Chair: Robin L. Jones, MD

Attendees: Pat Schneider, Cynthia Wong, Pat Prentice, Shirley Scott, Paula Melone, Kevin Madsen, J. Roger Powell, Pat Schneider, Stacie Geller, Trish O’Malley, Judith Hibbard, Harold Bigger, Barb Prochnicki

Absent: Jerome Loew, Deborah Boyle, Michael Leonardi, Robert Gessner (all excused)

IDPH Staff: Charlene Wells

Agenda:

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes- June 13, 2012**- The minutes were reviewed. J Roger Powell motioned approved, Pat Schneider seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

2. **Direct Causes of Death Review 2002-2011:**
   Nancy Martin prepared a report of 597 cases reviewed between 2002 and 2011
   Direct Causes 111, Hemorrhage 27 Direct Causes 24%
   Jehovah Witness cases are increasing.
   Dr. Cynthia Wong indicated that Northwestern had an educational program to update those who care for Jehovah’s Witness patients and will share it with the MMRC.

   The MMRC requested that Nancy Martin attend the December meeting to address the statistics including:
   - Total Maternal Deaths
   - Total Reviewed 1st Completed
   - Breakout of Regions
   - Total number of live births
   - Total of indirect causes
   - Total of Jehovah Witness cases
   - Look at number of hemorrhages 2009 -2010-2011
The statistics were reviewed and improvement in hemorrhage data was noted. The MMRC felt the need for additional data. The MMRC thanked Nancy Martin for her work with the data and will invite her to the December meeting.

3. **Obesity Workgroup Update:** Statistics for weights since they began collection in 2007 were shared and Dr. Boyle and Michelle Kokaguard. Further information will follow.

4. **CDC/AMCHP Maternal Mortality Review Initiative**
Dr Robin L. Jones, Dr Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Glendean Sisk are attending a program to address the need for national standards for maternal mortality committees in Atlanta in November. A report will be presented in December. Items to be discussed with include the structure, costs, formats and legislative involvement in the process.

5. **Need for Complete Records –**
After presentation to the PAC in June, the MMRC revised the checklist and established guidelines for chart preparation and mailing to IDPH per the Maternal Death Review Act.

The checklist was finalized and will be presented to Mark Flotow and a letter sent to all Directors of Maternal Child Services in Illinois birthing hospitals with a change in procedure as follows:
- Notifications will be sent to the Director of Maternal Child Services not Medical Records
- The Director of Maternal Child Services or designee will assure that the chart components are in place, that they are in order, are legible and are able to be viewed and abstracted by section
- The Director of Maternal Child Services will sign and approve the mailing within 30 days of the death

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

Harold Bigger made a motion to close the meeting, Stacie Geller seconded. The meeting was closed at 11:16 am.

J Roger Powell motioned to open the meeting at 1:18 pm, Barb Prochnicki seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm