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FINAL MINUTES

**MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 10:38 a.m.

DATE: February 12, 2008

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of January 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. Committee Reports
- VI. PA-PSRS Update
- VII. Old Business
 - Initiative Updates – Initiative Champions
 - o HAI Implementation
 - o Board of Trustee education
 - Discussion of Act 13 definitions
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public Comments
- I. Adjournment

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 February 12, 2008

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4 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair
5 Lorina Marshall-Blake
6 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire
7 Cliff Rieders, Esquire
8 Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN
9 Marshall W. Webster, M.D.
10 Laurene M. Baker, Director of Communications
11 Barbara Holland, Board Counsel
12 Mike Doering, Executive Director

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14 Also Present:

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16 John Clarke, M.D.

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, February 12,
5 2008. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair, called the
6 meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

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8 [The January 8, 2008 minutes were approved
9 unanimously.]

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering reported enhancements to the PA-PSRS
13 system that consist of fact-finding enhancements and
14 also changing the work flow functionality. Mr.
15 Doering noted some presentations and events the
16 Authority participated in or will participate in the
17 near future. Some of the events include the Health
18 Care Improvement Foundation's Patient Care Leadership
19 Conference and the National Patient Safety
20 Foundation's Annual Congress in May. He also
21 mentioned the Authority is working with the Hospital
22 and HealthSystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) to
23 develop education for hospital boards and CEOs. Mr.
24 Doering and two Board members, Dr. Stan Smullens and
25 Gary Merica, participated in a two day workshop at HAP

1 to review curriculum and identify strategies for
2 implementation. HAP is developing a pilot of the
3 educational program. He also noted in terms of the
4 Patient Safety Knowledge Exchange project, that there
5 have been questions regarding confidentiality of the
6 site. Barbara Holland is writing an opinion about the
7 matter that should serve to move the project forward.
8 Mr. Doering reported a first draft procurement policy
9 and procedure document has been completed. The
10 objective is to have this document approved at the
11 next Board meeting. A draft PSA personnel policy has
12 been developed, and counsel is reviewing that before
13 it is sent out to the Board members. Cliff Rieders
14 made the request that a schedule of all upcoming
15 presentations and meetings be circulated to the Board
16 members.]

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18 Old Business

19 [Mike Doering gave an update on HAI implementation.
20 He noted the first draft of the public notice
21 regarding Act 52 was published over a month ago and
22 that all the comments and questions have been
23 collected and addressed. He stated changes were made
24 based on these comments and the HAI advisory panel was
25 convened to discuss comments and draft additional

1 changes to the document. He noted the HAI advisory
2 panel agreed with the changes and suggested additional
3 modifications. He stated that final guidance will
4 soon be published in the PA Bulletin and will be sent
5 out to the patient safety officers. In terms of
6 nursing homes, Mr. Doering said staff has developed a
7 straw-man document which identifies infections that
8 could be reported by nursing homes. This document
9 will be the basis for discussion by the nursing home
10 subcommittee of the HAI advisory panel on February
11 25.]

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13 [Cliff Rieders voiced his concerns regarding a number
14 of topics. Regarding serious events reporting, Mr.
15 Rieders stated that it is an absolute statutory
16 obligation to require serious event reporting to make
17 sure it's getting done to educate the patient safety
18 officers, and if the results are not satisfactory it
19 needs to be reported to the Department of Health. Mr.
20 Rieders stated another concern is whistleblower
21 reports. He stated that these reports are being de-
22 emphasized, and it should be happening more often. He
23 emphasized that if the education is not being done and
24 that the hospitals and the patient safety officers are
25 not doing their job then there is an obligation to go

1 to the Department of Health and get some kind of plan
2 of action from them. Mr. Rieders also expressed his
3 belief that confirmation letters were not being given
4 to all patients who experience a Serious Event. Mr.
5 Rieders also stated his concern that he believes that
6 the Patient Safety Authority has evolved into two
7 agencies, those that constitute the medical people and
8 others, and that it's being run in a way that many
9 times those who are not medical people are not in the
10 loop the way they should be. He stated a symptom of
11 that is the issues he raised concerning serious events
12 and some other matters including publication of the
13 draft Pennsylvania Bulletin that was not seen by all
14 Board members and the lack of a schedule highlighting
15 upcoming Authority speaking engagements. Discussion
16 was held regarding these issues. Dr. McKee asked that
17 the issues be examined and discussed in greater detail
18 by the appropriate Board committee. She asked this
19 committee to convene prior to the next Board meeting.
20 A report could be given to the full Board at the next
21 meeting. She also indicated that some of the issues
22 raised could be appropriately discussed at an upcoming
23 retreat the Board members are having in May. Dr. McKee
24 also instructed Authority Counsel to develop an
25 outline of the issues as they pertain to Act 13

1 including the role of the Department of Health.]

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3 [The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.]

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Ann Witmer
Minute Clerk,
York Stenographic Services

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10	10:38	0075	Call to Order,
11			Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair
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13	10:39	0082	Approval of Minutes of
14			the January 8, 2008
15			meeting
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17	10:43	0099	Report of Board Executive
18			Director Mike Doering
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20	11:00	0425	Old Business
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22	11:44	2001	Adjournment
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