

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

TIME: 10:50 A.M.

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JUNE 13, 2006

York Stenographic Services, Inc.
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Board Members:

William J. Goodrich, Esquire (Via teleconference) Ana
Roosevelt H. Hairston, Esquire (Via teleconference)
Lorina Marshall-Blake, Vice Chairperson
Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson
Gary A. Merica, R. Ph.
Stanton Smullens, M.D.
Marshall W. Webster, M.D.

Patient Safety Authority Personnel:

Alan B. K. Rabinowitz, Board Administrator
Sharon L. Hutton, Administrative Assistant
Laurene Baker, Communications Director

Also Present:

John Clarke, M.D.

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

June 13, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

[Prior to the meeting being called to order at 10:50 a.m., pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, the Board entered into executive session at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The executive session of the Board of Patient Safety Authority ended at 10:40 a.m.]

[Dr. Ana Pujols-McKee, Chairperson, introduced herself to the Board and officially thanked Lorina Marshall-Blake for the leadership she had provided to the Board in the recent months.]

Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2006 Meeting
DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

1 We will start with a review of the minutes.

2 Would anyone like to present a motion for

3 them to either be approved or any changes to

4 be made?

5 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

6 I make a motion.

7 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

8 Okay, so there's a motion to approve and any

9 seconds?

10 MR. MERICA:

11 Second.

12 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

13 And, no objections that I've heard so I

14 assume that they are accepted. Okay.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Report of the Board Chair

18 [Dr. Pujols-Mckee, Chairperson, addressed the Board

19 with the Report of the Chair at 10:52 a.m. She gave

20 the Board Members an outline of what had taken place

21 during the May retreat that she had attended. Dr.

22 Pujols-McKee discussed with the Board the strategies

23 and goals for the Patient Safety Authority that had

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1 been identified during the retreat. She updated the
2 Board on the important forward movement of the
3 collaboration with the Patient Safety Authority, the
4 Department of Health, PHC⁴, the Pennsylvania Medical
5 Society and various other stakeholders. She announced
6 that the Patient Safety Authority had accepted an
7 invitation to attend a roundtable discussion to
8 continue to build the bridges of communication and
9 collaboration with their partners and stakeholders.
10 Another strategic goal that was discussed during the
11 retreat was the necessity of expanding education on
12 the issues dealing with patient safety.]

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14 Report of Board Administrator

15 [Alan Rabinowitz, Board Administrator, addressed the
16 Board at 10:55 a.m. Mr. Rabinowitz verbally outlined
17 his written report to the Board and discussed the
18 timeline and financial statements that appeared in the
19 report. He noted that the Annual Report for 2005 had
20 generated very limited public and media response. Mr.
21 Rabinowitz received a letter from Marc Volavka
22 containing a number of questions regarding the
23 statistics in the Annual Report and he invited Mr.

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1 Volavka to attend a roundtable to address some of the
2 questions and issues contained in the letter. Mr.
3 Rabinowitz reported on the Root Cause Analysis
4 Training Seminar that had been sponsored by the Board
5 with the help of Bagian Biomedical Consulting Firm.
6 The facilities were invited to send two to four
7 representatives to the seminar. There were 81 people
8 who attended the training. The representatives were
9 from 34 facilities -- 20 acute care hospitals, eight
10 ambulatory surgical facilities, three behavioral
11 health facilities and three long-term acute care
12 rehabilitation hospitals. Mr. Rabinowitz was very
13 happy with the interest and the attendance shown
14 during the Root Cause Analysis Training Seminar. He
15 and Mr. Merica discussed with the Board the
16 possibility of having future root cause analysis
17 training offered more locally and as a potential one-
18 day event rather than a two-day seminar. Mr.
19 Rabinowitz informed the Board about a recent meeting
20 he had attended with representatives from PHRI and the
21 Jewish Health Care Foundation. During the meeting he
22 had clarified what the Patient Safety Authority is
23 trying to accomplish and promote. Mr. Rabinowitz

1 noted that both PHRI and the Jewish Health Care
2 Foundation are interested in partnering with the
3 Patient Safety Authority and are looking for ways to
4 channel and distribute training materials, clinical
5 information and health care information in a more
6 usable manner. The Board discussed the status of the
7 Patient Safety Trust Fund assessment and the delay in
8 receiving payment from the various facilities. The
9 necessity of expediting the payment process and the
10 possibility of synchronizing the budget process was
11 discussed at length. Mr. Rabinowitz gave the Board an
12 update on Act 30 and House Bill 1591, which added
13 certain abortion facilities to the Act 13 reporting
14 requirements. He does not expect that the Patient
15 Safety Authority will be receiving any reports from
16 the abortion clinics much before January 2007 and he
17 is working on a timeline and a work plan to bring
18 those facilities on board. Mr. Rabinowitz announced
19 the upcoming conference sponsored by the Medical
20 Society that will be held on June 21, 2006, at the
21 Wildwood Conference Center in Harrisburg. He then
22 presented a video clip that the Food and Drug
23 Administration was promoting on the subject of color

1 coded wrist bands to promote patient safety.
2 Following the video presentation, the Board entered
3 into a lengthy discussion regarding the use of color-
4 coded wrist bands and the need for a national and/or
5 international coherent consensus on a color-coding
6 scheme for the wrist bands. Dr. Pujols-McKee
7 requested that Mr. Rabinowitz prepare, for the next
8 Board meeting, an updated summary of the responses
9 from the Root Cause Seminar.]

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11 PA-PSRS Update

12 [Mr. Rabinowitz gave a brief summary of the new
13 interface project and the impressive report volume
14 received through the PA-PSRS data base.]

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16 Committee Reports

17 Roosevelt Hairston addressed the Board, via
18 teleconference, at 11:31 a.m., to give a report on a
19 House Hearing involving patient safety that he had
20 attended on behalf of the Authority Board. Mr.
21 Hairston initiated a lengthy discussion among the
22 Board members regarding the importance of the
23 Authority's participation and involvement with the

1 House hearings. Laurene Baker offered to present the
2 Board with some plans regarding legislative ideas and
3 public relation initiatives. There was a motion made
4 by Mr. Hairston which was reworded by Dr. Pujols-
5 McKee.]

6 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

7 I think that would be very helpful and if we
8 could review that and, hopefully, have it a
9 few days before the Board meeting so that we
10 can reflect on it and have it up for our
11 next meeting. I think, Roosevelt, your
12 observations and recommendations are very
13 good. I think the latter part of what you
14 were recommending Laurene will take the lead
15 on. Were you making a motion on the first
16 two pieces of your comments, which were
17 whenever possible that we have a content
18 expert attend, such as Dr. Clarke, and to
19 have written statements and for the Board to
20 have a representative there to be present to
21 also read and be in person?

22 MR. HAIRSTON:

23 I thank the Chair for rewording succinctly

1 my two motions.

2 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

3 Okay, Can we have any discussion or seconds
4 on the motions?

5 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

6 Second.

7 [There was a discussion among Board Members about Mr.
8 Hairston's motions. Mr. Rabinowitz clarified the fact
9 that the Patient Safety Authority had never submitted
10 written testimony without having a representative
11 available to read the testimony.]

12 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

13 I agree, I think we should probably end the
14 discussion because it's really two separate
15 issues. One is whenever we do speak that we
16 have the best amongst us to present and
17 articulate our point and I think that really
18 relates to Roosevelt's recommendations. The
19 second issue is developing those proper
20 forums, the best forums for us to be
21 speaking and that I think we'll have from
22 Laurene some recommendations. So, can I
23 have a roll call on the vote, all those in

1 favor?

2 MR. MERICA:

3 Could you repeat the Motion just before we
4 vote?

5 MS. HUTTON:

6 It's to have someone present at Legislative
7 Hearings to read testimony and to have a
8 technical representative attend to answer
9 questions presented at the Hearings.

10 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

11 Okay, do you do it by roll call, is that my
12 understanding?

13 MS. HUTTON:

14 Yes.

15 Bill Goodrich, yes; Roosevelt Hairston, yes;
16 Lorina Marshall-Blake, yes; Gary Merica,
17 yes; Stanton Smullens, yes; Marshall
18 Webster, yes;

19 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

20 And my yes. So, I think that is the way we
21 will proceed.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Public Comments

2 [Mr. Roosevelt Hairston made the suggestion that Ms.
3 Baker encourage participation of Board members in her
4 plans for the public relations initiative.]

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6 DR. PUJOLS-MCKEE:

7 That sounds good, okay. Thank you,
8 Roosevelt. I was just about to ask for any
9 public comments. Looking at smiling faces
10 but silent faces, so I guess I will ask for
11 a motion to adjourn in the absence of any
12 public comments.

13 MR. MERICA:

14 So moved.

15 DR. SMULLENS:

16 Second.

1 DR. PUJOL-MCKEE:

2 Do you get a roll call for that also?

3 We're adjourned, thank you very much.

4 [The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was
5 adjourned at 11:47 a.m.]

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11 Tim Wagner,
12 Minute Clerk,
York Stenographic Services

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