

**Perinatal Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 04, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

**Brown-Heatly Building Public Hearing Room
4900 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78751**

Table 1: Perinatal Advisory Council member attendance at the Monday, April 04, 2017 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Dr. Cynthia Blanco	X		Ms. Maureen Padilla, RN	X	
Dr. Emily Briggs	X		Dr. Sanjay Patel	X	
Dr. Frank Cho	X		Ms. Sandra Rivers, RN	X	
Ms. Barbara Greer, RN		X	Dr. George Saade		X
Dr. Charleta Guillory	X		Dr. Michael Speer	X	
Mr. Allen Harrison	X		Dr. Michael Stanley	X	
Dr. John Harvey	X		Dr. Eugene Toy	X	
Dr. Lisa Hollier		X	Mr. Steve Woerner		X
Dr. Alyssa Molina	X		Dr. Elly Xenakis	X	

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Dr. Eugene Toy called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call and Meeting Logistics

Ms. Stephanie Gutierrez conducted roll call and noted there was a quorum. Ms. Gutierrez read meeting logistics.

Agenda Item 3: Welcome by Chair and approval of minutes from January 24, 2017 meeting

Dr. Toy requested a motion to approve the January 24, 2017 minutes. Dr. John Harvey motioned to accept with Mr. Allen Harrison seconding the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously. The motion carried to approve the January 24, 2017 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. John Harvey

SECOND: Mr. Allen Harrison

Agenda Item 4: Updates from Perinatal Advisory Council Chair

Dr. Toy turned the floor over to Mr. David Williams. Mr. Williams reminded the Council that a majority of the time needs to be focused on reviewing the guidelines from the Center of Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy, since the rule making process must start as soon as possible. Mr. Williams turned the floor over to Dr. Stanley. Dr. Stanley read the letter for the record addressed to Dr. David Weisoly from Dr. Kristi Watterburg regarding her response to his request. Dr. Stanley read for the record the way he thought the rule ought to be written for Level 3 Neonatal Designated Facility.

The Council and the State had discussion and opened the item up to public comment.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion on Recommendations from Centers of Excellence for Fetal Diagnostics and Therapy (CEFDT) subcommittee

Dr. Toy turned the floor over to Dr. Emily Briggs. Dr. Briggs commended Dr. Frank Cho for the excellent work he has done with the subcommittee. Dr. Briggs turned the floor over to Dr. Cho.

Dr. Cho thanked the subcommittee for their participation. Dr. Cho referred to the PowerPoint and handout titled, *Center of Excellence for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy Subcommittee Summary Report* from which he read verbatim to the Council. Dr. Cho then covered line by line of the HB2131 recommendation, the proposed rules, with the Council. Dr. Cho referred to the PowerPoint and handout titled, *Center of Excellence for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy Subcommittee (HB2131) Proposed Rules*.

The Council discussed several edits to the language for Dr. Cho to include in the recommendation.

Agenda Item 6: Lunch

Agenda Item 7: Continued discussion on CEFDT Recommendations

Dr. Briggs reconvened the meeting and turned the floor over to Dr. Cho. Dr. Cho covered line by line of the HB2131 recommendation from the CEFDT Subcommittee with the Council. Dr. Cho referred to the PowerPoint and handout titled, *Center of Excellence for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy Subcommittee (HB2131) Proposed Rules*.

The Council discussed several edits to the language for Dr. Cho to include in the recommendation.

Agenda Item 8: Updates from Department of State Health Services

Dr. Toy turned the floor over to Ms. Elizabeth Stevenson. Ms. Stevenson informed the Council that her office has received 10 applications for Neonatal designation. The State has initiated the recommendation process for designation to the Executive Commissioner which means in the next few weeks hospitals should start receiving their designation. The State has received levels 1, 3, & 4 applications.

The rules adoption has changed. There are now, Rule Notification Forms (RNFs) that need to be submitted.

The State announced the hiring of a second designation coordinator. Currently, the State is under a hiring freeze but several waivers have been submitted.

Agenda Item 9: Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 10: Health and Human Services Commission Announcements

a. Member Rotation per House Bill 15, 83rd Texas Legislature (regular session)

HB15 that established the Perinatal Council states that after three years, five or six positions will be rotated. Existing members are welcomed to apply. However, Executive Leadership directed the PAC to suspend this activity until after session.

b. Dates, times, and location of remaining 2017 meetings

The final of the three meetings of the first half of the year is May 16, 2017. For the second half of the year meetings will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 and Monday, November the 20, 2017. If more meetings need to be schedule that can be done at a later time.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

Dr. Toy adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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