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

October 5, 2011

10:30 A.M.

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

Minutes

Chair: Robin L. Jones, MD

**Present: Harold Bigger, Shirley Scott, Stacie Geller, Jerome Loew, Patricia Prentice
J. Roger Powell, Cynthia Wong, Barbara Prochnicki, Michael Leonardi, Judith Hibbard,
Paula Melone**

Excused: Trish O'Malley, Kevin Madsen, Pat Schneider

Absent: John Gianopolous, Deborah Boyle

IDPH Staff: Charlene Wells

Guests: Megan Twohey – Chicago Tribune.

1. Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. Michael Leonardi was welcomed to the MMRC

2. Review and Approval of Minutes- June 8, 201:

J. Roger Powell moved approval – and Cynthia Wong seconded. The minutes were approved with the addition of absentees.

3. **OBHEP Data Analysis update:**

Stacie Geller discussed the need for data for the papers to allow for concrete. Hal Bigger gave a program to Nancy Martin to allow data entry from the MMR forms. The MMRC has no data plans. Nancy has been forthcoming with the data regarding the number of cases, causes of death and factors. The Perinatal Program has no additional funding to provide analysis of data from MMR's completed at the Perinatal Center level and Case Assessments containing the results of MMMRC reviews. A letter recommending assistance for data collection will be taken to the PAC. Dr. Wong stated she would have a fellow to assist in this process if approved by PAC.

A workgroup already exists that can address this issue if funds are approved.

The Case Assessment will need to be used as a communication tool to the original hospitals as well as a statistical tool for the State of Illinois.

The request to the Perinatal Advisory Committee will include the services of a graduate student at 20 hours/week for a total of \$15,000.

The workgroup will provide a review of this meeting and formalize the request.

The workgroup will convene in the near future to activate this plan.

4. **Use of Ex-Officio Members**

Indirect cases need to be reviewed. There is concern about the time required to research cases where the conditions for maternal death are unsure. Stacie Geller indicated that efforts should be made to ascertain the facts in such cases as the implications and recommendations can be significant.

Indirect cases will be reviewed in June 2012. A work group including Jerome Loew and Charlene Wells will identify and make requests for ex-officio members.

5. **New Business**

The Grantees met yesterday and discussed the time required to research questionable maternal deaths. IDPH through Nancy Martin has done a great job finding more maternal deaths, through her research. Many of these are drug overdoses, homicides, and suicides and required many resources from the Perinatal Centers at a time when resources are stretched.

Members suggested that Nancy Martin provide information on who signed the death certificate to streamline the process. A standardized investigative process needs to be developed to research these cases. The workgroup on indirect causes will propose a format.

6. **MMRC Case Review and Recommendations:**

A motion to close the MMRC was made by Roger Powell and seconded by Barb Prochnicki. Dr. Bigger discussed the closure for professional performance and case analysis.

Shirley Scott provided an update regarding the data set work from the regarding the post education benchmark assessment

Members discussed the validity of the data. The competency list of questions should provide validity for previous assessments. Tests can be analyzed by network.

Case analysis was held

At 1259 J. Roger Powell moved to open the meeting. Harold Bigger seconded, the meeting was opened.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Prentice and seconded by Cynthia Wong.

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.