Facilities Designation Sub-Committee attendee’s:
Dennis Crouse, MD, Ray Spooner, CNM, Hal Bigger, MD, Edward Hirsch, MD, Roger Powell MD, Howard Strassner, MD, David Crane, Janet Albers, MD, Barbara Prochnicki, RN, Don Taylor, DO, Urmil Chaudry, MD, Cathy Gray RN,MBA (Chair)

IDPH staff: Charlene Wells, RN, BSN, Tom Schafer

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:42am by the chair, Cathy Gray – the minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee by a motion presented by Ed Hirsch, MD and seconded Barbara Prochnicki

2. Cathy asked if there were any agenda items to be added to the agenda and Dennis Crouse, MD asked that the MOD Initiatives be added to the agenda under new business

3. The meeting was closed at 9:50am by a motion from Hal Bigger, MD seconded by Dennis Crouse, MD in order to discuss materials presented by Elmhurst Hospitals – they are requesting to move from a level II perinatal facility to a Level II with extended neonatal capabilities

4. The meeting was opened at 10:45am by a motion from Ed Hirsch, MD, seconded by Barbara Prochnicki – the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Department that Elmhurst Hospital be granted Level II with extended neonatal capabilities perinatal designation – this will be presented to the PAC

5. The work plan was presented and discussed with no new updates
6. There was a follow-up report on HB 4593 from Hal Bigger, MD, stating that the bill was not moving forward at this time. On the day of the hearing, there were several slips submitted “not supporting” the bill and Representative Bullock is planning to meet with representative from both side to re-evaluate the issue

7. The Chair will be retiring in December and asked for volunteers to assist in the process to replace the position – a motion was presented by Howard Strassner, MD and seconded by Ed Hirsch, MD stating “Recommend the development of a nominating committee, per Roberts Rules, to develop a slate of candidates for Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. Roger Powell, MD and Ed Hirsch, MD volunteered to be on the committee

8. Dennis Crouse, MD presented the 2 initiatives from MOD, “Antenatal Steroids” and “Right Place, Right Time” – the MOD is asking suggestions as to which initiative would be the next statewide project. This agenda item is also on the PAC agenda and will be discussed at length at that meeting.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon by a motion from Ed Hirsch, MD and seconded by Dennis Crouse, MD