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Hospital Designation Sub-Committee
October 10, 2013
Michael Bilandic Building – 5th floor – Room 502
9:30 – 12:30
MINUTES

Facilities Designation Sub-Committee attendee's:

Dennis Crouse, MD, Ed Hirsch, MD, Howard Strassner, MD, Hal Bigger, MD, Barbara Prochnicki, Ray Spooner, Lenny Gibeault, Urmila Chaudhry, MD, Cindy Mitchell, RN,BSN, MSHL (Chair)

Absent: Don Taylor, DO, Janet Albers, MD, Roger Powell, MD

IDPH staff: Charlene Wells, RN, BS, Brenda Jones, DHSc, RN, MSN, WHNP-BC

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:36am by Cindy Mitchell – June 13th meeting minutes reviewed. Motion to accept with corrections was put forward by Dennis Crouse, MD and seconded by Howard Strassner, MD with unanimous approval
2. The chair called for additional items to be added to the agenda – no new agenda items added.
3. **St. Alexius Hospital:** Committee reviewed materials from St. Alexius' May 1, 2013 site visit and a letter of support sent by Loyola Perinatal Center Co-Directors. Discussions regarding St. Alexius changing perinatal network from Rockford Perinatal Center to Loyola Perinatal Center ~ Members from St. Alexius Hospital, Rockford Perinatal Center, and Loyola Perinatal Center present for discussions.

Motion: The committee recommends to PAC to approve the network change for St. Alexius to move from the Rockford Perinatal Center to the Loyola Perinatal Center

Ed Hirsch, MD, presented the motion, Howard Strassner, MD seconded – the vote was 8 yes, 0 nay and 1 abstentions.

4. **Silver Cross Hospital:** Committee reviewed materials from Silver Cross' September 5, 2013 site visit. Silver Cross has requested to increase level

designation from Level II Perinatal Facility to a Level II with Extended Neonatal Capabilities. Members from Silver Cross Hospital and their Administrative Perinatal Center (APC) were present at the meeting. Committee's questions were answered during discussions with Silver Cross Hospital and their APC.

Motion: The committee recommends to PAC to approve Silver Cross Hospital to increase from a Level II Perinatal Facility to a Level II with Extended Neonatal Capabilities with a follow up site visit in 18 months.

Dennis Crouse, MD, presented the motion; Barb Prochnicki seconded ~ the vote was 8 yes, 0 nay and 1 abstentions.

5. The work plan was reviewed:

Centegra (network change) was removed from the work plan.

Northwest Community: following the committee's recommendation in June to have Northwest Community's Level III status rescinded the Director of IDPH sent a letter to Northwest Community that the decision to rescind this status will be based on the findings at the October 29, 2013 scheduled site visit. Findings of the upcoming site visit will be discussed at the December 12, 2013 meeting.

"Out-of State" Hospital: Brenda will follow up with IDPH legal to see if this is something that Administrative Perinatal Centers have to agree to take on due to limited resources already for the in-state hospitals.

6. Physician Assistant (PA) Coverage in Nursery: Rules reviewed and currently the only midlevel provider addressed in the code is APN. Per Code 640 definitions ~

"Advanced Practice Nurse" or "APN" means a person who has met the qualifications for a certified nurse midwife (CNM); certified nurse practitioner (CNP); certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); or a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and has been licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Committee discussions ~ currently in the rule the role of PA is not addressed as a discipline that can provide in house coverage while an infant is on assisted ventilation ~ however there may be other opportunities for PA's use in nurseries.

7. Maternal Component for Level II with Extended Neonatal Capabilities: As APC's start renegotiating Letters of Agreement ~ Committee was asked to clarify if the maternal component that should be included in the Letter of Agreement.

Committee discussion was that there is no blanket statement for maternal patients less than 32 week gestation be kept at Level IIE without consultation of MFM at a Level III center. However, exceptions can be spelled out in detail in Letters of Agreement; if the Hospital and APC agree copy of agreement sent to IDPH for approval.

8. Next scheduled meeting ~ **December 12, 2013** ~ 9:30 – 12:30
Bilandic Building ~ 5th floor ~ Room 502