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

April 5th, 2017
9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

IDPH Office 122 S. Michigan, 7th Floor, Room 711 Chicago, IL	IDPH Offices 535 West Jefferson, 5th Floor Springfield, IL
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Attendees

Members in Attendance	Guests and IDPH
Robin Jones Robert Abrams Jerome Loew Michael Socol Patricia Mitchell Heather Nixon Joan Briller Abby Koch Stacie Gellar Patricia O'Malley Shirley Scott	Trishna Harris, IDPH Miranda Scott, IDPH Amanda Bennett, IDPH Alexander Smith, IDPH Nancy Martin, IDPH Cindy Mitchell Robyn Gude
	Members Not In Attendance
	Barbara Scavone Deborah Boyle Frank Nagorka Gary Loy Kevin Madsen Paula Melone Robert Gessner

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Introductions

The Chair, Robin Jones, asked for everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves

Motions

1. **Motion to approve December 2016 minutes**
Unanimous Approval
2. **Motion to close**
Unanimous Approval

Minutes

The minutes from the December 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

IDPH Updates

Overview of Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) Committee Decisions Form

- Moving forward the group is now looking at population health versus the in-depth clinical.
- Not bringing cases to the meetings anymore, if it is not on the abstract, it will be unknown information.
- Amanda Bennett, the CDC assignee with IDPH, went over the new forms that the committee will need to fill out during each meeting.
- For each case the review form there are 5 Critical factors that the committee to look at and make decisions:
 - o Was the death pregnancy related?
 - o What was the underlying cause of the death?
 - o Was the death preventable?
 - o What critical factors contributed to the death?
 - o What recommendations does the committee make to prevent future deaths?
- The committee to make a decision on if it was pregnancy associated but not related; if she had not been pregnant would she still have died?
- Pregnancy associated is the broader umbrella of all deaths occurring in 1 year of the pregnancy. Pregnancy related is a subset.

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- Q: What happens to the cases that are not pregnancy related? A: The APC will review them and the Department will lump them in with pregnancy associated death statistics.
- It might be helpful to use the Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System (PMSS) underlying cause of death list. It would help to compare Illinois to national numbers.
- Q: Is the old form going away? A: Yes, but APC's will still be using the old form.
- Does the committee agree with the cause of death listed on the death certificate?
- Preventable define as:
 - o If the committee determines that there was some chance for the death to be averted by one or more reasonable changes to patient, family, community, provider, and or systems factors.
- Two options on preventability (can do both):
 - o Simple yes/no.
 - o A scale of little to high preventability.
- 5 Critical Factors of contributing factors
 - o Patient and Family
 - o Community Level
 - o Provider
 - o Facility
 - o System
- Class categories, general categories of what might have contributed to the death.
- The recommendations after cases are most helpful when they are direct and feasible.
- Is the prevention recommendation primary, secondary, or tertiary?
- If a recommendation is implemented, what are the impacts?
- Pat Mitchell was then recognized for her last meeting and multiple years of service.
- The meeting was then closed for case review

Case Review

- The meeting was closed for case review.
- Meeting opened at 3:33:46

Debrief

- Feedback on general process?
 - o Abstracts were well done, pre-review helped with potentially missing information
 - o When cases are presented, maybe the narratives could be dispersed as well.
 - o To have the decisions listed on a board to help decide
- Did you find the narratives helpful?
 - o Death certificate information is helpful.

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- Pre-review's goal is to be clearer and to identify what records will be wanted by the committee and that the abstracts are as clear as possible.
- Not everyone was familiar with all of the abbreviations.
- Deciphering the difference between community and system was tough.
- Action item for group: think of people to join the committee.

Next Meeting

TBD.