

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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Patient Safety Authority

February 10, 2003

Board Members:

Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairperson, Pennsylvania
Physician General - Absent
Joan M. Garzarelli, MSN
Patricia Clancy Kienle, R.Ph.
Lorina L. Marshall-Blake - Absent
Danae Powers, M.D.
Stanton N. Smullens, M.D.
Nathan J. Zuckerman, M.D.
Cliff Rieders, Esquire
Howard F. Messer, Esquire - Absent
Anita Fuhrman, R.N.
The Hon. Mary Ann Dailey

Authority Personnel:

Alan B.K. Rabinowitz, Board Administrator
John T. Henderson, Jr., Esquire, Counsel
Erin E. Verano, Esquire, Contracts Attorney

Also Present:

Dick Lee, Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance,
Department of Health
Cheryl Adams, Department of Health
Sandra Knoble, Department of Health
Ann DiMico, Department of Health
Daniel J. Glunk, M.D., Pennsylvania Medical Society
John R. Combes, M.D., Senior Medical Advisor, The
Hospital & Healthsystem Association of
Pennsylvania
Terry Heyman, Esquire, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers
Association

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Patient Safety Authority
Meeting of February 10, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Monday, February 10, 2003. Stanton N. Smullens, M.D., Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on behalf of Robert S. Muscalus, D.O.

[Anita Fuhrman, R.N. was introduced and welcomed by the Board.]

Approval of Minutes of the January 13, 2003, meeting
DR. ZUCKERMAN:

I move to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2003, meeting.

DR. POWERS:

Second.

DR. SMULLENS:

Any discussion? All those in favor?
Opposed?

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 Report of Board Vice-Chair

3 [Stanton H. Smullens, M.D. addressed the Board at 9:37
4 a.m. to report that the National Patient Safety
5 Congress conference will be held March 12-15, 2003, in
6 Washington, D.C. He encouraged all to contemplate
7 attending this event that will take place during
8 National Patient Safety Awareness week.]

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10 [John T. Henderson, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Department
11 of State, addressed the Board at 9:40 a.m. to provide
12 an analysis concerning state owned and operated
13 psychiatric hospitals, noting that such facilities
14 are excluded from the MCARE Act. He reported there
15 are ongoing discussions with the Department of Public
16 Welfare regarding voluntary compliance with the
17 "reporting mechanisms."]

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19 [The Honorable Mary Ann Dailey entered the meeting at
20 9:43 a.m.]

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22 Report of Board Administrator

23 [Alan B. K. Rabinowitz addressed the Board at 9:44

1 a.m. to introduce Sharon Hutton who will be serving as
2 the Authority's administrative assistant. Mr.
3 Rabinowitz noted that the development of a contract
4 with CAI, Computer Aid, Incorporated, who will be
5 writing the RFP, is moving forward. He also reported
6 he had received numerous calls for information
7 concerning the Authority. Mr. Rabinowitz also noted
8 the Board will need to begin thinking about the input
9 it desires to provide to the Department of Health
10 concerning next year's assessments of the three
11 entities that are subject to Act 13.]

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13 [Cliff Rieders, Esquire addressed the Board to suggest
14 that a "unified" public statement be issued to inform
15 citizens how the Authority is currently dealing with
16 complaints/concerns that it receives along with the
17 reporting requirements/procedures that are in place.
18 Mr. Rabinowitz noted he would draft such a statement.]

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20 Appointment

21 [Dick Lee, Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance,
22 Department of Health, along with Cheryl Adams, Sandra
23 Knoble and Ann DiMico, met with the Board at 9:59 a.m.

1 to provide an update concerning the status of the
2 implementation of Act 13, to report on The National
3 Quality Forum's efforts with regard to patient safety
4 plans/patient data reporting and to provide an update
5 concerning the electronic reporting requirements and
6 results of Chapter 51 since September 9, 2002.]

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8 [Recess from 10:52 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.]

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10 [John T. Henderson, Jr., Esquire addressed the Board
11 at 11:07 a.m. to provide an update concerning the
12 State Board of Medicine and State Board of Osteopathic
13 Medicine's experiences in dealing with Act 13. Mr.
14 Henderson opined it is the Department's belief that
15 there is significant under-reporting due to the fact
16 that as of the end of January 2003 a total of 386
17 notifications have been received by both Boards in
18 comparison to the preliminary number of 4,000 it
19 anticipated receiving by this time. He noted that the
20 Department is in the process of receiving
21 information/data from the insurance industry and
22 Department of Insurance to determine the extent of the
23 under-reporting.]

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2 Public Presentations

3 [Daniel J. Glunk, M.D., met with the Board at 11:15
4 a.m. to present a slide presentation that provided an
5 overview of the Pennsylvania Medical Society's
6 knowledge and experience it has acquired concerning
7 patient safety over the past few years.]

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9 [John R. Combes, M.D., HAP Senior Medical Advisor, met
10 with the Board at 11:37 a.m. to present the views of
11 The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of
12 Pennsylvania (HAP) concerning what it feels are
13 essential concepts as the Authority develops and
14 issues an RFP.]

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16 [Terry Heyman, Esquire, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers
17 Association, addressed the Board at 11:53 a.m. to
18 emphasize the need to implement a broad-based database
19 for the purpose of finding and analyzing systemic
20 errors within hospitals.]

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22 Adjournment

23 DR. ZUCKERMAN:

1 I move to adjourn.

2 DR. POWERS:

3 Second.

4 DR. SMULLENS:

5 Any discussion? All in favor?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [The meeting was adjourned 12:04 p.m.]

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21 Tim Wagner,
22 Minute Clerk,
23 York Stenographic Services

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				9:35		0015		Call to Order, Stanton N. Smullens, M.D., Vice-Chair																		
				9:37		0123		Approval of Minutes of the January 13, 2003, meeting																		
				9:37		0155		Report of Vice-Chairman, Stanton N. Smullens, M.D.																		
				9:44		0545		Report of Board Administrator, Alan B.K. Rabinowitz																		
				10:00		1443		Appointment - Dick Lee, Deputy Secretary for Quality Assurance, Department of Health																		
				10:52 to				Recess																		
				11:14		6098		Public Presentations																		
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