

Meeting Minutes of:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 14, 2023 | 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>
Batton, Beau (Chair) Andrews, Bree (Vice-Chair) Brandenburg, Jennifer de Regnier, Raye-Ann Elam, Gloria Filock, Lori Hoffman, Janet Jones, Robin L. LaBlanc, Omar Loafman, Mark Locher, Stephen Madrigal, Sharon Merriman, Molly Schaefer, Phillip Wolfe, Traci Yopez, Yesenia Zeschke, Maripat	Adebola Hassan Alexander Smith Amanda Bennett Cara Bergo Cassidy Chambers Joquine Nege Leandra Díaz Lisa Masinter Natalia Vazquez-Plaza Trishna Harris	Andrea Cross Autumn Mels Connie Thompson Daniell Ashford De-Ann Pillers Diedra Stewart Donna C. Kauke Doreen Norris-Stojak Jacqueline Lowry Janet Hoffman Jennifer Rice Jessica Kandel	Joan Sorce Jodi Hoskins Keri Benbrook Kim Vuckovich Lance Kovacs Laura Harden Leslie Caldarelli Marion Henry Micaela N. Roma Allen Sharon Madrigal Stephanie L. Susie Swain
Excused: N/A			

Motions

- Motion to approve minutes from October 2023 meeting.**
1st Loafman, Mark & 2nd Filock, Lori, the group unanimously approved.
- Motion to approve M&M Letter.**
1st Loafman, Mark & 2nd Andrews, Bree, the group unanimously approved.
- Motion to approve two (2) new MMRC-V members:** Dr. Elizabeth Glasgow & Dr. Stacey Chamberlain
1st Loafman, Mark & 2nd Yopez, Yesenia, the group unanimously approved.
- Motion to Adjourn**
1st Loafman, Mark & 2nd Locher, Stephen, the group unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Chair Beau Batton, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:01 P.M. Leandra Díaz conducted the roll call and asked guests to type in the chat box with their name and association.

Review/Approval of Minutes from October 2023

- The agenda was reviewed. Minutes from the **October 2023** meeting was reviewed.
- Stephen Locher & Lori Filock made motion to accept the minutes as written, the group unanimously approved.

Updates: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

- 2nd Illinois' Maternal Health Summit 2023: October 17-18, 2023 (virtual): Was a great success. 350+ attendees.
- Illinois Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Report- Released on October 2023.
- Title V Division Chief/Director: Offer has been accepted. Once final work is completed, IDPH will provide final information.
- 640 Rules: Currently on a 2nd IDPH legal review. After should go to public comment.
- Birth Center Rules are now completed, and Public Comment closed.
- ILPQC: Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative 11th Annual Conference: Was a huge success.

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

- Levels of Cares: Consistently moving forward and conducting meetings with IDPH legal. Approximately 90% of the documents have been reviewed. PAC is asking for IDPH to finish all reviews and provide an update on the next meeting, February 2024.
- Membership Update: IDPH is waiting for approvals from the Gov't office. No updates on new members.
- IHA Hospital Survey: Hospital closure survey has been reviewed. Data has been produced. Survey is being shared with hospitals in hopes to provide more information during the February 2024 PAC Meeting, as Hospitals are given three weeks to reply to survey. The purpose for this survey is to find-out what hospitals are needing to avoid closures. Lance Kovacs will continue to work Lisa Masinter and Amanda Bennett.

New Business:

- **Improving Perinatal Outcomes of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Illinois (Presenter: Adebola Hassan)**
 - The rates of Viral Hepatitis C have been on the rise in the United States
 - An estimated 48% reduction is required for the nation to be on track toward the elimination.
 - The modal age of HCV cases is 20-29 years (reproductive-aged women)
 - In the absence of FDA approved treatment for hepatitis C pregnant women or their infected babies, using the life course theory, it is best to prevent HCV infection in women of reproductive age, and if infected, make treatment accessible for a cure before pregnancy.
- **IDPH Data re: Disposition (Presenter: Amanda Bennett)**
 - Amanda Bennett, IDPH Epidemiologist, shared data from the perinatal mortality review (PMR). Forms submitted by APCs and birthing hospitals about the disposition (determination of potential avoidability) and avoidable factors. There has been concern that the disposition category definitions may need clarification because sites might be inconsistently determining deaths were potentially avoidable.

- An analysis of 3,464 PMR forms submitted for 2020-2023 showed:
 - 6.1% had an “unknown” or blank disposition. Fetal deaths were more likely to have an unknown disposition (8.7%) than neonatal deaths (1.7%).
 - 98% correctly had only one disposition marked. However, there were a small number of forms that had two or more disposition categories selected at the same time, which should not occur.
 - Of the 409 deaths determined to be “potentially avoidable”, 93.2% correctly had any avoidable factors marked. (If a death is potentially avoidable, the PNR form should indicate at least one factor that was potentially avoidable)
 - Of the 2,430 deaths determined to be “not avoidable”, 99.8% correctly had zero avoidable factors marked. (If a death is not avoidable, the PNR form should indicate that there were no factors that could have helped avoid the death.)
 - Of the 195 deaths with “unknown” or blank disposition, only 87.7% correctly had zero avoidable factors marked. (If it is unknown whether a death was avoidable, then specific factors to avoid the death are also unknown so the PNR form should not indicate any avoidable factors.)
- Overall, the data demonstrated that most reviews are appropriately assigning disposition and avoidable factors, but some clarification of definitions would be helpful for ensuring ALL reviews are consistent in their approach, especially for unknown disposition cases.
- **Network Administrators (Presenter: Jodi Hoskins)**
 - The Perinatal Network Administrators met on Tuesday, 12/12/23, to discuss how to standardize/improve the M&M process, to include re-naming the M&M as Perinatal Case Review meetings.
 - IDPH letter was reviewed regarding disposition definitions and determined that the letter helps to address the types of dispositions that may be applied to the case reviews. However, the Network Admins feel that the definitions should be used only as broad guidelines for providing the dispositions and should not be the focus of the review.
 - Working on standardizing the process of Perinatal Case Reviews to include:
 - Purpose.
 - Ground rules.
 - Neo cases to be reviewed.
 - Maternal cases to be reviewed.
 - IUFDs.
 - Hospital/APC role expectations.
 - Standardize discussion points to be developed.
 - List of discussion questions to be developed.
 - Still working on plan/follow-up evaluation tool for APC to track actions recommended.
- **The M&M Letter:** Letter was reviewed. This draft is to guide hospitals in improving the process. This letter is a recommendation for IDPH and for IDPH to share with Hospital Administrators. Letter was agreed as written, with edits to include clarification on the purpose of the conference (2nd paragraph).
- **Motion to Approved:** 1st Mark Loafman & 2nd Bree Andrews, the group unanimously approved.

Committee Updates

• MMRC-V:

- Last meeting was November 16, 2023 and we met in person and virtual.
- MMRC-V continued reviewing 2021 cases.
 - Reviewed 7 deaths (3 due to suicide and 4 due to substances including 2 due alcohol use)
 - 4/7 were pregnancy related and all were at least somewhat preventable.
- **Two new members to vote on**
 - Dr. Elizabeth Glasgow, UIC Public Health
 - Dr. Stacey Chamberlain, ED physician moving from MMRC to MMRC-V
 - **Motion to Approve:** 1st Loafman, Mark & 2nd Yepez, Yesenia, the group unanimously approved.
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MMRC:

- MMRC continued reviewing 2021 cases.
 - Reviewed 6 deaths.
 - 5/6 of the deaths were found to be pregnancy related and 4/5 were at least somewhat preventable.
 - No new members to vote on.

Statewide Quality Council (SQC):

- New Member Resume was reviewed, no vote was conducted.
- Vice Chair: Deborah Boyle was voted and approved as the SQC Vice Chair.
 - Motion to approve Vice Chair: 1st Meints, Laura & 2nd Allen, Roma, the group unanimously approved.
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Hospital Facilities Designation Sub-Committee (HFDSC):

- Valley West: Permanently closed OB services as of 9/1/2023.
- Currently IL has under 90 deliveries hospitals.
- EMS: concerns and questions were extensively discussed. Below are some of the questions discussed. More to come in the following meetings.
 1. How should a MFM or Neo decide when to send a dedicated OB or NICU transport team out vs. sending an EMS team?
 2. Are there certain maternal and neonatal patients that EMS is not allowed to transport? (Mag patients, Premie's, etc.)
 3. Does a maternal OB transport team need to pick a post-partum patient less than 6 weeks of discharge or can EMS transport?

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: With nothing further to discuss, **Mark Loafman** made the motion to adjourn, and **Stephen Locher** seconded the motion- the group unanimously approved.