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FINAL MINUTES

**MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

ONE HACC DRIVE
WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 11:03 a.m.

DATE: April 8, 2008

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 April 8, 2008

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4 Ana Pujols-McKee, Chairperson

5 Lorina Marshall-Blake (phone)

6 Joan Garzarelli (phone)

7 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire

8 Cliff Rieders, Esquire

9 Stanton Smullens, M.D.

10 Marshall W. Webster, M.D. (phone)

11 Gary Merica, R.Ph.

12 William Goodrich, Esquire (phone)

13 Anita Fuhrman, R.N., B.S.

14 Laurene M. Baker, Communications Director

15 Barbara Holland, Board Counsel

16 Sharon Hutton

17 Mike Doering, Executive Director

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19 Also Present:

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21 John Clarke, M.D.

22 William Marella

23 Melissa Speck

24 Ann Torregrossa

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2008, meeting.

DR. MCKEE:

Thank you. We are going to look at our minutes, and if I can receive a motion to approve the minutes, we'll get started with that.

MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

I move to make a motion that the minutes be approved.

DR. SMULLENS:

Second.

DR. MCKEE:

Okay. And, Stan, I guess that was a second. Very good. Okay. I do not have a formal report. We'll move directly to -- oh, all in favor? I apologize for the speediness. Okay. So the minutes stand approved.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 Committee Reports

3 [Dr. Stan Smullens reported on the HAI initiative
4 stating that lists have been put out which are more
5 epidemiological studies of what infections occur in
6 nursing homes which are really not really preventable
7 health care associated infections as you usually think
8 about them. He stated there was a lot of discussion
9 back and forth about the list and some modifications
10 were made and there has been substantial progress. He
11 noted there will be a follow-up meeting held in May.]

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13 [Roosevelt Hairston reported that a process is being
14 created for standardizing the definitions of serious
15 events that a number of institutions have been
16 grappling with, and that Mike Doering and his staff
17 are going to be doing that in a number of different
18 ways including meeting with DOH, and perhaps
19 developing a position statement of the Authority as a
20 guide in going in to some of those discussions. He
21 stated in addition to that, it is being looked in to
22 doing a survey of the top 25 reporting institutions
23 and the ones that fall lower on the scale in terms of
24 the reporting, and seeing how they define serious
25 events in an effort to gain a better understanding for

1 how institutions are interpreting those terms and to
2 try and create some more uniformity around them for
3 analytical purposes and otherwise. Mr. Hairston also
4 noted it is being looked into of insuring that
5 communication from institutions is going properly to
6 the patients and to the families, and that those
7 letters are not coming as a surprise when they do get
8 sent around.]

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10 [Lorina Marshall-Blake reported on training and
11 education. She stated a lot of work has been done in
12 moving ahead and talking about educating facilities
13 and looking at what the priorities are with regard to
14 Act 52 especially with regard to the nursing homes.]

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16 [Bill Marella reported on AHRQ draft regulations
17 regarding patient safety. He noted it seemed the
18 sense from the Board was it is clear there's a lot of
19 work involved in this, and while it seems that PSA may
20 be an organization that they anticipated would be PSL
21 there is some work to be done to decide whether or not
22 there seems to be interest to go forward with it given
23 the constraints.]

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25 [Mike Doering presented a discussion on Board of

1 Trustees Training and Education and also the
2 possibility of the Authority funding a pilot program.
3 Discussion was held regarding the pilot program after
4 which the Authority agreed to fund it.

5 DR. SMULLENS:

6 I would move that we fund the pilot in the
7 amount of \$100,000.

8 MR. MERICA:

9 And I'll second that.

10 DR. MCKEE:

11 Okay. Discussion? Roll call.

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13 Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS, aye; Joan Garzarelli,
14 RN, MSN, aye; Bill Goodrich, Esquire, aye;
15 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire, aye; Lorina
16 Marshall-Blake, aye; Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.,
17 Cliff Rieders, aye; Stanton Smullens, M.D.,
18 aye; Marshall W. Webster, M.D., aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 [Mike Doering presented the annual report. He noted
22 a piece was added to the data section regarding
23 hospital reporting disparity. He reported on some
24 changes that were made such as some of the subjective
25 comments in the data section were deleted or modified,

1 and the colonoscopy project area was modified to
2 reflect what the aim of the project is. Cliff Rieders
3 suggested taking out the bullet points in the report
4 and simply saying the Board has not pursued any sort
5 of analysis of the variations and so at this point are
6 just posing a few that may be possible ones but will
7 be pursuing much more vigorously an analysis of the
8 variations and the rates.]

9 DR. MCKEE:

10 Okay. Well, let's assume that we captured
11 the essence of what Roosevelt just said. We
12 should have captured it since we have a
13 reporter. And I'm going to ask for a motion
14 to approve the annual report accommodating
15 the change that was just described, and if
16 anybody would like to present that motion.

17 DR. SMULLENS:

18 So moved. I move that we accept the annual
19 report with the additions we just discussed.

20 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

21 I second.

22 DR. MCKEE:

23 Okay. Further discussion? So I think this
24 is a roll call.

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1 that represent geographic areas in Pennsylvania, that
2 represent medical and nursing and pharmacy and other
3 disciplines, represent various kinds of hospitals in
4 terms of PSOs in Pennsylvania, rehab, ASF hospitals
5 and represent different geographic areas in
6 Pennsylvania.]

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8 New Business

9 [Ann Torregrossa from the Governor's Office of Health
10 Care gave a presentation on Prescription for
11 Pennsylvania update. She discussed affordability,
12 access, quality of health care, and the initiative to
13 cover the uninsured. She stated that key right now is
14 for the Senate to act on Senate Bill 1137 for two
15 reasons, one, to cover the uninsured, but also the M
16 care abatements are being held up and physicians and
17 hospitals are having to pay them right now, also for
18 the Senate to act on House Bill 2005, which is the
19 insurance reform piece.]

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21 Adjournment

22 DR. MCKEE:

23 Okay. We have an open forum now. Any
24 public comments? Okay. Hearing none, do I
25 hear a motion?

1 MS. FURHMAN:

2 So moved.

3 MR. MERICA:

4 Second.

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6 [The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.]

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Jerry Blevins
Minute Clerk,
York Stenographic Services

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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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 April 8, 2008

	TIME	COUNTER NUMBER	AGENDA
10	11:03	0024	Call to Order, Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair
13	11:04	0044	Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting
17	11:04	0080	Report of Board Executive Director Mike Doering
20	11:13	0576	Committee Reports
22	11:35	1720	AHRQ Draft Regulations Regarding Patient Safety
25	11:39	1920	Board of Trustees Training and Education
28	12:04	0148	Discussion of 2007 Annual Report
31	12:29	1561	Prescription for Pennsylvania Update
34	1:00	3670	Adjournment

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