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

**June 5, 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: Richard Besinger, J. Roger Powell, Jose Gonzalez, Harold Bigger, Phyllis Lawlor-Klean, David Fox, Nancy Eschbach, Dennis Crouse, Robyn Gabel, Clifford Corbett

IDPH STAFF: Maureen McBride,

Excused: Cathy Gray, Janet Hoffman, Nancy Marshall, Barbara Prochnicki, John Paton, John Barton, Kevin Rose, Karole Lakota

Guests: Barb Haller, Elaine Shafer, Pat Prentice, Carol Rosenbush, Lenny Gibeault, Louise Simonson, Cora Reidl, Cindy McDermith,

1. Call to Order & Welcome Howard Strassner

There was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 12:52 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda for New Business Howard Strassner

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3. Review and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting.....Maureen McBride

The minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting were presented. Robyn Gabel moved approval and J. Roger Powell seconded. The minutes were approved.

4. IDPH Update

5. Update on Obstetric Hemorrhage Education Project...Maureen McBride

Maureen thanked all members of the Obstetric Hemorrhage Education Project Workgroup for their commitment to this effort.

Louise Simonson reported that Beta testing was done on April 15, 2008. Very positive feedback was received from Perinatal Center Champions on that date. The Benchmark Assessment tool is ready.

“Role Out” Train-the Trainer sessions for Perinatal Centers will be held on July 14, 2008 in Springfield and July 28, 2008 at Rush.

Dr. Strassner asked if any question about cost had come forward. Louise stated the cost has been addressed but the cost is worth the improvement in preparedness for the incidence of response to hemorrhage.

The project also addresses a Federal Level Resolution to reduce Maternal Mortality.

Dr. Gonzalez stated that previously he had indicated that the project should be considered a cost of doing business by hospitals. Dr. Strassner stated that the cost needs to be continually addressed and indicated that the PAC has made requests for additional funding.

Dr. Bigger stated that a suggestion was made to develop a post test to be done one year after implementation to determine learning.

Dr. Bigger discussed the Regional Quality Council projects and – how to proceed in the future. For the next year the Obstetric Hemorrhage Project will be the focus of all Regional Quality Council.

The second objective of OBHEP is the establishment of a Rapid Response Team and Rapid Response Plan in each hospital. The MMRC will develop a standard plan for rapid Response Teams that deal with obstetric programs as a guide.

Dr. Strassner asked how long OBHEP will be in effect. The project must be completed by December 2009. When the SQC meets, each Perinatal Center will present progress on the project and one year follow-up.

Dr. Strassner referenced excellent projects on other topic presented at SQC. Each RQC will be required to focus on the project but Dr. Bigger stated that no center is prevented from proceeding or developing other project and that there has been some “cross-pollination” of projects in the past.

Dr. Strassner asked if there was a possibility of establishing a recommended amount of blood loss – not a number but a review of physiology. The definitions currently in place are from Williams (edition 1923).

Dr. Bigger said it might be possible to do a better EBL and correlate with when blood loss replacement has been estimated as the project progresses.

Discussion was held regarding weight and blood loss replacement and various current theories. Dr. Bigger said at the present time all hospitals should be reporting patient who have received 3 or more units.

When more accurate data is available, trend may be able to be established)

6. Statewide Quality Improvement CommitteeHarold Bigger

Data on Maternal Mortality will be a focus in October.

7. Neonatal Quality Improvement ProjectDenis Crouse

Dr. Crouse indicated that there has been much activity in the AAP Committee on Fetus and Newborn.

Dr. Aki Naguchi is working to get State of Illinois Level III hospitals to pool Vermont Oxford data. The task force was formed and a plan to meet face to face in the AAP meeting in September. A group was formed to work on this project.

Issues include:

- Where will data reside
- Who will have access
- Funding
- Legality of collecting data and keeping it from falling into the public’s hands
- What data will be collected

A separate committee is being formed that Dr. Gonzalez will chair that will include Neonatologists, Pediatricians, AAP nurses and a Perinatal Administrator.

IHA – Barb Haller queried about re-admission and the difficulty of obtaining data at present. A tool will be developed and the Perinatal Administrators will be involved.

Format will include monthly conference calls and two meetings a year.

Tool to start collecting data should be in place by October 1, 2008. Dr. Bigger indicated that the Federal Government tracks this data for denial of payment. Barb Haller stated there was currently no identifier to make collection simple.

Dr. Strassner asked if this should be on the agenda at the next meeting, membership agreed.

8. Re-Appointments to the Perinatal Advisory Committee

At this point most of the PAC appointments have expired. Anyone who is on the Committee should consider they are current. Applications for re-appointment will sent out. The Committee will seek new appointments. Deadline will be June 15 for distribution and return would be best by regular mail to 535 West Jefferson in Springfield. A list of open positions will be created and members may nominate for positions that need to be filled.

9. New Business

A. Discussion with the Director – Dr. Howard Strassner

Dr. Strassner had a conference call with Dr. Damon Arnold – Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. He talked to him and was joined by Marilyn Thomas, now acting Chief of Staff.

Dr. Strassner:

- Described the Perinatal Advisory Committee
- Invited Dr. Arnold to the PAC
- Updated Dr. Arnold regarding the Statewide Obstetric Hemorrhage Education Project
- The main focus was to find out the current status of the proposed Perinatal Rules and Regulations. Dr. Strassner described the process of two years of revision, presentation to various groups and discussion. One year ago PAC sent the rules forward. Dr. Arnold and Marilyn Thomas discussed the process from that date. Further information will be sought. Dr. Strassner said he hoped to have a report for August

- Medical Director position – Dr. Strassner requested a position description. The Medical Director will be for the Office of Health Promotion and be an IDPH employee responsible for the Perinatal Program, Metabolic Screening, Lead Poisoning and other areas of Health Promotion.
- The Perinatal Program Administrator’s position was discussed. Dr. Arnold sought Dr. Strassner’s input.
- Perinatal Program funding was addressed. Dr. Strassner indicated previous efforts for additional funding. There is currently an additional 1Million for Direct Perinatal Services in the IDPH budget
- Dr. Strassner complimented Maureen McBride’s work over the past 5-6 years and asked for support for the position. Ms. Thomas stated there are no additional FTE’s to support the Administrator’s position.

B. No other New Business

10. Adjournment.....Howard Strassner

A motion for adjournment was requested. J. Roger Powell motioned adjournment, Nancy Eschabach seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:11PM.