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MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

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TIME: 10:05 A.M.

DATE: April 27, 2010

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
Public Meeting
April 27, 2010

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of March, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. PA-PSRS Update
 - Leveraging Health Care Policy Changes to Decrease Hospital 30-Day Readmission Rates - Cynthia Lacker RN, MS, LNCC, CPHRM, Patient Safety Analyst
 - Review of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Advisory, Volume 6, CY 2009 - Jesse Munn, Advisory Production Editor
- VI. Old Business
 - PSL Program Vision – Franchesca J. Charney, RN, BS, MSHA, CPHRM, CPHQ, CPSO, FASHRM, Director of Educational Programs
- VII. New Business
 - Potential Impact of Health Care Legislation on Authority Strategic Planning – Barbara Holland ESQ
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

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Patient Safety Authority

April 27, 2010

- Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair
- Stanton Smullens, M.D.
- Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.
- Anita Fuhrman, R.N., B.S. (absent)
- Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (phone)
- Cliff Rieders, Esquire
- Lorina Marshall-Blake (phone)
- Marshall W. Webster, M.D.
- Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire (absent)
- Terry S. Hyman, Esquire

Also Present:

- Mike Doering, Executive Director
- Barbara Holland, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Laurene Baker, Communications Director
- Teresa Plesce, Administrative Assistant
- Fran Charney, Director of Educational Programs
- Cynthia Lacker, Patient Safety Analyst
- Jesse Munn, Advisory Production Editor

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.
5 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to
6 order at 10:05 a.m.

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8 The motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010
9 carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Board Chair

12 [Ana Pujols-McKee advised the strategic planning meeting
13 was originally scheduled to be held in June but she
14 would like to have it postponed until some time in the
15 fall so more planning could be done and also to allow
16 for the involvement of more contributors. She noted
17 that with federal health care reform being implemented,
18 the plan might then be influenced by, and compliment
19 some of, the changes that will be implemented in health
20 care reform.]

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22 Report of Executive Director

23 [Mike Doering, Executive Director, advised that the

1 supplemental Patient Safety Advisory was published in
2 March and was about HAI, Healthcare Associated
3 Infections, and the Authority's role in education
4 targeted to the reduction of HAI. Mr. Doering noted
5 that work continues to be done to move PassKey towards
6 implementation. He stated user acceptance testing is
7 ongoing and if testing is acceptable the pilot will be
8 implemented in the coming month. Regarding HAI
9 implementation and benchmarks, Mr. Doering advised the
10 issue is "what are the benchmarks that DOH is going to
11 set", and that there is some difficulty in determining
12 what that is, and so a session of the HAI advisory panel
13 will be held to discuss that topic. He advised the
14 sixth patient safety liaison has been hired for the
15 southeast region, and also a new administrative
16 assistant and financial and programs manager has been
17 hired. Mr. Doering reported in regard to finances the
18 assessment letters were sent out on February 22, 2010,
19 and the assessment was for a total of approximately \$5
20 million. As of April 23, DOH had received about \$4
21 million. Those funds and any additional monies
22 collected are expected to be transferred to the Patient
23 Safety Trust Fund in May and June.]

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2 PA-PSRS UPDATE

3 [Cynthia Lacker, Patient Safety Analyst, presented an
4 overview of an article she wrote for the Patient Safety
5 Advisory entitled "Leveraging Health Care Policy Changes
6 to Decrease Hospital 30-Day Readmission Rates." She
7 discussed research and analysis that was done on the
8 subject. Ms. Lacker stated on the topic of 30-day
9 readmissions, it is clear there are a number of barriers
10 to reducing 30-day readmission rates, and one of the
11 major barriers is the misalignment of financial
12 incentives. She noted that while insurers and payers
13 benefit when hospitals reduce readmission rates, the
14 hospitals do not benefit. Ms. Lacker advised that CMS
15 is currently tracking and publicly reports 30-day all
16 cause readmission rates for three conditions on their
17 web site, heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia.
18 She discussed recommendations made in the MEDPAC,
19 Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, 2008 report. Ms.
20 Lacker also discussed patient education and self
21 management concerning educating the patient on their
22 condition and helping them to manage their medical
23 condition to help reduce readmissions.]

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2 [Jesse Munn, Advisory Production Editor, presented an
3 overview of the 2009 volume year for the Patient Safety
4 Authority. He stated when the advisory and the web site
5 were overhauled that the content on a yearly basis was
6 reviewed to take a look at all the content and see what
7 hit and what missed with the advisory in the previous
8 year. He discussed the highlights of what was found in
9 this review including advisory articles and the use of
10 the web site for information.]

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12 Old Business

13 [Franchesca J. Charney, Director of Educational
14 Programs, presented a discussion on the patient safety
15 liaison program and the program vision. She noted that
16 the components of the original vision was that information
17 was going to be given to facilities, feedback obtained, and
18 then training performed in the facilities and assistance with
19 regional and statewide training, and then that information
20 would be shared between facilities. She advised that those
21 visions have been enhanced to include giving more information
22 besides that just regarding the Authority to include national
23 groups also. Ms. Charney stated the original vision

1 regarding the pulling of feedback from the facilities was to
2 understand what the daily PSOs were facing and what
3 assistance could be given, what the facility was facing, and
4 also to inform the advisory content, and the enhanced vision
5 is, that the educational requests are actually coming from
6 the facilities themselves. She discussed the educational and
7 training programs which were conducted and those to be
8 conducted in the future.]

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10 New Business

11 [Barbara Holland, Esquire, gave a presentation on the
12 potential impact of the new health care legislation. Ms.
13 Holland advised of some of the provisions of the Patient
14 Protection and Affordable Care Act, including that it
15 establishes a new Patient Safety Research Center, provides
16 funding for Medication management, and provides for
17 demonstrations for alternative dispute resolution of
18 malpractice claims. There is a focus on outcomes and quality
19 and reducing readmissions to hospitals, and a focus on
20 clinical training on patient safety and there is funding to
21 establish shared decision making centers. She further
22 discussed these and other provisions of the Act. Ms. Holland
23 advised over the next couple of months more detail will be

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1 coming out on just how this will be implemented by the
2 Secretary of HHS, Health and Human Services, and of potential
3 opportunities for the Authority to become involved.]

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5 [The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.]

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Jerry Blevins
Minute Clerk
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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REFERENCE INDEX
APRIL 27, 2010

TIME	COUNTER NUMBER	AGENDA
10:05	0028	Call to Order
10:06	0084	Approval of Minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting.
10:07	0124	Report of the Board Chair
10:19	0786	Report of the Executive Director
10:45	2488	Presentation, Cynthia Lacker, Patient Safety Analyst
11:20	5020	Presentation, Jesse Munn, Advisory Production Editor
11:41	0080	Presentation, Franchesca J. Charney, Director of Educational Programs
12:07	1654	Presentation, Barbara Holland, Esquire
12:30	3060	Adjournment