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

December 15th, 2017
2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

George W. Dunne Building 69 W. Washington, 35th Floor Chicago, IL	IDPH Offices 535 West Jefferson, 5th Floor Springfield, IL
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Attendees

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Raye Ann de Regnier Deborah Boyle (Phone) Sue Hesse (Phone) Melissa Hilt (Phone) Omar LaBlanc (Phone) Robert Walsh (Phone) Yesenia Yepez	Catherine Adelakun, IDPH Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Kristen Woytowicz, IDPH Bill Keenan Cindy Mitchell Shirley Scott
	Members Not In Attendance
	Jessica Mossman (excused)

Motions

1. **Motion to approve the minutes from November 2017.**
 - 1st Robert Walsh, 2nd Deborah Boyle, Unanimous yes.

2. **Motion to adjourn.**
 - Unanimous yes.

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Introductions and Welcome

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

Minutes

- The minutes from November 2017 were reviewed and approved with a unanimous yes.

Agenda Items

1. IDPH Update

- Kristen gave responses to questions that was asked of IDPH Legal.
- The first was regarding *what are the billing and admittance privileges for PAs and APNs under Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare*, in general both PAs and APNs can bill all three programs directly if they have a national provider ID, but it is complicated and subject to lots of qualifications (including whether the services provided are covered, whether the service was incidental to services provided by a physician, etc.), and, more importantly, it's not something we can regulate in our rules. Similarly for admittance privileges, federal regulations seem to allow for it if the state does, but currently Illinois scope of practice for APNs and PAs does not include admittance, and again it is not something we can regulate in our rules.
- The second regarding *whether a nurse anesthetist can be the director of anesthesia at a level 1 or 2 perinatal center*, the short answer is probably not. Nothing prescribes who exactly the "Director of Anesthesia" needs to be, per se; however, the Hospital Licensing Code (Code) re: anesthesia services requires they be under the direction of a physician, the Code section re: obstetric departments and level 2 perinatal hospitals specifically says obstetrical anesthesia shall be directed by a physician, and while that section does not specify anesthesia requirements for level 1s, everything else seems to indicate a physician/anesthesiologist should be supervising anesthesia services, generally.

2. Maternal Level I

Transfer Agreements

- Leaving up to the Levels of Care: Transfers group.

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Other

- Discussion on when to have a Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) consult.
- Suggested for a policy to be in place for safe management and transfer for an obese woman.
- Suggested adding policy for consult of a BMI over a specific range.
- Group consensus to have a plan/procedure in place for patients over 50 BMI.
- Homework for Deb: List of policies to outline what items should be addressed during delivery. (BMI issue specifically)
- Discussion on what other things might need an MFM consult.
- Action Item: Send out list from the ACOG guidelines to perinatal care list and will discuss at the next meeting
- Discussed how to word the policy. Do not want to make it hard to change updated versions of ACOG guidelines, for example.
- Action Item: Cindy Mitchell to send a template to Alex to send to the committee.

Quality Improvement

- Decided to give it to the new Levels of Care committee focusing on QI.

Maternal Providers

- Suggested to have guidelines for Perinatal Care.

3. Maternal Level II

Types of Patients Cared For

- The group likes Illinois' current code language.
- Decided to table this decision for future meetings.

Family Centered Care

- Keep the same as what the group decided for Maternal Level I's
- Public Comment: Who will pay for transport?
- Talked about adding some of the Texas language as well to the code.
- Discussion on allowing a support person as according to hospital policies
- Group decided to table this topic and look at the wording more closely in the future.

Labor and Delivery Medical Director

- Group decided to use: "Board Certified OB/GYN"

Maternal Providers

- Group decided that they like the Arkansas wording of OB/GYN to be available in house within 30 minutes.
- IDPH recommend that the group define "available"

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Triage

- Discussion on when someone would need to be touched or seen within 30 minutes.
- The group would like to discuss this topic with the Levels of Care: Levels III/IV group.

4. Homework and Next Steps

- Review the protocol for consultation on Level I and II's from Cindy Mitchell.
- Review the perinatal guidelines on pregnancy risk conditions.

5. Public Comment

- Public Comment was asked for at the end of the meeting. No comments at that time. Comments were given throughout the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Unanimous yes.