

# Perinatal Advisory Committee Meeting

December 9, 2004

## James R. Thompson Center

100 West Randolph  
Chicago, IL  
Conference Room 031

### **Members Present**

Howard Strassner, Chair  
Harold Bigger  
Cathy Gray  
Barbara Prochnicki

John Barton  
Nancy Marshall  
Gail Wilson  
J. Roger Powell

Jose Gonzales  
Patricia Brady  
John Paton

### **Members Excused**

Edward Hirsch  
Thomas Gross

Sharon Bloch  
Robert Klutts

Phyllis Lawlor Klean

### **Members Absent**

Thomas Myers

### **IDPH Staff Present**

Maureen McBride

Susan Marantz

#### 1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chairman Howard Strassner.

#### 2. **Introductions**

Each member of the committee and guests introduced themselves.

#### 3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

John Paton/Cathy Gray moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the October 28, 2004 meeting after corrections. APPROVED.

#### 4. **Report of the Subcommittee for Facilities Designation – C. Gray**

Cathy Gray gave a further update on the Committee's progress towards development of a standardized document to be used for all networks and hospitals for site visits regardless of whether it is a visit for a change in designation or just Redesignation at the same level. Ms. Gray also raised

the question of adding outside members to the Subcommittee that would have expertise in additional areas.

The Facilities Designation Subcommittee heard eighteen month updates on three hospitals in the Northwestern Network that had changed designation level.

John Gonzalez/John Barton moved and seconded to accept the reports from the Northwestern Network Administrator on the hospitals up for re-review. APPROVED.

5. **Report of the Rules Subcommittee – J. Gonzalez**  
The Subcommittee has held one meeting. The members of the Subcommittee have provided comments regarding the draft rules – both editorial and substantive. Dr. Gonzalez is asking for comments from the Maternal-Fetal Medicine perspective. One of the largest areas of concern was perinatal centers providing oversight for “free standing” clinics.
6. **Report of the Statewide Quality Council – H. Bigger**  
Dr. Bigger reported on the plaque presented to Merwyn Nelson from the Department’s Center for Health Statistics as yesterday’s meeting of the Council. He also reported on presentations from two networks, one on its pending projects (fetal kick counts), and one on its completed project (increasing prenatal visits).
7. **Report of the Data Subcommittee – J. Paton**  
John Paton has called for a meeting of the Subcommittee. He also reported on work of the March of Dimes in the urging of more perinatal data sub-sets.
8. **Report of the By-Laws Task Force – G. Wilson**  
Gail Wilson distributed the current By-Laws, and asked PAC members to review and submit language improvements/changes in advance of the next meeting. The changes may be submitted to either herself or Dr. Strassner.
9. **Report of the Quality Improvement Subcommittee – B. Prochnicki**  
Barb gave an overview of data related issues that cross all ten networks, VLBW, PMR, MMR, and talked about the need to do a statewide quality improvement project.
10. **Report of the Consortium of Network Administrators – B. Prochnicki**  
HIV is still the topic of conversation. IDPH Legal is ruling on “who is a medical professional”. Rapid testing is also to be implemented in emergency departments..

**11. New Business**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005 at 12:30 PM, and it will be a video conference with four sites throughout Illinois.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting went into closed session at 2:00 PM, and officially adjourned at 4:15 PM.