Facilities Designation Sub-Committee attendee’s:
Dennis Crouse, MD, Roger Powell MD, Howard Strassner, MD, Hal Bigger, MD, Barbara Prochnicki (phone), Ray Spooner, Lenny Gibeault, Urmil Chaudry, MD, Cathy Gray RN, MBA (Chair)

Absent: Ed Hirsh, MD, Don Taylor, DO, Janet Albers, MD

IDPH staff: Charlene Wells, RN, BS, Brenda Jones

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Cathy Gray, RN, MBA – the minutes from the April 14th meeting was reviewed and a motion to accept was put forward by Dennis Crouse, MD and seconded by Hal Bigger, MD with unanimous approval

2. The chair called for additional items to be added to the agenda – a report from the Statewide Quality Council was added

3. The materials provided by Northwest Community Hospital (NWC) were reviewed by the committee – the committee requested the leadership at NWC to clarify some issues concerning the continued pattern of transferring out neonates who required surgery – representatives from the Northwestern Perinatal Center also provided information concerning the resources available at NWC – 8 neonatal surgeries were completed at NWC including 1 inguinal hernia, 3 PDA repairs and 4 central lines were placed – 16 neonates were transferred out for surgical services including, but not limited to, imperforate anus, bowel obstruction, NEC, line placement and gastroschisis. The meeting was closed at 10:30am to discuss the issues and reopened at 10:55am. The following motion was presented by Hal Bigger and seconded by Urmil Chaudry, MD:

MOTION:
The committee recommends to IDPH that the Level III perinatal designation for Northwest Community Hospital be rescinded due to their inability to provide basic surgical services on-site – the votes was 9 yes, 0 nay and 0 abstentions

4. The work plan was reviewed and Charlene asked that Mercy Hospital and Medical Center be removed until the re-submit a letter of intent to move from a Level II with extended neonatal capabilities to a Level III perinatal institution

5. The final draft application for “Out-of State” Hospital to join the Illinois Perinatal Program was presented to the committee – it outlined the both process and materials required for non-Illinois hospital to complete. It included a recommendation for a yearly
charge, the amount to be further discussed. The following motion was presented by Howard Strassner, MD and seconded by Dennis Crouse, MD:

**MOTION:**
The committee recommends that the draft application for “Out-of-State” Hospitals to join the Illinois Perinatal Program be forwarded to IDPH for their review – the vote was 9 yes, 0 nay and 0 abstentions

6. Hal Bigger reported that the Statewide Quality Council will be developing a task force to look at neonatal outcomes by levels of care – he asked for volunteers

7. Due to the lack of agenda items for the August meeting, the next scheduled meeting for the committee will be October 10th, 2013 at 9:30am, Bilandic Building, 5th floor, room 502. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.