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**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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October 11, 2007

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p. m.

**James R. Thompson Center
025 Conference Room
2nd Floor
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois**

Howard Strassner, MD, Chair

MINUTES

Attendees: Howard T. Strassner, J. Roger Powell, Nancy Marshall, Kevin Rose, Richard Besinger, Barb Prochnicki, Dennis Crouse, Robyn Gabel, Janet Hoffman, David Fox, Phyllis Lawlor-Klean, Cathy Gray, Harold Bigger, George Mahoney, Patricia Brady, John Barton, John Paton, Nancy Eschbach, Karole Lakota

Absent: Gail Wilson excused, Jose Gonzalez excused, Clifford Corbett excused

Guests: Mike Leonardi, Barb Haller, Louise Simonson, Carol Rosenbush, Cora Reidl, Cindy Mc Dermith, Elaine Shafer, Pat Prentice, Lenny Gibeault, Trish O'Malley, Robyn Gude

IDPH Staff: Maureen McBride

1. Call to Order & WelcomeHoward Strassner

Howard Strassner called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He welcomed guests and reviewed the agenda.

2. Self Introduction of Members.....Howard Strassner

The members and guests introduced themselves. Patricia Brady requested discussion of the Postpartum Depression Bill. This item will be added to New Business. Maureen McBride requested that all members present their Ethics Committee Validation if they have not yet done so.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from Last MeetingMaureen McBride

John Paton motioned approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2007, Nancy Marshall seconded. The minutes were approved.

Members asked about the status of the Proposed Rules for Perinatal Regionalization and the questions were answered.

Dr. Strassner asked if the Proposed Rules version with the changes since June is available for review by the membership, At this time the version resulting from the review of the legal department at the Illinois Department of Public Health is not published.

4. Statewide Quality Council.....Harold Bigger

Maternal Mortality Review Committee

Dr. Harold Bigger presented data regarding the hemorrhage project that was presented to the Statewide Quality Council yesterday. The data looked at analysis of cases that had been reviewed by the MMRC since it's inception through 2006 and the incidence of preventability. The MMRC has focused on the Obstetric care as the incidence of hemorrhage as a major cause of maternal death occurs regardless of definitions.

Dr. Strassner asked when the education will begin. Dr. Bigger stated the content will be presented at the next meeting and that education should proceed after content is approved.

Network Regional Quality Council Reports

Northwestern is reviewing management of preterm labor and newborn. An audit of preterm labor and delivery for all deliveries between 23-34 weeks was done. Indicators included were the delivery of steroid and prophylactic antibiotic use, use of tocolysis, MFM consultations and appropriate transfers. The audit found that the standard of care was being met even at hospitals that have a low volume of VLBW and LBW deliveries.

Rockford focused on its Homeward Bound Program. Barb Prochnicki presented program acknowledging the need to enlist the help of the Nursing Staff is essential in preparing the sending and receiving hospital for the project to succeed. A brochure tailored to the individual Network Hospital with pictures and content for each facility has been developed and distributed.

A Hospital Safety Audit has been implemented by the Rockford Regional Quality Council – Members of the Committee selected topics for audit. Cards are pulled and an audit topic is applied for one week

Springfield – Cindy Mc Dermith has developed a Network Web-based RQC program to enable participation over a wide geographic Network and to allow a consistent and current communication program with Network Hospitals. There is a Chat-room for topics and Network hospitals can communicate on topics of interest.

Stroger is attempting to improve the number of patients who breastfeed in Network Hospitals. The material presented indicated significant improvement in the percentage of mother’s breastfeeding in an inner-city hospital.

5. Quality and Education Committee.....Barb Prochnicki

The Illinois Perinatal Program won the Jonas Salk March of Dimes Health Leadership Award for Public Health. Maureen McBride accepted the award on behalf of the Department at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Ms. Prochnicki asked for a motion to disband the Quality and Education Committee. The Perinatal Administrators will meet as IDPH Perinatal Program Grantees and discuss items pertaining to operations of the Perinatal Grant facilities. Ms. Prochnicki will report on the items pertaining to Quality and Education. Dr. Besinger moved approval of the motion, Janet Hoffman seconded, Motion carried.

6. Facilities Planning Committee.....Cathy Gray

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital is requesting to become a Level II Perinatal facility and is scheduled to open December 9, 2007. A Site visit report was sent to the PAC. The Facility Planning Committee suggested approval. A physical Site Visit will be conducted prior to opening to ensure compliance with the Perinatal Rules and a follow-up visit within the first quarter. The Site Visit Committee will return a report to the Facilities Planning subcommittee in April.

Ms. Gray requested approval of her report and presented a motion that stated “The Facility Subcommittee moved that Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital be approved as a Level II Perinatal Facility - Barb Prochnicki seconded motion. Kevin Rose recused himself, Cathy Gray abstained. The motion passed.

7. Calendar for 2008.....Maureen McBride

Calendars will be submitted to get room approval all meetings must be posted by January 1, 2008

8. New Business.....Howard Strassner

- A. Dr. Strassner indicated that Dr. Whitaker has resigned his post as Director of Public Health. Dr. Whitaker was recognized for his support of many Perinatal Advisory Committee initiatives – especially the Maternal Hemorrhage Education Project..

Dr. David Arnold will be the new Director. He has held the post of Surgeon General for the Illinois National guard. He has an extensive military background and served in IRAQ. Dr. Arnold has experience with bioterrorism.

- B. **Post partum Depression** – The statute states that a Postpartum Depression test must be used and gives the Edinburgh test as an example. The bill applies to licensed healthcare prenatal, post partum, providers, (MD's, DO's APN's and Physician's Assistants). DHS will be asking healthcare agencies to develop policies and procedures. The bill may be accessed on the website Public Bill 095-0469 Senate Bill 16 on the State of Illinois website. Members asked why the Perinatal Advisory Committee was not consulted on the bill. Concerns were voiced regarding Pediatricians who do not have a direct physician patient relationship with the mother. This point was disputed by other members.

The law goes into effect January 1, 2008. Neonatal follow-up clinics are included. Again the concern over Pediatricians was mentioned in that they may not have the training to assess post partum depression.

Evanston Northwestern Hospitals has already adopted Dr. Laura Miller's program. Questions were asked regarding compensation for the time it takes to administer and follow-up on surveys. Is Medicaid prepared to compensate for this process.

Liability issues were discussed. The American Academy of Pediatrics did not fight the bill. Robyn Gabel indicated that physicians are able to bill for this process.

George Maroney asked how the bill would apply if grandmothers or others bringing the infant to the see the Pediatric practitioner. Dr. Leonardi indicated there is a major concern obtaining psychiatric providers willing to see patients.

Dr. Strassner asked Ms. McBride if the PAC could offer its services in developing policies and procedures. Implementation may not wait for policies to be fully developed.

- C. The Maternal and infant Mortality Summit will be held October 25-26, 2007. Robyn Gabel will share materials.

- 11. **Adjournment.....Howard Strassner**
Dr. Strassner asked for motion to adjourn. Barb Prochnicki so motioned, Robyn Gabel seconded, motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.