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**Hospital Designation Sub-Committee
December 12, 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, , Ray Spooner, Roger Powell, MD, , Cindy Mitchell, RN,BSN, MSHL (Chair)

Absent: Don Taylor, DO, Janet Albers, MD, Lenny Gibeault, Barbara Prochnicki, Urmila Chaudhry, MD

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by Cindy Mitchell – October 10, 2013 meeting minutes reviewed. Motion to accept was put forward by Roger Powell, MD and seconded by Ray Spooner with unanimous approval.
2. The chair called for additional items to be added to the agenda – New Business item brought forth: **Silver Cross Hospital** requesting to have exception in place allowing for pregnant women down to 30 weeks gestation remain at their facility. Discussions for this exception took place. Since Facilities had just recommended Silver Cross Hospital become a Level II+ at the October 10, 2013 meeting it was felt sufficient time has not passed to approve all women 30 weeks and greater remain at Silver Cross that MFM consultation process should still be done.

Motion: The committee recommends to PAC to deny the request by Silver Cross Hospital the exception to keep maternal patients down to 30 weeks gestation.

Howard Strassner, MD, presented the motion, Roger Powell, MD seconded – the vote was unanimous.

3. **Advocate Trinity Hospital:** Committee reviewed materials from Advocate Trinity's August 21, 2013 site visit. Advocate Trinity has requested to increase level designation from Level II Perinatal Facility to a Level II with Extended Neonatal Capabilities. Members from Advocate Trinity Hospital and their

Administrative Perinatal Center (APC) were present at the meeting. Committee's questions were answered during discussions with Advocate Trinity Hospital and their APC.

Motion: The committee recommends to PAC to approve Advocate Trinity 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.

Howard Strassner, MD, presented the motion; Ray Spooner seconded ~ the vote was unanimous.

4. The work plan was reviewed:

Northwest Community: Findings and recommendations of the October 29, 2013 site visit were discussed. Northwest Community was granted 90 days to comply with recommendations made at the site visit. Committee will be updated at the next meeting on the status of follow through with recommendations.

St. Joseph Hospital, Chicago, their 18 month follow-up site visit has been completed. **St. Alexius Hospital** change in network affiliation has been completed. Both have been removed from the work plan.

Silver Cross Hospital and **Advocate Trinity Hospital** have 18 month follow-up site visits pending.

Mercy Hospital & Medical Center preparing for increasing to Level III status with their site visit scheduled Fall 2014.

5. Discussions regarding restructuring of the site visit process to make it more quality focused and streamlined. Grantee's have a site visit reform task force that has been looking at the site visit process and have identified ways to improve. Task force is looking at site visit team make up for all levels of care and also for instances when hospitals are asking to increase their level designation. Task force would like MMRC to identify maternal complications to add to Appendix A similar to what is in place for neonatal complications. The task force recommends moving the quality section of the process to the beginning just after review of Appendix A. Credentials are included on bio sketches for required resources; therefore the credential tab can be eliminated. Some of the topics identified will require changes to the Administrative Code 640 appendices when they are opened.

Next scheduled meeting ~ **February 13, 2014** ~ 9:30 – 12:30
James R. Thompson Center ~ 9th floor ~ Room 031