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FINAL MINUTES

**MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 9:52 a.m.

DATE: September 9, 2008

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

Public Meeting

September 9, 2008

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of July 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. Initiative/Committee Reports
 - HAI initiative
 - Extended presence initiative
 - Education and training initiative
- VI. PA-PSRS Update
 - Anonymous report update, John Clarke MD
 - HAI data update, Bill Marella MBA
 - PSA website update
- VII. Old Business
 - Nursing home HAI definitions - approval of final policy
 - ECRI Institute contract - Barbara Holland Esq.
- VIII. New Business
 - Reporting standardization presentation and discussion
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 September 9, 2008

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4 Ana Pujols-McKee, Chairperson
5 Gary A. Merica
6 Lorina Marshall-Blake
7 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire
8 Stanton Smullens
9 Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (Phone)
10 Marshall W. Webster, M.D.
11 William F. Goodrich, Esquire (Phone)
12 Cliff Rieders, Esquire
13 Barbara Holland, Board Counsel
14 Mike Doering, Executive Director
15 Sharon Hutton

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17 Also Present:
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19 William Marella
20 John Clarke, M.D.
21 Phenelle Segal
22 Stacy Mitchell, Department of Health
23 Jesse Munn
24 Roni Solomon

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2008, meeting.

DR. MCKEE:

Good morning. Good morning. Okay.

Everyone survived the really challenging weather and we are so bold to come out. I call your attention to section two of your folders to -- I'm sorry, section -- to the approval of the minutes, which is under tab three.

DR. SMULLENS:

So moved.

DR. MCKEE:

Anybody second?

MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

Second.

DR. MCKEE:

Okay. The minutes stand approved as they are.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Executive Director

4 [Mike Doering stated the September patient safety
5 advisory is going to be coming out in several weeks.
6 There are a few interesting topics using PSRS reports
7 to show the importance of accurate patient
8 information. Mr. Doering introduced Megan Shettertly
9 as the new patient safety liaison for the Patient
10 Safety Authority for the northeast region who is
11 charged with helping to develop that program. He also
12 announced that an offer has been made for the Director
13 of Educational Programs position and that offer has
14 been accepted. In terms of structure and
15 organization, Mr. Doering stated things continue to
16 move forward on that.]

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18 Committee Reports

19 [Dr. Stanton Smullens reported on HAI initiative. He
20 stated a formal letter will be sent to the nursing
21 homes in conjunction with the final public notice. A
22 reporting process is being developed through PSRS that
23 will be set in place to be able to report and track
24 these. Dr. Smullens noted there was a September
25 advisory article on hand hygiene which is a popular

1 topic among everyone in the hospitals. There's a
2 final draft for the December advisory on multi drug
3 resistant organisms, which is an increasing problem,
4 and talking about prevention and transmission in the
5 health care setting. Dr. Smullens stated there are
6 upcoming NHSN reporting requirement changes and a
7 summary is being prepared including potential impact
8 for Pennsylvania hospitals.]

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10 [Lorina Marshall-Blake gave an update on education and
11 training. She noted a new user training will be held
12 November 14 at 10:00. She also noted there is
13 planning ongoing for the education required for the
14 nursing home HAI reporting program roll out.]

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16 [Gary Merica discussed the extended presence
17 initiative. He stated the plan is to focus on 13
18 facilities, ten hospitals, two ambulatory surgical
19 facilities and one rehab facility to get to know the
20 staff, get to know the organizations, plan some things
21 with them, and expand that from there with the goal
22 being to have the report for the Board by year's end.]

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24 PA-PSRS UPDATE

25 [Dr. John Clarke discussed an anonymous report that

1 was received. The hospital had filed it as an
2 incident rather than as a serious event and apparently
3 had also discussed it with the Department of Health
4 according to their recount. Under the circumstances
5 of the incident, there was no harm and therefore it
6 did not qualify as a serious event and therefore was
7 not eligible to be pursued.]

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9 [Bill Marella reported on the HAI data update stating
10 that when Act 52 became effective in August of 2007,
11 an advisory panel was established that's been
12 providing guidance through both the hospital and the
13 nursing home reporting requirements. He stated the
14 requirements were finalized by the end of 2007 and
15 hospitals were able to start reporting to NHSN by
16 January, 2008. Mr. Marella noted DOH took the lead to
17 communicate with the hospitals what the requirements
18 were and they have been providing personal assistance
19 during the start-up phase, and that both the PSA and
20 the Department of Health are providing help desk type
21 assistance. He stated reporting requirements have
22 been developed, consultations with the HAI advisory
23 panel, and development of the reporting requirements
24 for nursing homes. Regarding the advisory panel, Mr.
25 Marella noted the advisory panel includes leaders

1 throughout the state in HAI implementation and have
2 been extremely helpful in developing the reporting
3 requirements. He next discussed data quality and the
4 desire to come up with some quality indicators that
5 would show if the facility is reporting accurately or
6 if there might be some problems with the data. Mr.
7 Marella gave a presentation on the actual data and
8 this was discussed at length.]

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10 [Jesse Munn gave a presentation on the PSA website
11 update. He demonstrated the features of the new
12 website and the new functionality it will have.]

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14 Old Business

15 [Phenelle Segal discussed approval of final policy of
16 the nursing home HAI definitions. She stated the
17 initial notice was published on May 31 in the
18 Pennsylvania Bulletin, and there was a 30-day public
19 comment period which ended on July 1 during which many
20 comments were received. Ms. Segal noted there were
21 teleconferences held with the four champions and the
22 Department of Health to discuss these comments and the
23 prospective changes or revisions to be made. The
24 majority of comments concerned the burden on financial
25 and human resources. The comments also concerned such

1 things as the infections list was too long,
2 clarification of HAI definition, and duplicative
3 reporting, among other things.]

4 DR. MCKEE:

5 can I get a motion on the notice of our
6 reporting requirements for nursing homes?
7 We were just presented the revisions.

8 DR. SMULLENS:

9 I would propose that we adopt the notices
10 and the finalization of the list of
11 reporting events as presented.

12 MR. HAIRSTON:

13 Second.

14 DR. MCKEE:

15 Okay. Any further discussion? We are
16 voting on the reporting requirements for
17 nursing homes and we received a second, and
18 I've asked for any further discussion on the
19 document in front of us, which lists the
20 reportable HAIs. If not, I guess we're
21 going to have a roll call.

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23 Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN, aye; Bill
24 Goodrich, Esquire, aye; Roosevelt Hairston,
25 Esquire, aye; Lorina Marshall-Blake, aye;

1 Gary A. Merica, R.Ph., aye; Cliff Rieders,
2 Esquire, aye; Stanton Smullens, M.D., aye;
3 Marshall W. Webster, M.D., aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 [Barbara Holland reported on the ECRI Institute
7 contract. She stated the technical specifications are
8 as ECRI put forth in April when it responded to the
9 request for additional information, and the cost
10 specifications are basically the same as put forth in
11 April with some additional expenditures given the
12 issues going forward with staffing the infection
13 aspect. Ms. Holland noted that she basically took the
14 existing contract and modified it, took out
15 unnecessary things in an ongoing contract as opposed
16 to the new contract, and that is what serves as the
17 contract itself with the appendices or exhibits
18 included. She stated the current contract expires at
19 the end of the month and a vote is needed on the
20 contract.]

21 DR. WEBSTER:

22 So are you asking for a motion to approve
23 this contract?

24 MS. HOLLAND:

25 To approve this contract going forward.

1 DR. WEBSTER:

2 I move the contract be approved.

3 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

4 I second.

5 DR. MCKEE:

6 Any further discussion? Okay. Roll call,
7 please.

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9 Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN, aye; Bill
10 Goodrich, Esquire, aye; Roosevelt Hairston,
11 Esquire, aye; Lorina Marshall-Blake, aye;
12 Gary A. Merica, R.Ph., aye; Cliff Rieders,
13 Esquire, aye; Stanton Smullens, M.D., yes;
14 Marshall W. Webster, M.D., aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [Mike Doering conducted a presentation and discussion
18 on reporting standardization. He noted there's
19 significant reporting disparity between facilities
20 both with incidents and with serious events, and
21 reporting facilities exhibit significant differences
22 in interpreting the terminology as to what defines a
23 serious event. He stated wherever there's subjective
24 language there will be differences in terms of what
25 people think should be reported. Part of the

1 disparity is going to persist unless subjectivity is
2 eliminated and that standardization could increase or
3 decrease the number of serious events that are
4 received. Mr. Doering stated that reporters from the
5 facilities, regulators, the surveyors from the
6 Department of Health, and ourselves who look at these
7 reports as well need to have consistent understanding
8 and interpretation of what makes up a serious event.
9 He said the objectives as a group is to reduce the
10 reporting disparity looking at serious events, and one
11 of the ways to help do that is providing guidance and
12 putting together standards and a framework to clarify
13 the Act 13 definitions, and to communicate and educate
14 stakeholders about it. Bill Marella went through the
15 principles of reporting that are being proposed and
16 discussion was held regarding the principles. After
17 discussion it was decided some changes needed to be
18 made in some of the principles and this would be
19 undertaken.]

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21 Adjournment

22 DR. MCKEE:

23 Since there are no public comments, can I
24 then entertain a motion to adjourn?

25 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

1 So moved.

2 DR. MCKEE:

3 And second?

4 DR. WEBSTER:

5 Second.

6 DR. MCKEE:

7 And we stand adjourned. Thank you.

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9 [The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.]

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Jerry Blevins,
Minute Clerk,
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13	9:53	0055	Approval of Minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting
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16	9:53	0075	Report of Board Executive Director Mike Doering
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27	10:11	1130	Anonymous report update
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33	11:27	0210	Nursing home HAI Definitions
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36	11:42	1054	ECRI Institute contract
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41	1:16	1120	Adjournment