

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PERINATAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 11, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p. m.**

**Michael Bilandic Center
N-505 Conference Room
5th Floor
160 North La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois**

MINUTES

Chaired: Howard Strassner, MD

Attendees: J. Roger Powell, Jose Gonzalez, Harold Bigger, Phyllis Lawlor-Klean, Dennis Crouse, Cathy Gray, Janet Hoffman, Nancy Marshall, John Barton, Clifford Corbett, Kevin Rose Nancy Eschbach
Robyn Gabel, Bruce Merrell

IDPH STAFF: Maureen McBride, Charlene Wells

Excused: Karole Lakota, John Barton, David Fox

Guests: Barb Haller, Pat Prentice, Carol Rosenbush, Lenny Gibeault, Louise Simonson, Cora Reidl, Charlene Wells

**1. Call to Order & Welcome
Howard Strassner**

There was a

**2. Additions to the Agenda for New Business
Howard Strassner**

- A. Introduction of Charlene Wells
- B. NICU Emergency Evacuation Plan

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting

Correction Dr. Jose Gonzalez page 5 and Robyn Gabel was present. Minutes approved with changes

4. Update on Proposed Regionalized Perinatal Code

Letters to the Governor's Office and copied to IDPH to move the Rules forward. Perinatal Center will do a letter writing campaign.

Barb Haller asked for a new copy of the proposed Rules. Maureen McBride will forward it to October 2006 is still the intention to bring forward. If you would like a new copy, please individually e-mail Maureen McBride. It is 108 pages long, it included all the changes, moves and old document.

Totally reformatted in sequence. Many changes and moves were made. This is the format that the document was placed in the

Robyn asked for a copy of the letter Cathy Gray is sending out.

5. Vermont/Oxford Collaborative Meeting/ Initiative Dr. Crouse

Dr. Crouse stated all Perinatal Centers, March of Dimes and Tremendous amount of enthusiasm and the first project was decided cold stress of Newborn infant. Addition two neonatologists and two nurses added to the Committee.

The spirit of the meeting was to get cooperation from all the centers, to allow collaboration on "best practices". Hoping to get to a position similar to the initiative in California and benefit all aspects of Neonatal care and hospitals that care for neonates.

Dr. Strassner asked if the PAC needs to take any action. Dr. Crouse replied that data is available in the State and included Cardinal Glennon.

6. Update on Hospitals pending Changes in Designation

CON and Facilities Designation looked at the Alternative Birthing Centers issue. Licensing included, CON rules made suggestions and changes. Will continue to work on this project. Not all freestanding birth centers have to be part of a hospital but have to have a referring hospital agreement for Cesarean and will be part of the Perinatal Process and have a Letter of Agreement with the assigned Network. Health Facilities Planning Board will discuss in February. Other states that have similar programs have been consulted.

Three have to up and running in areas other than Chicago. Jose Gonzalez asked why the connection with the Perinatal Centers. Maureen described that this will be just one additional level to the Perinatal Code

Three different sections of Rules within the Department of Public Health. Dr. Strassner asked if the communication between all sections will continue. Cathy Gray stated that all sections are working together to

assure collaborative Rules. The method for assignment of Perinatal Centers is not clear yet.

No more than 4 in Cook, McHenry, Will and DuPage county, 3 in area of population of 50,000, One of which shall be operated by a hospital, one by a public

Three rural must be up first and running. Cannot be located more than 30 minutes ground transportation from a hospital that does deliveries.

After the 3 rural then it can be any of the next two groups.

Barb asked if anyone was showing interest. The Rules were supposed to be completed in October. It is felt that once the Rules are published that there will be more interest.

The medical director must be a board certified obstetrician.
Public Act 095-0445.

Barb Haller clarified the Public Act is just the statute – this is just the licensing act. CON and licensing prior to Perinatal Affiliation Assignment.

One hospital was requesting Level II E but after Site Visit did not move forward to the Facilities Designation Committee and will not be considered at this time

Discussed outdated standards, hospital licensing board. Subpart O lines, if individuals and hospitals feel there are outdated, they can suggest updates.

Subpart O for revisions – Dr. Strassner suggested facilities review and send suggestions forward. Bill.Bell@Illinois.gov.

7. New Business

A. Letters of Agreement/Standardization Discussion- some make it look like a contract for high risk services. Dr. Strassner asked if a Letter of Agreement. Must look at the elements – not format. Dr. Strassner asked why they couldn't look identical. Ten Center lawyers, Jose Gonzalez asked how Letters of Agreement

Cathy Gray – suggested that the elements must be in there. Not indemnification and insurance information. Numbers and what we are going to do for you.

Level 1 how consultations are phrased.

Cathy suggested that Administrators might have a Committee – hospitals not up for renegotiation every year. Every three years. That template is the same. Dr. Strassner suggested that a workgroup be comprised and reports back to the Facilities Designation Subcommittee. Compare with the elements in the Rules. Each how many letters don't contain the correct elements. Redesignation Committee –April report back to PAC. Jose Gonzalez and Bruce Merrell will be on the workgroup and

B. Introduction of the new Administrator of the Perinatal Program – Charlene Wells

Healthcare and Families Services. Has been going into MD offices surveying.

Ms. Wells will be located in Chicago. She introduced herself and indicated she had Level III NICU experience. L+D in Level II. St. Bernard hospital Level I to Level II. In 1986 Provident Hospital wrote CON and Maternity Service Plan until 1997. Mount Sinai management over Mother-Baby and NICU.

Then she went the State of Illinois. Her official start date is December 16, 2008. Will have an orientation period. Tom Schaffer has asked for Ms. McBride to provide a transition period and for her to remain involved in the Rules processes.- out for public comment.

January 8, 2008 meet and greet at Rush.

Dr. Strassner welcomed Ms. Well and again thanked Ms. McBride for her service. Mc. McBride described her work on the Hospital Preparedness Grant. Will be doing programmatic reviews. Star-Com radio training . Evelyn Lyons – NICU evacuation plan . Document is drafted and

Phyllis Lawlor-Klean described the drill that she did regarding the NICU evacuation. When the funding first came out from both grants for extensive training exercises. Hospital and Public Health are working together to do community and hospital exercises together. Next year will be doing regional exercises. There is a lot of work on the hospital.

Phyllis described working with the Emergency Room and the Community Networking with fire and ambulance services for the unique needs of NICU patients. New pieces of equipment to facilitate evacuation. Evelyn is asking for some Site to volunteer to be part of the drill. Move out the sickest patients first. Ms. McBride

complimented Phyllis and Advocate Christ Medical Center for their plans and successful drills.

Dennis Crouse stated that during the hurricane in Galveston, learned that the generators were unable to cool and the water main broke. Moved infant downstairs to an old generator. Infection control nightmares. Cathy Gray mentioned a flight nurse stating the hardest group to recruit NICU nurses, moved 100's on patients to Houston.

MCN edition – June dedicated to disasters of the Perinatal Population. Many Level III have not done “downstairs” drills. Phyllis intentionally used transport isolette.

Dennis Crouse talked about a triage isolette in a backpack. Choppers had to decide minimum pieces to keep infant warm and ventilated, plywood sheets on the stairs.

Indiana had to evacuate second floor lateral exits.

Dr. Bigger described the power outage issues, electronic medical record issues. Once you get to the front door. What is your role as a receiving person? Phyllis said with electronic medical record, developed a hand-off process – photocopied the face sheets. Identifier and parental contact. Minimum amount of care to be provided. Written communication card with meds and recent tests. 15 minutes to leave what will you have Stickers – barcode stickers on the diapers.

Way to have patients identified. Dr. Strassner asked what happens after the draft document. Phyllis stated that once approved will go statewide and possible nationwide. Dr. Strassner asked about Level II E . Dr. Strassner asked about the building codes etc. Valid questions to take to Evelyn.

Concurrent bed count is fixed. Ms. McBride announced that every hospital must conform to “Have – A – Bed” ask PICU and now will ask about NICU. Daily who has NICU beds available. Centers will have access to “Have-A-Bed” , Fire, ambulance, EMS, police, regional person, all part or the process. Regional Hospital Coordinating Centers. Dr. Strassner asked about the process.

Information will continue to be distributed. Three drills in the next year. Have other special needs group. NICU and Nursing Home residents and Group Homes. Janet Hoffman asked if lectures could be provided. Suggested informational help.

Dr. Strassner asked for other items of business, asked about meetings for 2009. Do not have confirmation as yet. Ms. McBride will attempt to get the information out ASAP.

Next meeting will be in April, 2009 will stay on Thursday.

Moved Jose Gonzalez, Dennis Crouse seconded .
Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm