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FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:20 A.M.

DATE: April 4, 2005



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**Board of Directors
April 4, 2005**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. -Approval of February 7, 2005 Meeting Minutes
-Approval of March 7, 2005 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Vice Chair
- IV. Report of the Board Administrator
- V. Committee Reports
- VI. PA-PSRS Update
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - Anonymous Report #2004112301:
 - Recommendations following onsite Investigation: John Clarke, MD, PA-PSRS Clinical Director
 - Annual Report: Review of draft document
 - Board Recommendation for New Legislation
 - Other

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- 2 IX. Public Comments
- 3
- 4 X. Adjournment

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 April 4, 2005

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4 Board Members

5 Anita Fuhrman, R.N., B.S
6 Joan M. Garzarelli, RN, MSN (Via teleconference)
7 William J. Goodrich, Esquire
8 Roosevelt H. Hairston, Esquire
9 Lorina L. Marshall-Blake
10 Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.
11 Stanton N. Smullens, M.D.
12 Marshall W. Webster, M.D.
13 Nathan J. Zuckerman, M.D. (Via teleconference)

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15 Personnel

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

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22 Also Present:

23 John Clarke, M.D., PA-PSRS Clinical Director
24 Jeffrey Greenawalt, Pennsylvania Medical Society
25 Joe Schultz, Student, Widner University

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Monday, April 4, 2005. Lorina Marshall-Blake, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

[Marshall Webster, M.D. was introduced and welcomed by the Board.]

Approval of Minutes of the February 7, 2005, and March 7, 2005, meetings

MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

Moving ahead with our agenda, the last time we were together we didn't have a quorum and so we still need to approve our minutes from the February 7, 2005, meeting and also I would ask that we would also approve the March 7 meeting minutes. Can we do those both together or do we need to do them separately?

MR. GOODRICH:

Second.

1 calendar year 2004 of which \$2.6 million related to
2 contractor costs. Mr. Rabinowitz reported that Mark
3 Karalack, Vice President and Director of Clinical
4 Practice Advancement, University Health System
5 Consortium, the entity which developed PatientSafety
6 Net and was the basis for the PA-PSRS system, visited
7 with him, Dr. Clarke and members of the Patient Safety
8 Authority staff on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, for the
9 purpose of comparing systems. Mr. Rabinowitz next
10 reported that he participated in a conference call
11 with HAP and various other organizations concerning
12 ways to promote the "100,000 Lives" campaign, which
13 was one of the programs that the Board recommended for
14 the Patient Safety Discount. Mr. Rabinowitz noted at
15 the present time the role of the Authority is
16 primarily information sharing, using its database and
17 the Advisory to promote the campaign. Mr. Rabinowitz
18 reported that the Pennsylvania Medical Society
19 recently convened a group of healthcare organizations
20 and healthcare providers to look at promoting an
21 organized, coordinated patient safety effort
22 throughout the state through continuing education
23 courses related to patient safety. Mr. Rabinowitz

1 informed the Board that he and Dr. Clarke will be
2 attending the National Patient Safety Foundation
3 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, at which time they
4 will be making a presentation entitled "Implementing
5 Statewide Reporting: Lessons Learned During the First
6 Year." Mr. Rabinowitz also reported on an upcoming
7 invitational meeting that will be sponsored by the
8 National Academy for State Health Policy and will be
9 held in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Rabinowitz then noted
10 the receipt of a proposal from the Jewish Healthcare
11 Foundation in Pittsburgh entitled "Regional
12 Improvement Networks for Patient Safety Clinical
13 Outcomes and Delivery System Efficiency" that he will
14 provide to the Long-Term Planning Committee for its
15 review and recommendation. Mr. Rabinowitz also noted
16 that a representative from the Governor's Office of
17 Healthcare Reform informed him that they are
18 "interested in moving forward" with this proposal.
19 There was a brief discussion concerning what the
20 priorities are of the Governor's Office for Healthcare
21 Reform in terms of patient safety or quality.]

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23 Committee Reports

1 [Gary Merica, R.Ph. reported that the bylaws work
2 group held its first conference call on March 29,
3 2005, at which time it reviewed the communications
4 protocol, made some minor revisions and thereafter
5 forwarded it back to the communications work group.
6 Mr. Merica further noted that the work group will be
7 undertaking a comprehensive review of the bylaws and
8 would be scheduling at least one more conference call
9 prior to the Board's May meeting at which time it will
10 set forth its recommendations. Joan Garzarelli noted
11 that the communications work group task was completed
12 upon its drafting the language that was forwarded to
13 the bylaws work group.]

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15 [Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire, reported on his
16 attendance, along with Mr. Rabinowitz, at a HEART
17 hearing that was sponsored by the Democratic Policy
18 Committee on March 17, 2005, at the University of
19 Pennsylvania, at which time discussion took place
20 concerning various ways to enhance patient safety.
21 Mr. Hairston noted that Cliff Rieders represented the
22 Trial Lawyers Association and made a presentation at
23 this hearing.]

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2 PA-PSRS Update

3 [Mr. Rabinowitz advised the Board that, as of the
4 previous week, the number of Serious Events and
5 Incidents has reached 110,000 since mandatory
6 reporting went into effect. Mr. Hairston spoke about
7 the need to give institutions more guidance concerning
8 what is reportable. Dr. Smullens voiced his support
9 with regard to Mr. Hairston's recommendation. Mr.
10 Rabinowitz noted that the Board would be taking up a
11 much more detailed discussion concerning this matter
12 at its May meeting, which Dr. Clarke would facilitate.
13 Dr. Clarke came forward to briefly address this issue.
14 He also noted that for the Board to make an action or
15 a recommendation it will need to decide
16 philosophically what it wants to capture. After the
17 discussion, Mr. Rabinowitz announced that the most
18 recent edition of the Advisory was released the
19 previous week, after which he shared an email from a
20 facility voicing its positive feedback concerning the
21 recent Advisory.]

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23 Old Business

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2 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
3 the Board entered into executive session with Joan
4 Plump, Esquire, and Peter Hoffman, Esquire, at 11:47
5 a.m. for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
6 deliberations. The Board returned to open session at
7 1:16 p.m.]

8 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

9 While in executive session the Board had a
10 lengthy discussion about an anonymous
11 report. As a matter of fact it was
12 anonymous report number 2004112301. And as
13 a result of that discussion we're looking to
14 -- out of that came the recommendation not
15 to refer the report to the Department of
16 Health, but I need a motion for that. And
17 you know we'll continue to look at this
18 whole situation of anonymous reporting
19 that's evolving. We're learning from it.
20 So I would move for a motion for that.

21 DR. SMULLENS:

22 So moved.

23 MS. FUHRMAN:

1 Yes. When discussing whether or not to
2 refer a facility to the Department of
3 Health, I move that the Board be guided in
4 its discussions and its conclusions by the
5 following: On whether the facility had an
6 intent to thwart the requirements of Act 13
7 or has engaged in a pattern of repeated
8 failures to file reports that be the
9 standard to guide us, although we should
10 have flexibility obviously in reaching our
11 decisions in this regard.

12 MR. GOODRICH:

13 Second.

14 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

15 Is there any further discussion? We'll do
16 it by voice vote again.

17 MR. RABINOWITZ:

18 No you're going to have to do an individual
19 vote.

20 DR. ZUCKERMAN:

21 You're going to have to call the roll.

22 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

23 Yes.

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2 Anita Fuhrman RN, BS, aye; Joan Garzarelli,
3 RN, BSN, aye; Bill Goodrich, Esquire, yes;
4 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire, aye; Lorina
5 Marshall-Blake, yes; Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.,
6 aye; Stanton Smullens, M.D., aye; Marshall
7 W. Webster, M.D., aye; Nathaniel Zuckerman,
8 M.D., aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

12 There is one more vote that we're going to
13 take. In our discussion again in executive
14 session, we were reviewing our annual report
15 and I would like to entertain a motion from
16 the floor to recommend the draft data
17 chapter, subject to the formatting and
18 editing by the Authority staff, that this is
19 a draft that you would approve but there
20 will still be some editing that will be done
21 in addition to the executive summary I
22 believe as you suggested Stan as we talked
23 about.

1 DR. ZUCKERMAN:

2 And the additions of the Advisories that
3 have been published.

4 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

5 Fine, and the addition of the Advisories.

6 MR. HAIRSTON:

7 So moved.

8 MR. MERICA:

9 Second.

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11 Anita Fuhrman RN, BS, aye; Joan Garzarelli,
12 RN, BSN, aye; Bill Goodrich, Esquire, yes;
13 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire, aye; Lorina
14 Marshall-Blake, yes; Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.,
15 aye; Stanton Smullens, M.D., aye; Marshall
16 W. Webster, M.D., aye; Nathaniel Zuckerman,
17 M.D., aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Public Comments

21 [Joe Schultz, a student at Weidner University,
22 addressed the Board to make a "favorable remark"
23 concerning the Advisory that was recently published.

1 Mr. Schultz suggested that articles such as the one
2 concerning mistaking tuberculin syringes with insulin
3 syringes be a model for future articles due to the
4 fact that this particular article specified why it was
5 being included in the Advisory, encouraged follow-up
6 responses and also encouraged individuals to come
7 forward with solutions.]

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9 Adjournment

10 MR. MERICA:

11 I move to adjourn.

12 DR. SMULLENS:

13 Second.

14 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

15 All those in favor?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.]

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Brad Weirich,
Minute Clerk,
York Stenographic Services

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6		COUNTER	
7	TIME	NUMBER	AGENDA
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9	10:47	0063	Call to Order, Lorina Marshall-
10			Blake, Vice-Chair
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12	10:47	0070	Introduction of New Board Member
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14	10:49	0142	Approval of Minutes of the
15			February 7, 2005, and March 7,
16			2005, meetings
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18	10:50	0177	Report of Board Vice-Chair Lorina
19			Marshall-Blake
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21	10:51	0204	Report of Board Administrator Alan
22			Rabinowitz
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24	11:19	1812	Report of Committees
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26	11:27	2360	PA-PSRS Update
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28	11:47		Executive Session
29	1:16		Return to Open Session
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31	1:16	3861	Motions on Anonymous Report
32			#2004112301, Annual Report
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34	1:21	4266	Public Comments
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36	1:25		Adjournment
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