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**Meeting Minutes of:**  
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)**

**February 20, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

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

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Timika Anderson Reeves Katherine Austman Joan Briller Patricia Ann Lee King Kathryn Lindley (Phone) Gary Loy Lisa Masinter Paula Melone (Phone) Frank Nagorka (Phone) Heather Nixon Brielle Osting Donald Reese Shirley Scott Lee Smith Michael Socol Patrick Thornton Paloma Toledo	Amanda Bennett, IDPH Trishna Harris, IDPH Abigail Holicky, IDPH Ashley Horne, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Nancy Martin, IDPH Andrea Palmer, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH  Andrea Cross Jodi Hoskins Stephen Locher Cindy Mitchell Bernadette Taylor Maripat Zeschke
	Members Not In Attendance
	Robert Abrams (excused) Jennifer Banayan (excused) Deborah Boyle Stacie Geller (excused) Robert Gessner Robin L. Jones (excused) Olga Lazala (excused) Jerome Loew (excused) Kevin Madsen (excused) Beth Plunkett (excused) Sheila Sanders Barbara Scavone (excused)

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## **Introductions**

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and began with introductions. With chair Robin L. Jones absent, IDPH asked the committee for a volunteer to chair the meeting in her absence. Michael Socol was nominated and approved.

## **Motions**

1. **Motion to approve Michael Socol as temporary chair.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Donald Reese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Banayan, Unanimous Approval
2. **Motion to approve the December 2018 minutes.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Banayan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Reese, Unanimous Approval
3. **Motion to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to add Stacey Chamberlain to the MMRC.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Michael Socol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Masinter, with unanimous approval.
4. **Motion to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to add Kirbi Range to the MMRC.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Michael Socol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Masinter, Unanimous Approval
5. **Motion to close for maternal death case reviews.**  
Unanimous Approval
6. **Motion to reopen the meeting to the public following case review.**  
Unanimous Approval.
7. **Motion to adjourn.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Donald Reese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Thornton, Unanimous Approval

## **Minutes**

The minutes from the December 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

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## **Agenda Items**

### Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Update

- Legislation is being introduced to incorporate the recommendations from the maternal mortality report released in October.
- The Centers for Disease Control has a forecasted bill coming out for funding to MMRC's. The funding will be for infrastructure of these committees and IDPH plans to apply.
- Discussed the new IDPH director, Ngozi Ezike. Women's Health has requested that she come to a meeting in the near future if possible.
- Andrea Palmer, the current Title V director with IDPH, is retiring.
- Amanda Bennett went over the MMRC mission
  - o Gave updates on the purpose and the status of case reviews for 2016.
  - o She requested that the committee start looking for cases that might be helpful or used for clinical teaching.
  - o She also reminded the committee to keep an open mind when reviewing the cases and to listen to others. The group has a diverse set of disciplines.
- There was a discussion on pre-reviewers and the necessity of their role in the process.
- Timika Anderson Reeves is new to the committee and introduced herself a bit more in depth for the committee. Sheila Sanders is also new to the committee, but could not attend the meeting.
- The committee discussed new members and voted on two new potential candidates:
  - o Michael Socol motioned to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to add Stacey Chamberlain to the MMRC. Passed with unanimous approval.
  - o Michael Socol motioned to recommend to the Perinatal Advisory Committee to add Kirbi Range to the MMRC. Passed with unanimous approval.

### Closed Session

- Closed to discuss the maternal death cases.

### Debrief and Recommendations

- Discussion on if last year's report should be published? A: Suggest that it shouldn't as it only contains a year's worth of data.
- A question about the separate maternal mortality review committee on violent deaths and how is a case determined that it is pregnancy related? A: Sometimes there are clear indications on whether or not there was mental health, multiple suicide attempts, or substance disorders prior to pregnancy.

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**Next Steps**

- Next meeting is April 10.

**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting from Donald Reese with a second from Patrick Thornton with unanimous approval.