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**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PERINATAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

December 8, 2010

10:30 A.M.

**Michael Bilandic Center
160 North LaSalle Street
Room N505
Chicago, Illinois**

AGENDA

Chair: Robin L. Jones, MD

Attendees: Harold Bigger, MD, Patricia Prentice, J. Roger Powell, MD, Cynthia Wong, MD, Deborah Boyle, MD, Jerome Loew, MD, Kevin Madsen, MD, Pat Schneider, CNM, Deborah Boyle, MD,

Absent: Stacie Geller PhD, (excused), Trish O'Malley (excused)

IDPH Staff: Charlene Wells, RN, BS

I. Review and Approval of Minutes – October 6, 2010

Dr. Powell moved acceptance of the minutes of the October 6, 2010. Barb Prochnicki seconded the motion, the minutes were approved as written.

II. Directors Response to the Coroners' Letter: Dr. Arnold has approved the content. Charlene Wells will discuss the vehicle to send the letter out to coroners and will facilitate the process with Pat Prentice .

III. Amnesty International Chicago Community Event: Kevin Madsen, MD was on a panel of speakers that discussed the issues around the increased numbers of maternal deaths in underprivileged communities. He had dialogue with

community activists that were well aware of the effects of diet, poverty, drugs, non-compliance and access to care issues.

Dr. Madsen explained all of the current processes in place in Illinois to be sure that maternal deaths are reported, reviewed and processes for looking for ways to improve care. Attendees and the sponsor were pleased to hear of the efforts of the OBHEP, the 24 hour notification form and especially the fact that morbidities that are common issues in maternal death are being reported by all birthing hospitals in Illinois.

III. Competency for the OB Hemorrhage

Dr. Robin Jones discussed the fact that the project has been in effect for over one year. It is necessary to form a workgroup to address the development of a competency to meet the requirements of Dr. Arnold's letter of June 18, 2010 that states that a 10-15 minute competency will be developed for use by all birthing hospitals

The University of Illinois is presently assembling data from the pre and post benchmark assessments. The competency will address this data

The workgroup group does not have to be members of the MMRC. The workgroup will be formed and a draft presented at the April 6, 2011 meeting

IV. Vacancies: Dr. Melone, Shirley Scott have offered to fill the vacancies left by the retirement of Louise Simonson and relocation of Dr. Sarah Kilpatrick. Additional Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialists have voiced interest about joining the MMRC. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. New Business : Mark Flowtow's Department of Health Statistics continues to log hemorrhage cases as causes of maternal deaths. 2010 preliminary statistics indicate fewer hemorrhages listed as causes of death. He inquired about national averages.

VI. Card for Trish O'Malley : Get well wishes are sent from the MMRC to Trish O'Malley.

Closed Session: Moved at 1115 by Pat Prentice, seconded by Jerome Loew, unanimously accepted

Session opened at 1:12 pm

Motion for Adjournment at 1:12 pm