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**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

CROWNE PLAZA  
260 MALL BOULEVARD  
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA

TIME: 5:20 p.m.

DATE: May 12, 2008

1 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY  
2 Public Meeting  
3 May 12, 2008  
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5 **Agenda**  
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- 10 I. Call to Order  
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12 II. Approval of April 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes  
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14 III. Report of the Board Chair  
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16 IV. Report of the Executive Director  
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18 V. Committee Reports  
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20 VI. PA-PSRS Update  
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22 VII. Old Business  
23 - Strategic Plan Update - Mike Doering  
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25 VIII. New Business  
26 - FY 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget  
27 discussion  
28 - Nursing Home HAI discussion  
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30 IX. Public Comments  
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32 X. Adjournment  
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5 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair, Pennsylvania Patient

6 Safety Authority

7 Mike Doering, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Patient

8 Safety Authority

9 Sharon Hutton, Administrative Assistant

10 Laurene Baker, Director of Communications

11 Gary Merica, R.Ph., PSA Board Member

12 Cliff Rieders, Esquire, PSA Board Member

13 Stanton Smullens, M.D., PSA Board Member

14 Barbara Holland, Esquire, PSA Board Counsel

15 Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS, PSA Board Member

16 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire, PSA Board Member

17 Lorina Marshall-Blake, PSA Board Member

18 Joan Garzarelli, RN MSN (phone), PSA Board Member

19 Marshall Webster, M.D., PSA Board Member

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21 Also Present:

22 William Marella, MBA, PA-PSRS Project Manager

23 Phenelle Segal, PA-PSRS Infection Control Analyst

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Monday, May 12, 2008. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

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[The motion for approval of the minutes from the April 8, 2008 meeting carried unanimously.

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Report of Board Executive Director

[Mr. Doering advised the Board about the Strategic Plan Update and about the Annual Report for 2007. The Annual Report was distributed to all media outlets, legislators and subscribers of the Patient Safety Advisory. The next Patient Safety Advisory will be published late in June. Mr. Doering notified the board that there was an interruption in the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System the weekend of April 19 due to a virus. The interruption lasted for approximately 24 hours while the incident was investigated and cleansed. The database was restored

1 shortly after. This Wednesday some Authority staff  
2 and a board member will be attending the National  
3 Patient Safety Foundation Annual Congress. Mr.  
4 Doering proceeded to update the board on the  
5 Authority's hiring initiatives. He said the Authority  
6 has received many resumes in response to solicitation  
7 for the two new positions, of Director of Educational  
8 Programs and Patient Safety Liaison. Interviews will  
9 be done towards the end of May and in early/mid-June,  
10 and hopefully fill the positions by July 1.

11 Mr. Doering presented a strategic plan update to the  
12 board. He proceeded to discuss several slides for  
13 each strategic plan initiative. These slides showed  
14 what work had been completed in the previous year and  
15 plans for the coming year. Some highlights include  
16 the following. Mr. Doering said he and board members  
17 Gary Merica and Stan Smullens participated in a forum  
18 to identify the potential method for Pennsylvania-  
19 specific implementation of a program to educate  
20 hospital Boards of Trustees and Executive management  
21 on patient safety developed by the American Hospital  
22 Association. At the last Board meeting the Board  
23 agreed to fund a pilot program which will be conducted

1 with the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of  
2 Pennsylvania (HAP). Mr. Doering added that in regard  
3 to Act 52 and infection awareness and reduction there  
4 has been much activity. The Authority has worked  
5 closely with the Department of Health, PHC4 and  
6 Governors' Office of Health Care Reform to implement  
7 Act 52 and ensure all agencies were on the same page  
8 in regard to reporting and education. Mr. Doering also  
9 discussed another initiative of the Patient Safety  
10 Authority called PASSKEY which is an online community  
11 for patient safety officers to share information and  
12 processes regarding patient safety events and  
13 improvements. PSA counsel Barbara Holland has said she  
14 believes such a site is possible with confidentiality  
15 under Act 13. The Authority is going to move forward  
16 with the PASSKEY project once the PSA's new website is  
17 developed. Doering explained that there are features  
18 on the new website that will help Patient Safety  
19 Officers using the PASSKEY website. Mr. Doering then  
20 discussed the initiative to improve reporting  
21 consistency and make recommendations. He said the 2007  
22 Annual report highlighted completed analysis showing  
23 the disproportionate reporting issues. In the coming

1 year, he anticipates working with DOH to provide  
2 additional reporting guidance, addressing patient  
3 disclosure issues, and identifying characteristics of  
4 facilities with positive reporting cultures. The  
5 Department of Health is ready to work with the  
6 Authority to address the first areas as well as  
7 education of DOH surveyors and hospital staff. He  
8 added that he hopes to have these objectives  
9 accomplished by the end of 2008. Mr. Doering then  
10 discussed the extended presence initiative that  
11 includes the Patient Safety Liaison Program. The  
12 Authority will hire one PSL as a pilot program along  
13 with a Director of Educational Programs, who will have  
14 responsibility for the program. Once the pilot is  
15 complete and evaluated, Mr. Doering said he hopes to  
16 hire two more PSL's in early 2009 and two more in mid-  
17 2009. The Authority has also been working on data  
18 collaboratives. Mr. Doering highlighted a  
19 collaborative with the Healthcare Improvement  
20 Foundation. HCIF's patient safety focus for this year  
21 is wrong-site surgery and patient falls. HCIF asked to  
22 use PA-PSRS database to monitor the results of  
23 improvement efforts. Mr. Doering said HCIF agreed that

1 event reporting standardization is necessary in order  
2 for an accurate study to occur. So HCIF has worked  
3 upon the standardization of the falls events. The  
4 Authority has provided limited summary data to the  
5 Department of Health and the Governor's Office of  
6 Health Care Reform. Mr. Doering discussed another  
7 collaborative studying colonoscopy perforations in  
8 Pennsylvania. The Authority collaborated with the  
9 Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council for  
10 data. Mr. Doering said these and other projects will  
11 continue as directed by the board. Mr. Doering added  
12 that the nursing home infection data initiative will  
13 take quite a bit of work in the next year. This work  
14 will include developing the reporting mechanism for  
15 nursing homes and providing training for these  
16 facilities. But several integral steps have been taken  
17 like publishing draft requirements in the PA Bulletin  
18 and working with the Authority's Healthcare Associated  
19 Infection Advisory Panel to begin development of a  
20 plan for educating the nursing homes. ]

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22 New Business

23 [Dr. Smullens and PA-PSRS Infection Control Analyst

1 Phenelle Segal discussed HAI reporting requirements  
2 and criteria for the nursing homes in response to Act  
3 52. The nursing home reporting criteria has been  
4 drafted with the Healthcare-associated Infection  
5 Advisory Panel. Dr. Smullens emphasized the need to  
6 educate the nursing homes well because they are the  
7 least familiar with the Authority and its mission. Dr.  
8 Smullens mentioned that there will be a public comment  
9 period once the draft is published in the PA Bulletin  
10 and then discussion on those comments as to what may  
11 or may not be modified. Dr. Smullens asked the board  
12 for approval of the draft reporting criteria for  
13 nursing homes which was approved unanimously.]

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16 [The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.]

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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| TIME | COUNTER<br>NUMBER | AGENDA   |
|------|-------------------|--|
|      | 0094              | Call to Order,<br>Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair              |
|      | 0099              | Approval of Minutes of<br>the April 8, 2008<br>Meeting |
|      | 0140              | Report of Board<br>Executive Director Mike<br>Doering  |
|      | 1012              | New Business   |
|      | 4723              | Adjournment  |