

FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

DATE: December 8, 2009

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Patient Safety Authority

December 8, 2009

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

Also Present:

Mike Doering, Executive Director
William Marella, ECRI, PA-PSRS Project Manager
John Clarke, M.D., ECRI, PA-PSRS Clinical Manager
Laurene Baker, Communications Director
Barbara Holland, Esquire, Board Counsel
Ann S. Torregrossa, Director, Governor's Office of
Health Care Reform
Kelly Thompson, Hospital and Healthsystem Assoc. of PA
Teresa Plesce, Administrative Assistant

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Public Meeting
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Agenda

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- 6 I. Call to Order
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- 8 II. Approval of October 27, 2009 Meeting Minutes
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- 10 III. Report of the Board Chair
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- 12 IV. Report of the Executive Director
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- 14 V. PA-PSRS Update
- 15 - Wrong site surgery project update – John Clarke, MD, Clinical
- 16 Director, Patient Safety Authority
- 17 - Anonymous report discussion – John Clarke, MD, Clinical Director,
- 18 Patient Safety Authority
- 19 - Overview Presentation of Obstetrics Supplemental Advisory Articles –
- 20 Cynthia Lacker, RN, MS, LNCC, Patient Safety Analyst, Patient
- 21 Safety Authority (Tabled)
- 22
- 23 VI. Old Business
- 24 - Summary Presentation of Board of Trustees Patient Safety Education
- 25 Pilots - Kelly Thompson, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of
- 26 Pennsylvania
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- 28 VII. New Business
- 29 - Discussion of Potential AHRQ Grant - Ann S. Torregrossa, Director of
- 30 the Governor’s Office of Health Care Reform
- 31 - Budget Update and FY 09-10 Hospital, ASF, Birthing Center, and
- 32 Abortion Facility Assessment – Michael Doering, MBA, Executive
- 33 Director, Patient Safety Authority
- 34 - Overview of Significant Federal and Pennsylvania Health and Fiscal
- 35 Highlights - Barbara Holland, ESQ. (Tabled)
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- 37 VIII. Public Comments
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- 39 IX. Adjournment
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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2009 carried unanimously.

Report of Executive Director

[Mike Doering reported the December Patient Safety Advisory has gone out and a supplemental advisory related to Tamiflu was also published. He advised three more consumer tip sheets are going to be available as well as a pamphlet on how patients can obtain medical records. Mr. Doering stated the Board is going to be asked at a later date what their thoughts are in terms of licensing the nursing home HAI PA-PSRS applications as other states are showing interest and that perhaps a subcommittee will be formed to review and discuss this matter. He stated that the fourth patient safety liaison has been hired for the southwest region and

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1 staff is in the process of interviewing two PSLs for the
2 southeast region. Mr. Doering noted the Authority will
3 be working with Outcome Engineering to investigate the
4 extent that just culture principles have been
5 implemented in Pennsylvania facilities. He also advised
6 regarding HAI for nursing homes there have been 16,400
7 reports submitted to PA-PSRS to date. He stated the HAI
8 Advisory Panel will be meeting later this month to
9 provide feedback to our nursing home HAI surveillance
10 objectives and the initial rates and rate methodologies
11 for hospitals that DOH has put together.]

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13 PA-PSRS Update

14 [John Clarke, M.D., gave an update on the wrong-site
15 surgery project. He noted that results are published on
16 a quarterly basis, and over the last six to nine months
17 the number of wrong-site surgery reports have been
18 decreasing. He discussed the various points that the
19 studies have shown and what recommendations will be made
20 to act on these results.]

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22 [Dr. Clarke presented a discussion of an anonymous
23 report received on August 3, 2009, regarding a facility

1 and the outcome of the Authority's investigation of the
2 event. Dr. Clarke made several recommendations. One,
3 that the Department of Health review the facility's
4 patient safety plan to minimize chances of future events
5 not being reported. Two, make sure a report gets sent to
6 the chairman of the board and the CEO of the facility so
7 they can see the analysis that was done and the
8 comparison with statewide reporting. Three, that the
9 healthsystem provide more resources to the patient
10 safety officer at the facility level. Four, that the
11 facility be given more responsibility by its system.
12 Five, the facility actually begins the interface process
13 to utilize the electronic reporting system. Six, the
14 healthsystem gives the facility priority for their team
15 training. Seven, recommend some board training. Eight,
16 recommend board participation in leadership safety
17 rounds.]

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19 DR. SMULLENS:

20 I would make a motion that we report this to
21 the Department of Health.

22 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

23 I second.

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2 Anita Fuhrman, aye; Joan Garzarelli, aye;
3 Lorina Marshall-Blake, aye; Terry Hyman, aye;
4 Roosevelt Hairston, aye; Stanton Smullens,
5 aye; Cliff Rieders, aye; Marshall Webster,
6 aye.

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8 New Business

9 [Ann S. Torregrossa, Director of the Governor's Office
10 of Health Care Reform (GOHCR), presented a discussion on
11 a potential AHRQ grant that is of interest to the
12 Authority. She noted the grant is being made available
13 as part of the stimulus money through the federal Agency
14 for Health Care Research and Quality. She advised the
15 purpose of the grant is to solicit demonstration
16 projects to allow states and health care systems to
17 develop, implement, and evaluate medical liability
18 models that put patient safety first and work to reduce
19 preventable injuries, foster better communication
20 between doctors and their patients, ensure patients are
21 fairly and quickly compensated in a fair and timely
22 manner for medical injuries, while also reducing the
23 incidents of frivolous lawsuits and liability premiums.

1 She advised the application for the grant is due at the
2 end of January. After discussion, it was decided that
3 further consideration would be given to this by the
4 Board.]

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6 Old Business

7 [Kelly Thompson (HAP) gave a summary presentation of the
8 Board of Trustees Patient Safety Education Pilots. She
9 noted HAP and the Authority have worked together with
10 the American Hospital Association's Center for Health
11 Care Governance to provide these training sessions on
12 the Board's role on quality and patient safety. She
13 advised four pilot trainings have been completed. The
14 four pilots involved were small and rural hospitals
15 combined, a stand-alone community hospital and a multi-
16 hospital system. Ms. Thompson discussed what was
17 learned from these pilots and what recommendations and
18 improvements could be made. A formal report and
19 suggested implementation program will be forthcoming.]

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

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Jerry Blevins
Minute Clerk
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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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 DECEMBER 8, 2009

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9	10:38	0016	Call to Order
10	10:39	0053	Approval of Minutes of
11			the October 27, 2009
12			meeting.
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14	10:39	0076	Report of the Executive
15			Director
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17	10:48	0594	Wrong-Site Surgery Project
18			Update
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20	11:07	1640	Anonymous Report
21			Discussion
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23	11:44	4120	Discussion of Potential
24			AHRQ Grant
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26	12:30	0952	Adjournment
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