

State Task Force on Data Collection for Levels of Care
Minutes
Meeting 1/14/2014

1. Introductions of those in attendance and on the phone.
2. The charter of the task force was reviewed. Dr. deRegnier distributed copies of a “Comparison of Illinois Current Levels and AAP Recommendations 2012”. The charge of this task force is to determine the best method to assess neonatal outcomes based on hospital level of care and volume.
3. Julia Howland presented 2012 data gathered from the EBC’s regarding the number of births in weight categories and gestational age. Much discussion ensued regarding late presentations, expectation of length of stay at admission, consultations and geographic resource challenges downstate. Pat Prentice (Rush) suggested analyzing the data by zip code. Julia will prepare data for the next meeting by zip codes.
The data does not explain why the smaller babies were born at level 2 or 2+ hospitals so more in depth data collection may be necessary if possible. Discussion about which data is needed to best determine outcomes and where it is available.
4. Steve Locher (IMMC) distributed the resource requirements for a level 2+ and 3 and discussed the differences.
5. Suggested that all look at the California study to assist in decision making regarding data collection. The College of Surgeons have issued a policy statement regarding surgical levels of care and resources. It is often difficult to assign mortality due to multiple diagnoses when dealing with rare congenital complex disorders. Dr. Fitzgerald (DuPage) suggested looking at best practices and which model has the best outcomes.
6. Dr deRegnier will email copies of the California study and the surgical white paper.

Respectfully submitted,
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