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

**June 13, 2018
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

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

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Robin L. Jones Katherine Austman Jennifer Banayan Deborah Boyle Joan Briller Stacie Gellers Abby Koch Olga Lazala Jerome Loew Gary Loy Lisa Masinter Paula Melone Frank Nagorka Brielle Osting Beth Plunkett Donald Reese Shirley Scott Michael Socol Lee Smith Patrick Thornton Paloma Toledo	Amanda Bennett, IDPH Bethany Dominik, IDPH Tanya Dworkin, IDPH Ashley Horne, IDPH Shannon Lightner, IDPH Nancy Martin, IDPH Rachel Mason, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Kolawole Ale Roma Allen Daniell Ashford Alison Bowen Andrea Cross Robyn Gude Jodi Hoskins Cindy Mitchell Gretchen Martin Kristen Moore Mary Pell Abernathy Virginia Reising Elaine Shafer Maripat Zeschke
	Members Not In Attendance
	Robert Abrams (excused) Robert Gessner Kathryn Lindley (excused) Kevin Madsen (excused) Heather Nixon (excused) Barbara Scavone (excused)

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Introductions

Robin L. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and began with introductions. Asked everyone on the committee to give a brief background on themselves due to the number of new members to the committee.

Motions

1. **Motion to approve April 2018 minutes**
Unanimous Approval
2. **Motion to close for maternal death case reviews.**
1st Stacie Geller, 2nd Jennifer Banayan, Unanimous Approval
3. **Motion to reopen the meeting to the public following case review.**
1st Beth Plunkett, 2nd Deborah Boyle, Unanimous Approval.
4. **Motion to adjourn**
1st Stacie Geller, 2nd Jerome Loew, Unanimous Approval

Minutes

The minutes from the April 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda Items

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Update

- IDPH welcomed employees from Indiana's Department of Public Health who attended the meeting to view the meeting. Indiana is looking to implement something similar in their state.
- Amanda Bennett and Ashley Horne are at a conference and are calling into meeting. The meeting will run slightly differently, but Tanya Dworkin and Miranda Scott will be doing the note taking for the meeting.
- IDPH informed the committee that the violent death group has completed their 2015 case review.

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- IDPH asked that the group not make major presentations on MMRC results. When the larger results are published, they want the group to all be on the same page and work towards being collaborative with finalized data.
- Brielle Osting talked about an Everthrive event happening. The event will highlight trends in maternal mortality.
- Amanda Bennett gave an update on opioid related data.
- Amanda Bennett then gave a refresher on the goals and progress of the MMRC groups:
 - o The MMRC has reviewed 30 so far. 5 will be looked at today and there are 6 remaining after today's meeting.
 - o MMRC-V had 28 cases from 2015 but are now done.
 - o There was discussions on sustainability moving forward moving forward.
 - It will be discussed a bit more during closed session.
 - The group is also getting better at doing the review process.

Severe Maternal Morbidity

- Stacie Geller gave a brief update on their plans for reviewing severe maternal morbidity.

MMRC Recommendations

- Discussion on how to distribute and implement the recommendations.
 - o Engage stakeholders
- IDPH let the committee know that Cook county coroner is no longer doing autopsies on pregnant women, unless something suspicious was going on.
 - o This has been in effect since 2013.
 - o The coroner does still do child deaths.
 - o If a person dies under the care of a hospital, an autopsy will not be done.
 - o The committee asked if there is something that can be drafted by the MMRC that could be sent to hospitals to help collect information that may come from the missing autopsies.
 - o Discussions about ways to potentially get autopsies. Is it possible to get results from private autopsies?
 - o Action Item: Jerome Loew is to investigate ways to go about getting autopsies done. If you want to be a part of the small group, e-mail Alexander Smith.

Closed Session

- Closed to discuss the maternal death cases and individual resumes of potential new members to the committee.

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Debrief and Recommendations

Patient/Family

1. IDPH should support a public education campaign and discharge education/importance of compliance to prenatal and postpartum women for awareness of the signs and symptoms of cardiomyopathy and cardiac complications during pregnancy (1)

Provider

1. Promote connection with primary care as opposed to accessing all medical care through the Emergency Department (1)
2. Provider education on how to educate families on the importance of obtaining consent for an autopsy (1)
3. Provide education to providers and patients about mental health/antidepressant drugs during pregnancy (1)

Facility

1. Increase education to providers and families about postpartum care, including appropriate education to patients on extending birth control coverage. Mirror the language used by ILOPQC for postpartum LARC education and awareness. (1)
2. Improve access to free/affordable contraception (1)

System

1. IDPH should encourage hospitals to support and participate in the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC) initiatives such as LARC and Mothers and Newborns affected by Opioids (MNO). (1)
2. MCO's in Illinois should improve case coordination, and HFS should have a plan in place to hold MCO's accountable for coordination of care including home visits during pregnancy and WIC program utilization. (3)
3. Engage Medicare and Medicaid case management with high risk medical patients, ensure that all eligible patients are enrolled in the appropriate programs. Have a plan in place to hold MCO's accountable for coordination of care for every woman with a high risk pregnancy. (1)

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting from Stacie Geller with a second from Jerome Loew with unanimous approval.