

Hospital Designation Sub-Committee
December 8th, 2011
160 N. LaSalle, 5th floor, 505
9:30 – 12 noon

Facilities Designation Sub-Committee attendee's:

Dennis Crouse, MD, , Barbara Prochnicki, RN, Urmil Chaudry, MD, Ray Spooner, CNM, Hal Bigger, MD, Lenny Gibeault, Edward Hirsch, MD, Roger Powell MD, Howard Strassner, MD, David Crane, Janet Albers, MD, Cathy Gray RN,MBA (Chair)

IDPH staff: Tom Schafer

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the chair, Cathy Gray – a welcome was extended and introductions were completed
- The chair asked for any additional items to be placed on the agenda and the following were submitted:
 - a. Anesthesia coverage for level III perinatal institutions
 - b. Carle Foundation Hospital's request to change from Springfield network to the Peoria network
- The minutes from the October 6th meeting were reviewed/approved with a motion from Edward Hirsch, MD and seconded by Barbara Prochnicki
- The meeting was closed at 9:40am to discuss the materials presented by St. Alexis Hospital after an 18 month change in designation from level II with extended neonatal capabilities to a level III perinatal institution
- The meeting was opened at 10:20am by a motion from Roger Powell, MD and Barbara Prochnicki. A recommendation was made that St. Alexis was compliant with all of the rules and regulations for a level III perinatal institution and should continue functioning as a level III within the Rockford Perinatal Network. The vote was unanimous to approve with two abstentions.
- The work plan for committee was reviewed noting that:
 - a) the follow-up site visit for Carle Foundation Hospitals was scheduled for 5/9/2012
 - b) St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, IN requested to be designated as a Level III perinatal hospitals in Illinois – a motion was made by Howard Strassner, MD and seconded by Roger Powell, MD to develop a workgroup to “Consider requests from out-of-state hospitals to join the Illinois Perinatal Program and develop guidelines for the process” – the motion was unanimously approved
 - c) Advocate South Suburban Hospital has submitted a request to IDPH for a change in designation from level II perinatal institution to a level II with extended neonatal capabilities, (expected before the committee 6/2012)

- d) Elmhurst Hospital's request for change in designation to level II with extended neonatal capabilities has currently been placed on hold

- New business;
 - a) Anesthesia coverage in level III perinatal institutions – at several site visits, various modes of anesthesia coverage for the perinatal level III facilities were identified. The committee was asked by IDPH to make some recommendations concerning this matter – after several minutes of discussion, the committee decided they needed more information as to standards from the professional society and would present information at next committee meeting
 - b) Carle Foundation Hospital change in network request – it was identified that the administration from Carle Foundation Hospital had not met with the Illinois Perinatal Program Administrator, Charlene Wells – it was decided to hold this request until after Charlene's meeting with Carle Foundation Hospital

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am by a motion from Roger Powell, MD and with the next scheduled meeting for 2/9/2012 at the Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, 9th floor, room 034