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FINAL MINUTES

**MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 11:22 a.m.

DATE: January 8, 2008

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Patient Safety Authority

January 8, 2008

Ana Pujols-McKee, Chairperson
Stanton Smullens, M.D. (phone)
Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS
Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire
Gary Merica, R.Ph.
Lorina Marshall-Blake (phone)
Cliff Rieders, Esquire (phone)
Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (phone)
Marshall W. Webster, M.D.
Laurene M. Baker, Communications Director
Barbara Holland, Board Counsel
Sharon Hutton, Administrative Assistant
Mike Doering, Executive Director

Also Present:

William Marella, MBA, PA-PSRA Project Manager
John Clarke, M.D.
Denise Martindell, RN, JD, PA-PSRS Patient Safety
Analyst

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.
5 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the
6 meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

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8 [The minutes from the December 11, 2007 meeting were
9 unanimously approved.]

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11 Report of Board Executive Director

12 [Mr. Michael Doering advised the Board that the
13 Patient Safety Advisory will be distributed on January
14 9. He also reported that staff is working on
15 additional enhancements to the PA-PSRS system. One
16 enhancement, would notify the Patient Safety Officer
17 who submits a Serious Event that they must also notify
18 the patient that a Serious Event has occurred. Mr.
19 Doering noted that a new user training webinar was
20 conducted on December 14 and was very successful. He
21 stated that Laurie Baker is developing a consumer tip
22 sheet related to MRSA. The tip sheet would tell
23 patients what they can do in the hospital and at home
24 to help protect against MRSA. Mr. Doering also
25 reported that the Hospital and HealthSystem

1 Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) and the Authority
2 will be working together to develop the Board of
3 Trustees Education Program presented by Dr. John
4 Combes at the November Board meeting. An initial work
5 group has been established to determine how to
6 implement the program in Pennsylvania. He stated the
7 first meeting will be held on January 23 and 24 in
8 Harrisburg, and a report would be presented at the
9 next Board meeting. Mr. Doering added that regular
10 meetings with the Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost
11 Containment Council (PHC4) about Act 52 and its
12 implementation have improved the Authority's
13 relationship with PHC-4. A draft notice to facilities
14 on Act 52 implementation guidelines has been submitted
15 to the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Public comment is being
16 collected which ends on the 22nd. The facilities
17 submitting infection reports already are being
18 monitored by the Authority's analytical staff.
19 Regarding budget issues, Mr. Doering reported that the
20 Department of Health (DOH) calculated the assessment
21 amounts and issued payment letters to the facilities.
22 As of January 3, 2008, the Department of Health had
23 received approximately \$400,000 in payments, and the
24 transfer will be transferred to the Authority's
25 Patient Safety Trust Fund when all the payments are

1 received which is expected at the end of January.]

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3 PA-PSRS UPDATE

4 [Mr. Bill Marella reported to the Board regarding the
5 yearly survey of patient safety officers about the PA-
6 PSRS program, the Authority and Patient Safety
7 Advisory and activities. He noted responses were
8 received from 180 patient safety officers, 35 percent
9 of all facilities, and about 42 percent of the
10 hospitals. He discussed some of the questions that
11 were asked in the survey and the responses that were
12 received. One topic was the implementation of Act 52.
13 Not surprising, facilities ranked implementing Act 52
14 as a challenge particularly in regard to getting
15 frontline staff to adhere to protocols such as
16 frequent handwashing. Interestingly, lack of
17 administrative support was not an issue with most
18 facilities, however funding and staffing provided by
19 the administration was seen as a significant
20 challenge. Facilities said determining what to report
21 remains an issue. The board also requested that the
22 survey be broken down by facility size.]

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24 [Denise Martindell, RN, JD, gave a presentation on a
25 future advisory article entitled Retention of Foreign

1 Objects during Interventional Radiology Procedures.
2 She noted there have been many advances in
3 interventional radiology due to advances in catheter
4 instrument and imaging capabilities, but there are
5 also risks associated with interventional radiology
6 procedures. She discussed some examples of serious
7 events that occurred during these procedures where
8 foreign bodies can be retained even though in
9 interventional radiology the incision sizes are small.
10 Ms. Martindell noted that one facility in response to
11 such an event had formulated a policy and procedure
12 specific to IR, and they were very willing to share
13 the information so that it could be included in the
14 *Advisory* to help raise awareness that this can happen
15 in other facilities.]

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17 New Business

18 [Mr. Doering discussed procurement for the main
19 contract. He said the question has come up within the
20 Board about whether to do a formal request for
21 proposal or whether to do a sole source contract with
22 the current vendor. He noted the pros and cons of
23 doing a sole source contract, and after discussion the
24 Board voted to pursue negotiations with ECRI Institute
25 to determine the length of the contract and the

1 expectations of ECRI moving forward.]

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 [The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.]

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Jerry Blevins
Minute Clerk,
York Stenographic Services

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10	11:22	0024	Call to Order, Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair
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13	11:22	0064	Approval of Minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting
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17	11:24	0092	Report of Board Executive Director Mike Doering
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20	11:30	0528	PA-PSRS Update-Summary of 2007 Annual Patient Safety Officer Survey - William Marella
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25	11:47	1500	Retention of Foreign Objects During Interventional Radiology Procedures - Denise Martindell, RN, JD
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31	12:05	2726	New Business
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33	12:12	3618	Adjournment
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