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FINAL MINUTES

**MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 11:02 a.m.

DATE: March 11, 2008

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of February 12, 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 Standardization and Recommendations
- VIII. New Business
 - Review of PSA Procurement Policy
 - Discussion of AHRQ Draft Regulations Regarding Patient Safety Organizations - Bill Marella, MBA, PA-PSRS Program Manager
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment

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4 Ana Pujols-McKee, Chairperson

5 Lorina Marshall-Blake

6 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire

7 Cliff Rieders, Esquire

8 Stanton Smullens, M.D.

9 Marshall W. Webster, M.D.

10 Gary Merica, R.Ph.

11 Laurene M. Baker, Communications Director

12 Barbara Holland, Board Counsel

13 Mike Doering, Executive Director

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15 Also Present:

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17 John Clarke, M.D.

18 Bill Marella

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority Board was held on Tuesday, March 11,
5 2008. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the
6 meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

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8 [A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12,
9 2008 board meeting passed unanimously]

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11 Report of Board Chair

12 [Dr. McKee announced that the Patient Safety Authority
13 will have a retreat and the PSA board meeting in May
14 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

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16 Report of Executive Director

17 [Mike Doering reported that the next issue of the
18 Patient Safety Advisory will be released at the end of
19 March. He stated that AHRQ has posted draft
20 regulations for becoming a patient safety
21 organization, and those regulations were reviewed with
22 staff and counsel. A draft response will be
23 circulated to all Board members for comment. The
24 public comment period ends April 14. He noted that to
25 commemorate National Patient Safety Awareness Week

1 consumer tip sheets were distributed to the
2 legislature and all Pennsylvania Patient Safety
3 Officers. Mr. Doering noted the process of the PSA
4 becoming a state affiliated agency is moving forward
5 with some items that still need to be completed with
6 the Offices of Budget and Treasury. Regarding the
7 annual report, he stated the draft of the annual
8 report will be sent to the Board members this week
9 with follow-up discussion and a vote on it next month
10 so it can be to the legislature by the end of April.]

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12 Old Business

13 [Stan Smullens, M.D. noted that February 14 was the
14 official date when hospitals had to begin reporting to
15 NHSN. He stated there were many comments and questions
16 about the specific events that needed to be reported
17 and the extra questions that had been put in by the
18 Patient Safety Authority. This led to a revision of
19 the first notice placed in the Pennsylvania Bulletin
20 and a final notice submitted to the Pennsylvania
21 Bulletin. He gave a detailed discussion on the
22 reporting process and procedures. Dr. Smullens noted
23 that he is involved with the chronic care commission,
24 and the report on the chronic care initiative was
25 given to the Governor on February 28.]

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2 [New Business]

3 [Mike Doering asked for the board to accept a
4 procurement policy developed specifically for the
5 Authority. The policy addressed PSA submission of
6 invoices to the Department of Treasury, approval
7 requirements and ceilings, and accounting processes.
8 The board unanimously approved the motion to accept
9 the new procurement policy.]

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11 [Bill Marella presented the AHRQ Draft Regulations
12 regarding Patient Safety Organizations and what is
13 expected of an agency or entity that applies to become
14 one. He stated that AHRQ has now come up with the
15 decision rules around how the regulations are going to
16 be implemented. He noted the purpose of the federal
17 Safety and Quality Improvement Act is to encourage
18 patient safety by encouraging the voluntary and
19 confidential reporting of events that adversely affect
20 patients. He stated comments on the rules are due by
21 mid-April. Mr. Marella discussed PSOs and the
22 different criteria required to certify as a patient
23 safety organization. Some of those criteria are to be
24 engaged in efforts to improve patient safety, to be
25 involved in collecting and analyzing patient safety

1 work product, to disseminate patient safety
2 information, to encourage a culture of safety and
3 provide feedback and assistance to the providers who
4 are contributing adverse event reports, to have
5 procedures in place to preserve confidentiality and
6 security, to use qualified staff, and to engage in
7 activities related to operating what is called a
8 patient safety evaluation system. Mr. Marella
9 identified some of the pros and cons of being a
10 Patient Safety Organization and some of the potential
11 implementation hurdles. Discussion was held regarding
12 the possibility of the PSA becoming a patient safety
13 organization.]

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15 [Cliff Rieders noted that on the question of serious
16 event reporting, the Authority recognizes that there's
17 a great deal of diversity in that respect from
18 hospital to hospital in the state, and that it is
19 important for the Authority to move forward with plans
20 to help facilities determine what is a Serious Event
21 and encourage facilities to report them.]

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

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Ann Witmer
Minute Clerk,
York Stenographic Services

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10	11:02	0030	Call to Order, Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair
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13	11:03	0052	Approval of Minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting
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17	11:05	0076	Report of Board Executive Director Mike Doering
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20		0478	Old Business
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22		1149	New Business
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24	12:30	2668	Adjournment
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