

Perinatal Advisory Committee Meeting

June 10, 2004

State of Illinois Center

Members Present

Howard Strassner, Chair
Harold Bigger
Cathy Gray
Robert Klutts

Thomas Gross
Edward Hirsch
Gail Wilson
Barbara Prochnicki

Jose Gonzales
Patricia Brady
Josephine Ansah

Members Excused

Roderick Hume
John Barton
Phyllis Lawler-Klean

Nancy Marshall
Barbara Osborn

John Paton
J. Roger Powell

Members Absent

Thomas Myers

Andrew Morgan

Sharon Bloch

IDPH Staff Present

Maureen McBride

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Chairman Howard Strassner.

2. Introductions

Each member of the committee and guests introduced themselves.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Robert Klutts/Edward Hirsch moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2004 meeting. APPROVED.

4. Appointment of Chairs of Current Subcommittees

Before nominations were opened, it was determined that appointments were for four years, the term of the current PAC appointments.

Illinois Statewide Quality Council Committee

Edward Hirsch/Barb Prochnicki moved and seconded that Harold Bigger be nominated for ISQC Chair. APPROVED.

Edward Hirsch/Robert Klutts moved and seconded that Robin Jones remain as chair of the Maternal Mortality Review subcommittee of ISQC. APPROVED.

Facilities Designation Committee

Barb Prochnicki/Jose Gonzales moved and seconded that Cathy Gray be nominated as Chair of the Facilities Designation Subcommittee. APPROVED.

Bob Klutts expressed an interest in serving on the committee.

5. Other Proposed Subcommittees

Rules and Clinical Practice – The purpose of the committee would be to keep the Regionalized Perinatal Code in concert with current standards of care. Discussion touched on the fact that the ACOG guidelines are not meant to be a “standard of care”.

Gail Wilson/Jose Gonzales moved and seconded the establishment of the Rules and Clinical Practice Subcommittee. APPROVED.

By the next meeting the committee will need to develop By-Laws and committee structure.

Gail Wilson/Hal Bigger moved and seconded the nomination of Jose Gonzales as Chair of the Rules and Clinical Practice Subcommittee. APPROVED.

Other PAC committee members will include Gail Wilson, Ed Hirsch, Patricia Brady and Bob Klutts. Non PAC member possibilities include Pat Prentice, Dr. Chandry, and a representative from POEI. Interested members are encouraged to submit CV's to the Chair.

By-Laws and Structure – Maureen McBride reported that the current By-Laws were last updated in 1990. The function of the Committee/Task Force would be to update the By-Laws to include the new Subcommittees and other necessary changes. It was discussed having a permanent chair, who would revive the task force as deemed necessary.

Barb Prochnicki/Bob Klutts moved and second the nomination of Gail Wilson as Chair of the By-Laws and Structure Subcommittee.
APPROVED.

Cathy Gray and Maureen McBride will assist, as well as an offer to Roger Powell to participate.

Data Subcommittee

Jose Gonzales/Bob Klutts moved and seconded that the Data Subcommittee be established and John Paton be nominated to serve as Chair. APPROVED.

6. Report of the Illinois Statewide Quality Council

Hal Bigger reported on the meetings held June 9, 2004 by the Maternal Mortality Review and ISQC committees. Dr. Bigger reported on issues being identified by the MMRC that need to be reported in a closed session of a PAC meeting.

Hal Bigger/Cathy Gray moved and seconded the establishment of a Quality Improvement and Education subcommittee under the Illinois Statewide Quality Council to begin addressing the issues, and that Barb Prochnicki be named Chair. APPROVED.

The other committee members will be network administrators.

Hal Bigger reported that 50% to 60% of the very low birth weight (VLBW) data has been collected, and of the data collected 85% to 95% has been matched to birth certificate data.

Maureen McBride reported that the Illinois Department of Public Health is working on a research committee to establish guidelines for who can obtain data, and what will be allowed to be published.

7. Report of the Consortium of Perinatal Network Administrators

Barb Prochnicki reported that all networks have submitted the FY2005 grant applications to the Department's Perinatal Program. She also gave an update on the Perinatal HIV rule making, and that implementation will probably be in January 2005. Currently the perinatal HIV team has conducted focus groups around the state, and will begin its rapid testing training program with the Consortium at their June meeting.

8. Facilities Designation and Rule Revision

Maureen McBride distributed maps of the delivery hospitals by Network by designation. Currently IDPH has no requests from any hospitals for a changed in designation. With the current rules undergoing revision, it is recommend that no hospitals be brought forward until the rules are promulgated.

Maureen also distributed maps of a maternal mortality report by zip code. There were only 35 completed cases from 2001 through 2002 to map. Gail Wilson requested that one of the charges of the Data Committee be to improve the timeliness of data from IDPH.

9. New Business

Due to scheduling conflicts the October PAC meeting has been changed to October 28, 2004. It is hoped to experiment with video conferencing at this meeting, and have it fully implemented for the December meeting. Dr. Bigger discussed changing ISQC dates to after PAC meetings. Dr. Strassner asked for recommendations on a flow for committees to meet and it's impact on reporting to PAC. Dr. Hirsch recommended looking at using a listserv for committee work, and Gail Wilson also suggested using Web X as an option for committee meetings.