize the forms. Survey responses were discussed as well, with most feedback being very helpful and positive. V
- ILPQC Updates
 - Upcoming conference still open but filling up very quick! Date for conference is November 12th.
 - Mental health initiative discussed by Ann B. with presentation of key strategies and the available toolkit for professionals.
 - Patti Lee K. updated everyone on ESSI progress, moving Ann B. to discuss sustainability of hospitals for these initiatives
 - Team Birth 8 hospitals will begin work soon
 - ILPQC to sponsor community doula training!
 - Have already awarded 43 doula sponsorships for training and completing Medicaid certification
 - ILPQC has office hours- Every Tuesday at noon, and every Thursday at 1 pm.

MMRC-V Update:

- Last meeting was September 18, 2025
- MMRC-V continued to review of 2023 deaths
 - Reviewed 7 deaths
 - All 7 were due to substance use or substance use disorder
 - 3 were found to be pregnancy related and at least somewhat preventable
 - No new member vote

MMRC Update:

- Last meeting was (yesterday) October 15, 2025
- MMRC continued to review of 2023 deaths
 - Reviewed 5 deaths
 - 5 deaths were found to be pregnancy related and all 5 were found to be at least somewhat preventable
 - Cause of death: hemorrhage, coronary artery dissection, acute fatty liver, cardiac arrhythmia, and pulmonary embolism
 - Continue to look for anesthesiologist from outside of Chicago

4th Illinois Maternal Mortality Data Report covering deaths from 2021-2022 will be out in early November.

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, Motion to adjourn: 1st M. Loafman, 2nd S. Locher, the group unanimously approved.