

**MINUTES**

MEETING OF:

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

TIME: 9:31 A.M.

C. TED LICK WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER  
HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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**Board members present:**

Robert Muscalus, D.O., Pennsylvania Physician General  
Lorina Marshall-Blake  
The Honorable Mary Ann Dailey  
Joan Garzarelli, M.S.N.  
Patricia Clancy Kienle, R.P.H.  
S. Marc Land, Esquire  
Danae Powers, M.D.  
Cliff Rieders, Esquire  
Stanton Smullens, M.D.  
Nathan Zuckerman, M.D.

**Board members absent:**

Howard Messer, Esquire

**Staff present:**

Sallie Rodgers, Assistant Counsel, Department of Public Welfare  
Bridget Racis, Executive Secretary, Office of Physician General  
Amanda Smolock, Intern, Office of Physician General

**Public present:**

Christopher Daly, M.D., Medical Director, KePRO  
Donald Harrop, M.D.  
Paula Bussard, Senior Vice President, HAP  
Melissa Speck, Director, Policy, HAP  
Jeffrey Greenawalt, Director, Educational and Scientific Affairs, PMS  
Lori Gutierrez, Policy Analyst, PHC4  
Catherine Wilson, Associate Director, Policy, PMS  
Mario Lanni, Executive Director, POMA

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The first scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2002 at the C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference Center, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairman.

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Following introductory comments by Dr. Muscalus, Board members were sworn in by Secretary of State, C. Michael Weaver.

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Following the swearing in ceremony, all board members introduced themselves and provided a brief background of their professional experience.

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Sallie Rodgers, Assistant Counsel for the Department of Public Welfare, provided an overview of Act 13. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes as Attachment No. 1.

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James P. Bagian, M.D., Director for the Veterans Administration's National Center for Patient Safety addressed the Board regarding the Veterans Administration's approach to patient safety. A copy of Dr. Bagian's PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes as Attachment No. 2.

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After meeting in Executive Session, the Board reconvened in public session at 3:45 p.m.

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### **Approval of By-laws**

A motion to adopt the by-laws as edited was made by Dr. Smullens and seconded by Ms. Kienle. The motion carried. Mr. Rieders voted no because of Article 9, No. 2 and not because of any other changes. Dr. Powers abstained.

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A motion was made by Dr. Powers to authorize the Authority to spend up to \$250,000 to hire staff and establish an office. This was seconded by Dr. Zuckerman. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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A motion was made by Mr. Rieders requesting a review by the Ethics Commission to determine whether or not Board members are included within the Ethics Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smullens. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Dr. Muscalus commented that a number of businesses have expressed an interest in being considered as the contractor for the Patient Safety Authority. Letters were sent to all of them with specific questions, essentially paralleling the requirements of the contractor as defined in the Act. Based upon a review of the information submitted by these companies, a committee was established to review this information and to make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether or not the Board should consider moving forward with an RFP or whether or not there is a basis to consider a sole source contract. Members of this committee include: Joan M. Garzarelli, M.S.N.; S. Marc Land, Esquire; Cliff Rieders, Esquire; and Stanton Smullens, M.D.

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A motion was made by Mr. Rieders and seconded by Dr. Smullens that the Patient Safety Authority request a letter from the Department of State regarding the extent of liability coverage provided for Board members in carrying out their duties for the Patient Safety Authority. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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### **Future meetings**

The next meeting of the Patient Safety Authority is scheduled for August 13, 2002. Future dates include September 10, October 8, and November 11, 2002. The August 13, 2002 meeting will be held at the Wildwood Conference Center of the Harrisburg Area Community College beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.