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**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**  
**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

ONE HAAC DRIVE  
WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:20 A.M.

DATE: February 7, 2005



1 Patient Safety Authority

2 February 7, 2005

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4 Board Members

5 Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairperson, Pennsylvania  
6 Physician General  
7 Anita Fuhrman, R.N., BS.  
8 Joan M. Garzarelli, RN, MSN  
9 Roosevelt H. Hairston  
10 Lorina L. Marshall-Blake  
11 Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.  
12 Danae Powers, M.D. (Via teleconference)  
13 Cliff Rieders, Esquire  
14 Stanton N. Smullens, M.D.  
15 Nathaniel J. Zuckerman, M.D. (Via teleconference)

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17 Authority Personnel

18 Alan B.K. Rabinowitz, Board Administrator  
19 Sharon L. Hutton, Administrative Assistant  
20 Joan Plump, Esquire  
21 Laurene Baker, Communications Director

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23 Also Present

24 Jay Farrington, PA-PSRS Project Manager, ECRI  
25 Dr. John Clarke, PA-PSRS Clinical Director, ECRI  
26 Badal Sanghvi, PA-PSRS Project Manager, EDS  
27 Sharon Muscatell, HAP

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

February 7, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Monday, February 7, 2005. Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

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[Stanton Smullens, M.D. was introduced and welcomed by the Board.]

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Approval of Minutes of the December 6, 2004, meeting

MR. MERICA:

I move to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2004, meeting.

MS. FUHRMAN:

Second.

[Discussion was held on the motion. Mr. Rieders requested that, in the future, the Board should be polled on all votes so that the minutes would reflect each member's specific vote.]

DR. MUSCALUS:

[The motion carried unanimously with the exception of

1 Stanton Smullens, M.D., who abstained from voting on  
2 the motion.]

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4 Report of Board Chair

5 [Dr. Robert S. Muscalus addressed the Board at 10:27  
6 a.m. to report that since December 6, 2004, two  
7 informational sessions were held, the first being  
8 conducted December 6-7, 2004, and the second being  
9 conducted on January 28, 2005, for the purpose of  
10 determining where the Board wants to focus its  
11 priorities over the next months, or even years, now  
12 that the system is up and running. Chairman Muscalus  
13 announced that he will be establishing two standing  
14 committees, the first being a Long-Term Planning  
15 Committee whose focus will be developing a strategic  
16 plan, identifying priorities and establishing key  
17 areas where the Authority should direct its efforts  
18 over the next one to three years; and the second being  
19 an Education Committee whose focus will be exploring  
20 ways in which information the Authority receives can  
21 be used, how it can be disseminated and how it can be  
22 used to educate facilities and others, including the  
23 public. Chairman Muscalus continued his report to

1 remind the Board that there continues to be a "great  
2 deal of interest" by other states and entities with  
3 regard to the Patient Safety Authority. Chairman  
4 Muscalus reported on his attendance/participation at  
5 the Joint Legislative Task Force on Patient Safety in  
6 Oklahoma and the American Association of Osteopathic  
7 Examiners Annual Meeting, along with various media  
8 issues that he was recently involved in which included  
9 appearing as a guest on Pennsylvania Newsmakers,  
10 taping a session for "Health in Hand" produced by  
11 Quality Insights of Pennsylvania, being interviewed  
12 for a four-part series that is scheduled  
13 to be aired on National Public Television in 2006 and  
14 appearing as a guest on a radio program entitled "The  
15 Law Show" hosted by Attorney Rieders.]

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17 Report of Board Administrator

18 [Alan Rabinowitz addressed the Board at 10:37 a.m. to  
19 provide a reminder concerning the completion and  
20 submission of the Ethics Commission and Code of  
21 Conduct forms. Mr. Rabinowitz advised the Board that  
22 he has been in contact with the Department of Health  
23 concerning the status of the letters of assessment to

1 facilities, noting that he was assured that these will  
2 be going out by the "middle of February." The Board  
3 was also informed that the scheduled renovation at the  
4 Forum Building has been put on hold and will be  
5 revisited next year. Mr. Rabinowitz read a statement  
6 from ECRI concerning their withdrawal from a grant  
7 awarded by the Commonwealth Fund on promoting  
8 hospitals' culture of safety. ECRI withdrew from the  
9 contract due to a possible conflict of interest. Mr.  
10 Rabinowitz concluded his report by introducing Jay  
11 Farrington, new Project Manager, ECRI, after which Mr.  
12 Farrington provided a brief history of his background  
13 and experience.]

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15 PA-PSRS Update

16 [Badal Sanghvi addressed the Board at 10:49 a.m. to  
17 review the results of the user survey, which consisted  
18 of 19 questions, and was conducted among the 427  
19 facilities in November of 2004. Mr. Sanghvi was  
20 pleased to report that at the present time "there are  
21 very few, if any, midstream corrections that need to  
22 be made to the PSRS reporting tool." Mr. Rabinowitz  
23 advised the Board that one anonymous report has been

1 submitted, which complies with all the requirements of  
2 Act 13, and that PSRS staff will be conducting an  
3 independent investigation, based upon the report that  
4 was completed and submitted by the facility. There  
5 was discussion concerning the protocol for the  
6 handling of anonymous reports.]

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8 [Joan Plump, Esquire, entered the meeting at 10:55  
9 a.m.]

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11 Old Business

12 [Discussion was held concerning the "Stand Up for  
13 Patient Safety" Program, which representatives from  
14 the National Patient Safety Foundation presented to  
15 the Board at its December 2004 meeting. Attorney  
16 Plump outlined the Board's ability to make  
17 recommendations about programs and how that could  
18 translate into lower malpractice costs for  
19 facilities.]

20 DR. ZUCKERMAN:

21 I move that we recommend the "Stand Up for  
22 Patient Safety" Program.

23 DR. POWERS:

1                   Second.

2   [Discussion was held on the motion.]

3   DR. MUSCALUS:

4                   Roll call vote.

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6                   Anita Fuhrman, RN, aye; Joan Garzarelli,

7                   MSN, aye; Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire, aye;

8                   Lorina Marshall-Blake, aye; Gary Merica,

9                   aye; Danae Powers, M.D., aye; Cliff Rieders,

10                  Esquire, aye; Stanton Smullens, M.D., aye;

11                  Nathan Zuckerman, M.D., aye.

12   [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14   New Business

15   [Mr. Rabinowitz presented information, previously

16   shared with the Board, about the "100,000 Lives

17   Campaign" of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement

18   (IHI). The Board reviewed and discussed its

19   support/recommendation of the program so it could be

20   utilized by facilities to apply for the patient safety

21   discount.]

22   MS. GARZARELLI:

23                   I'd like to move that we recommend the

1 "100,000 Lives Campaign" as another program  
2 that the hospitals could adopt to apply for  
3 the patient safety discount.

4 MR. MERICA:

5 Second.

6 [Discussion was held on the motion.]

7 DR. MUSCALUS:

8 Is there any further discussion? If not,  
9 I'll go ahead and call the roll call.

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11 Anita Fuhrman, RN, aye; Joan Garzarelli,  
12 MSN, aye; Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire,  
13 abstain; Lorina Marshall-Blake, aye; Gary  
14 Merica, aye; Danae Powers, M.D., aye; Cliff  
15 Rieders, Esquire, aye; Stanton Smullens,  
16 M.D., aye; Nathan Zuckerman, M.D., aye.

17 [The motion carried; Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire,  
18 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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20 [The consensus was to invite representatives from the  
21 Institute for Healthcare Improvement to further inform  
22 the Board concerning the "100,000 Lives Campaign."]

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1 2005 Meeting Schedule/Locations

2 [The Board engaged in a discussion concerning holding  
3 a certain number of its 2005 meetings at other sites  
4 throughout the state. The consensus was to explore  
5 holding at least one meeting at a different location.  
6 The Board also engaged in a discussion concerning the  
7 frequency with which meetings should be held. Dr.  
8 Muscalus noted that he anticipates the amount of  
9 business that is required will be relatively minimal  
10 on alternate months and when that is the case the  
11 Board will spend the rest of the day in workshops and  
12 informational sessions. The consensus was to hold  
13 meetings the first Monday of each month with the  
14 exception of July, which will be scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>  
15 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The Board also agreed  
16 to a change in the starting time from 10 o'clock to  
17 10:30 a.m.]

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19 Public Comments - None

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21 Adjournment

22 MR. MERICA:

23 I move that we adjourn.

1 MS. FUHRMAN:

2 Second.

3 DR. MUSCALUS:

4 All those in favor? Anyone opposed?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.]

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3			FEBRUARY 7, 2005
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8	10:20	0106	Call to Order, Robert S. Muscalus,
9			D.O., Chairman
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12	10:21	0145	Introduction/Welcome Dr. Smullens
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14	10:23	0270	Approval of Minutes of the
15			December 6, 2004, meeting
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17	10:27	0468	Report of Board Chairman Dr.
18			Muscalus
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20	10:37	1054	Report of Board Administration
21			Alan B.K. Rabinowitz
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23	10:49	1819	PA-PSRS Update
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25	11:07	3022	Old Business
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27	11:34	5121	New Business
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29	12:00		Adjournment followed by a brief
30			informational session