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**Illinois Department of Public Health**

**Perinatal Advisory Committee**

**April 15, 2004**

**James R. Thompson Center**

**100 West Randolph Street**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**Members Present**

Josephine Ansah  
Jose Gonzales  
Roderick Hume  
Nancy Marshall  
John Paton  
Gail Wilson

John Barton  
Cathy Gray  
Robert Klutts  
Barbara Osborn  
J. Roger Powell

Harold Bigger  
Edward Hirsch  
Phyllis Lawler-Klean  
Barbara Prochnicki  
Howard Strassner

**Members Absent**

Sharon Bloch

Thomas Gross

Thomas Myers

**Staff Present**

Susan Marantz

Maureen McBride

Mark Schmidt

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Schmidt facilitated the meeting, and each board member and guest present introduced themselves, and gave brief overview of position in regards to perinatal.

2. Open Meetings Act

It was announced that all meetings of the Perinatal Advisory Committee fall under the Open Meetings Act, and therefore they will follow all guidelines as appropriate.

3. IDPH Perinatal Mission & Current Projects

The Department presented on the structure of the Perinatal Advisory Committee, and its relationship to the Department. The major points included:

- A. State Structure
- B. Membership Composition, both regular and ex-officio members
- C. Roles and Responsibilities of the Department and the Committee
- D. Description of meeting schedule and requirements for closed/open meetings
- E. Short Term projects include electing a Chair, sub-committee chairs and review and update of Regionalized Perinatal Rules
- F. Issues PAC will need to focus on in the upcoming year include promulgating rules, Perinatal HIV, ability to collect realtime data, enforcement of the perinatal code, certificate of need for Level III facilities and hospital designation issues
- G. Recommended Sub-committees which include Designation, Statewide Quality Council, Rules, Structure/By-Laws, Data and Clinical issues

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Hospital Designation – Cathy Gray

Ms. Gray presented an overview of the subcommittee, its role in the designation process and highlighted areas of concern that need to be addressed to ensure consistency in the review of each facility and follow-up.

B. Statewide Quality Council – Harold Bigger

Dr. Bigger explained the formation and role of the subcommittee. It was formed to look at outcomes from a public health perspective, specifically very low birth weight, maternal mortality and perinatal mortality. There was further discussion on the process of publishing data results and having the data available for researchers.

C. Maternal Mortality Review – Robin Jones

This is actually a subcommittee of the Statewide Quality Council. Dr. Jones gave a presentation on the goals and objectives of this committee, as well as a report on outstanding recommendations that need to be issued as a result of cases that have been reviewed.

5. REPORT OF THE CONSORTIUM OF PERINATAL NETWORKS – Barbara Prochnicki

Ms. Prochnicki explained the role the ten network administrators play in the implementation of the rules regarding perinatal networks, collection of data and quality monitoring of programs as well as overseeing implementation of new initiatives into birthing hospitals. Barb expanded on the confidential quality improvement issues discussed at consortium meetings, as well as the exchange of protected information amongst the ten administrators.

John Barton /Gail Wilson moved and seconded that there needs to be a high priority given to making the ten perinatal network administrators a subcommittee of either PAC of the SQC to allow them to continue quality improvement work under the coverage of the Medical Studies Act. PASSED

6. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR – Mark Schmidt

Cathy Gray/Rick Hume moved and seconded that Howard Strassner be appointed temporary chair of the Perinatal Advisory Committee. Edward Hirsch/Harold Bigger moved nominations be closed. PASSED

Dr. Strassner accepted the appointment as temporary chair.

7. OTHER ISSUES

FMIR – Cathy Gray

Ms. Gray reported on the FMIR project managed by the Illinois Department of Human Services for the City of Chicago. This project looks at the non-medical factors that impact fetal and neonatal deaths.

Illinois Department of Public Aid

SB306 has been passed. This bill addresses support for pregnancy, smoking cessation, mental health and family planning.

City of Chicago – John Paton

Dr. Paton presented an overview on the health of communities and the resources available. Discussed distribution of data to various groups for improvement of care, as well as discussing the need to have all birth/death related data linked.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Perinatal Advisory Committee will be June 10, 2004, at 9:00 am. It will be held at 160 North LaSalle, Conference Room N502

9. ADJOURNMENT

Roger Powell/Nancy Marshall moved and seconded that the Perinatal Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:45 am. PASSED