

FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:11 A.M.

DATE: APRIL 28, 2009

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
Public Meeting
April 28, 2009

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of March 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. Initiative/Committee Reports
 - HAI initiative
- VI. PA-PSRS Update
 - MRSA Presentation for ASFs, Fran Charney, RN, MSHA, CPHRM, CPHQ, CPSO, FASHRM , Director of Educational Programs and Phenelle Segal, RN, CIC, PSA HAI Analyst for Patient Safety Authority
 - Event Reporting Standardization – Public Comment Review and Discussion, Mike Doering, Executive Director
- VII. Old Business
 - PSA FY 08-09 Budget Update and Assessment Discussion
- VIII. New Business
 - Overview of Stimulus Programs, Barbara Holland Esq.
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment

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Patient Safety Authority

April 28, 2009

- Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair
- Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D. (phone)
- Gary A. Merica, PRh, MBA/HCM
- Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS (phone)
- Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (phone)
- William F. Goodrich, Esquire (phone)
- Cliff Rieders, Esquire
- Lorina Marshall-Blake (absent)
- Marshall W. Webster (absent)
- Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire (phone)

Also Present:

- Mike Doering, Executive Director
- William Marella
- Barbara Holland, Esquire, Legal Counsel
- John Clarke, M.D.
- Fran Charney
- Phenelle Segal
- Stacy Mitchell

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.
5 Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to
6 order at 10:11 a.m.

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8 The motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2009
9 carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering said the March Pennsylvania Patient Safety
13 Advisory was published at the end of March. He stated
14 the Patient Safety Advisory editorial board met and
15 there was great feedback regarding the advisory and how
16 it is used in the facilities. He noted the Annual
17 Report has been produced after discussions with the
18 annual report committee which led to some changes. The
19 Report was sent out to the full Board for review two
20 weeks ago. After comments were received and changes were
21 made, the Board was provided with the final draft. Mr.
22 Doering introduced Richard Kundravi who was hired as the
23 patient safety liaison for the northwest region. He

1 noted a new patient safety liaison for the south-central
2 region will be starting in June. Regarding the patient
3 safety liaison program, he stated one of the goals is to
4 help drive educational programs within the regions in
5 Pennsylvania. One of these programs upcoming is a
6 Patient Safety Officer Basic Curriculum program
7 scheduled in June for the South Central region. HAP is
8 offering their facility for this program. PasSKEy, our
9 vision for an online patient safety community in
10 Pennsylvania, is moving forward with eight Patient
11 Safety Officers already committing to serve as advisors
12 during the development of the application. Many of the
13 ASFs (Ambulatory Surgery Facilities) in the Northeast
14 region had a desire to learn more about MRSA
15 (Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus). The
16 Authority developed and conducted a half-day educational
17 session to address this need. The program was attended
18 by 33 participants from 21 ASFs primarily from the
19 northeast and addressed topics such as MRSA
20 identification, prevention, and what can or cannot be
21 done with MRSA patients. Mr. Doering noted, regarding
22 HAI and nursing homes, educational training visits and
23 sessions have been completed throughout the state, and

1 over 1,250 nursing home employees were trained regarding
2 what is reportable and how HAI (Hospital Acquired
3 Infections) should be reported through PA-PSRS. There
4 is a webinar scheduled for May 1, 2009 for those who
5 could not attend the live training sessions. The
6 Patient Safety Authority was invited by Senator Kitchen
7 to participate at an annual health fair in Philadelphia
8 on May 8, 2009. Mr. Doering went on to speak about HAI
9 data. The number the Authority utilized in the Annual
10 Report was provided by DOH and is appropriate. However
11 he cautioned that this number will not be comparable to
12 PHC4's numbers from previous years. Mr. Doering went
13 through the many reasons for this including different
14 types of reporting facilities, different patient age
15 groups, and different infection types being reported.
16 Stacy Mitchell from DOH stated she hoped to be completed
17 with finalizing HAI rates in June or July.]

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19 PS-PSRS Update

20 [Phenelle Segal and Fran Charney presented the Board
21 with an overview of the MRSA program held recently for
22 ASFs in the northeast region. Ms. Segal took the Board
23 through slides that discussed an overview of the

1 methicillin staph aureus organism, the differences
2 between this organism and others, the components of an
3 effective infection control program, and surveillance
4 and screening techniques. Fran Charney reported 33
5 participants came to the program representing 21 of the
6 34 ASFs in the region. She stated overall the program
7 was very successful.]

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9 [Mike Doering gave a presentation and led a Board
10 discussion on event reporting standardization. He
11 identified all the activities the Authority had
12 undertaken regarding this topic including quantifying
13 differences in reporting levels, Annual report focus,
14 letters sent out to 50 low reporting facilities, a
15 survey conducted of patient safety officers on how they
16 would report certain events, and publishing the draft
17 standardization principles in the Pennsylvania Bulletin
18 to invite public comment into the discussion. Mr.
19 Doering attempted to address each principle based on the
20 public comments received. This led to an extensive
21 discussion regarding the definitions and principles of
22 reporting. Bill Marella suggested he summarize the main
23 principles commented on into specific questions so the

1 board could address or vote on them one-by-one. The
2 board agreed to this exercise and will continue the
3 discussion at the next Board meeting.]

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9	10:11	0075	Call to Order
10	10:12	0087	Approval of Minutes of
11			the March 10, 2009
12			meeting.
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14	10:14	0107	Report of the Executive
15			Director
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17	10:29	1973	PA-PSRS Update
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19	10:55	3439	Event Reporting
20			Standardization
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22	12:35	3332	Adjournment
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