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Meeting Minutes of:

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

December 12, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Location: WebEx

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>		<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Abrams, Robert Batton, Beau (Chair) Brandenburg, Jennifer de Regnier, Raye-Ann Filock, Lori Hussey, Michael Javed, Jawad Jones, Robin L. LaBlanc, Omar Loafman, Mark Locher, Stephen Madrigal, Sharon Pursell, Terri Zeschke, Maripat	Diaz, Leandra Hassan, Adebola Hedges, Tonya Kelly, Hillary Martin, Nancy Nege, Joquine Smith, Alexander Bergo, Cara Vazquez-Plaza, Natalia Davis, Julie	Allen, Roma Ashford, Danielle Benbrook, Keri Caruso, April Cross, Andrea Culvey, Paula Djonlich, Michelle Gallagher, Karen Harden, Laura Henry, Marion Hoskins, Jodi Mikel, Becky Mutterer, Michael Rice, Jennifer Sabini, Myra Sorce, Joann Stewart, Diedra A. Swain, Susie C. Klamm, Hannah Vuckovich, Kim		<u>Excused:</u> Andrews, Bree (Vice-Chair) Burton, Jennifer Elam, Gloria Hoffman, Janet Merriman, Molly Vidis, Jennifer Wolfe, Traci Yepez, Yesenia

Motions

- 1. Motion to approve minutes from the October 2024 meeting.**
1st Raye-Ann de Regnier, 2nd Sharon Madrigal, the group unanimously approved.
- 2. Motion to Adjourn.**
1st Mark Loafman, 2nd Jawad Javed, 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 October 2024

The agenda was reviewed. October 2024 Minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion: 1st Raye-Ann de Regnier, 2nd Sharon Madrigal, the group unanimously approved.

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- Levels of care update: With the Governor's Office now. Hopefully, Alex and Lisa will have more information in February to share with the committees, especially regarding timelines. The committee will be keeping a close eye on progress.
- Applications for the Birth Equity Innovations Seed Grant are now closed. In review process now.
- The ePeriNet replacement system is still a work in process. Currently working with vendors for as smooth of a transition as possible.
- Staffing changes- Adebola Hassan will be moving on from IDPH and we wish her the best in future endeavors.
- Ethics and harassment training due date has been extended until the end of the year.
- New 2025 site visit calendar. New committee members are being paired with seasoned committee members to support the new members as they begin to learn the site visit process.

Committee Updates

MMRC Update: Last meeting 12/11/24.

- 2022 cases still under review.
- Of the 7 cases reviewed at the meeting yesterday, 5 were found to be pregnancy related. 4 were found to be preventable.
- Discussions regarding systems factors and racism. Looking to add new voices to the conversation.
- Seeking nominations for representation from an anesthesiologist(s) outside of the Chicago area and/or collar counties.
- No new members to vote on.

MMRC-V Update: Last meeting 9/21/2024

- 2022 cases under review.
- 9 cases reviewed at the last meeting. 2 were found to be pregnancy related and somewhat preventable.
- Have 2 new members to bring forth for a vote. These individuals have expertise in domestic violence advocacy, and law enforcement.
 - Alyssa Ramirez- Chicago Police Department and a certified EMT.
 - Chloe McMurray- Currently employed at the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence as the Chief Capacity Building Officer
 - Vote: 1st Mark Loafman 2nd Jawad Javed. All in favor. New members successfully voted in to MMRC-V.

Statewide Quality Council (SQC):

- No December meeting.

Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC)

- No December meeting.

Public Comment: NONE



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New Business:

- Mark Loafman wished to make the committee aware of the abrupt changes at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, IL. West Suburban will no longer allow midwives and family practice physicians to deliver at their hospital, creating a devastating and wide impact- effective immediately.
- Members expressed concern, and discussion for the committee to potentially take a position and advocate for this issue.

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