



**Meeting Minutes of:  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
Levels of Care: Levels I and II (LOC)**

**March 23, 2018  
2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.**

<b>George W. Dunne Building 69 W. Washington, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor Chicago, IL</b>	<b>IDPH Offices 535 West Jefferson, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Springfield, IL</b>
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**Attendees**

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Raye-Ann de Regnier Yesenia Yopez Deborah Boyle Sue Hesse (Phone) Omar LaBlanc Jessica Mossman (Phone) Robert Walsh	Catherine Adelakun, IDPH Amanda Bennett, IDPH Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Andrea Palmer, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH  Robyn Gude Cindy Mitchell Carol Rosenbusch Shirley Scott Natasha Van Grinsven Maripat Zeschke
	<b>Members Not In Attendance</b>
	Melissa Hilt

**Motions**

1. **Motion to approve the minutes from February 2018.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Yesenia Yopez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Boyle, Unanimous Approval.
  
2. **Motion to adjourn.**
  - Unanimous yes.

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## **Introductions and Welcome**

- IDPH called the meeting to order and went around the room and on the phone doing introductions.

## **Minutes**

The minutes from February 2018 were reviewed and approved with unanimous approval.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. IDPH Update**

- Amanda Bennett, with the Illinois Department of Public Health, gave an update on the LOCATe results. Some questions and topics discussed:
  - o The LOCATe Algorithm
  - o Comparing current IDPH designation and the LOCATe neonatal level.
  - o Methodology notes
  - o Neonatal mortality rates by neonatologist status (none versus neo available versus neo onsite)
  - o Neonatal mortality rates for low birth weight (LBW) infants.
  - o Neonatal mortality rates for LBW infants by ventilation status and geography.
  - o Takeaway Points:
    - Having a neonatologist on staff was associated with significantly reduced neonatal mortality in Level II and II+.
    - Level II hospitals classified as LOCATe Level I facilities have significantly higher neonatal mortality than Level II+ facilities.
    - Level II hospitals also classified as LOCATe Level II facilities do not have significantly higher neonatal mortality than Level II+
  - o Discussion on patient outcomes.
- Some questions that came from the meeting:
  - o How far would women have to go to get to a Level II facility under LOCATe?
    - Amanda will look into that.
    - It was suggested that if a woman has to go far the group will need to look at possible exceptions to the lack of neonatologists south of I-80.
  - o Did the data include unnecessary transfers?

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- The data does not have that information and can only look to see if the baby was transferred.(Hospital discharge data is not linked to the birth certificate)
- The LOCATe survey did not address telemedicine.
- Asked if there was value in redoing the survey with updated information collected
  - The group thinks it is a good idea, however the process could take up to a half a year.
  - The group suggested to send a survey to targeted hospitals such as the Level II/II+
- Discussion on not just having a neonatologist on staff, but to also have other resources in conjunction with the neonatologist. Also a discussion on the trainings that could be provided in the absence of a neonatologist.
- **Action Item:** The group should send Amanda/Alex other types of data that would want to see from a potential survey.

**3. Homework and Next Steps**

- Consult vs Transfer list.
- Review Lactation Support document.
- Continue to Review the Maternal Level II topics.

**4. Public Comment**

- No public comment at the end of the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Unanimous yes.