

FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:57 A.M.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
Public Meeting
September 12, 2006

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of August 8, 2006 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Board Administrator
- V. PA-PSRS Update
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Communications Committee: Draft Communications Plan
- VIII. Old Business
 - Status of the MOU with the Office of General Counsel re: Authority counsel
 - Update on the Board workgroup on clarifying The Program Memorandum related to identifying Serious Events
- IX. New Business
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment

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4 Board of Directors:

5 Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS
6 Joan M. Garzarelli, RN, MSN
7 Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire
8 Lorina L. Marshall-Blake (phone)
9 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair
10 Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.
11 Cliff Rieders, Esquire
12 Stanton Smullens, M.D.
13 Marshall W. Webster, M.D.

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15 PSA Personnel:

16 Alan B.K. Rabinowitz, Board Administrator
17 Sharon L. Hutton, Administrative Assistant
18 Laurene M. Baker

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20 Also Present:

21 Barbara Holland, Esquire

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

Approval of August 8, 2006 meeting minute

[The minutes of August 8, 2006 were approved for entry into the record. Marshall Webster moved the minutes and Lorina Marshall-Blake seconded the motion.]

Report of the Board Administrator

[Mr. Rabinowitz quickly went over the two handouts that he gave to everyone. The highlights of his report began with the web page that was being revised. This web page is now able to accommodate individual Patient Safety Advisory articles. And most articles, not all of them, are now accessible on the web as individual, free-standing PDF files that will facilitate distribution of those articles when an *Advisory* goes out electronically. This way articles can be targeted to certain groups of people who may

1 not have time to read the whole advisory. There
2 continues to be some inquiries related to color-coded
3 wristbands. New Jersey, along with Texas and a couple
4 of health systems in other states have asked for
5 updates. Some information indicates that they are
6 adopting some of the protocols that are there. So,
7 PSA continues to influence the way some care is
8 delivered. Mr. Rabinowitz brought to the Board's
9 attention a brochure that has been published entitled
10 "Who We Are". It describes the Authority, gives a
11 number of case studies based on actual reports. He
12 stated we're going to try to do a broad distribution
13 of this, give out quantities to each legislator for
14 district office distribution and just a general
15 publication. Along with that a small rack card
16 marketing the *Advisory* was produced. It's targeted to
17 clinicians to kind of explain what the *Advisory* is.
18 It was also discussed that in the future the Board
19 should have a quick look at anything before it is
20 published. Mr. Rabinowitz also shared with the Board
21 a citation from a new report issued by RAND
22 Corporation. The Authority was contracted by AHRQ to
23 evaluation patient safety organizations in the states.

1 It seems the intent was to see what was replicable, or
2 borrowable, or could be stolen or taken or adapted by
3 the federal government in developing some sort of
4 national data collection or analysis system. This was
5 several years in the works and about 20 hours were
6 spent dealing with them, their survey, and questions.
7 It was a difficult team to work with and there was a
8 lot of information shared with them. However, the
9 actual software codes were not shared. They did
10 produce a very thorough analysis and it did have some
11 very laudatory comments about the Authority. There is
12 also some discussion about trying to get members of
13 the Board and the Health Care Cost Containment Council
14 at the table to have some discussion to learn about
15 one another and then see if there are ways that we
16 could work together in some kind of partnership or
17 collaboration. In regards to the 100,000 Lives
18 Campaign - it officially ended but it is still ongoing
19 as an initiative. Work on some educational and
20 training initiatives on specific interventions is
21 still taking place and we are going to help support
22 and facilitate several teleconferences devoted to some
23 infection-related bundles and interventions in the

1 100,000 lives campaign. Mr. Rabinowitz stated there
2 was a good conversation with senior managers from
3 University HealthSystems Consortium. You'll recall
4 that the PA-PSRS system is built upon UHC's Patient
5 Safety Net software platform. We each are based on
6 what was the same software but over the past three
7 years our systems have evolved, ours more than theirs
8 because we had to adopt their system to Pennsylvania
9 specific requirements. But, we've each enhanced the
10 system and added new capabilities and analytical tools
11 and we're going to share some of those, particularly
12 some of their management reports. Presentation of the
13 budget was brought up. It had been put on hold
14 pending development of a more formal strategic plan.
15 There was brief discussion and this will be put in the
16 agenda for next month's meeting. Also, in regards to
17 Board officers, the by-laws have an Executive
18 Committee consisting of the Chair, who is appointed by
19 the governor, an elected Vice-Chair, and an elected
20 secretary/treasurer. The secretary/treasurer was Dr.
21 Zuckerman, who is no longer on the Board, so it was
22 suggested that the Board hold an election next month
23 or the meeting after that. Also Act 88 of 2005 was

1 passed unanimously and signed by the governor
2 identifying the Authority as an independent agency.
3 The contract with ECRI and subcontractors EDS and ISMP
4 will expire end of 2007-08 fiscal year. So, it's not
5 too soon to think about how the Board wants to proceed
6 beyond 2008. There was some discussion on this topic
7 and a committee was appointed to evaluate the
8 performance of ECRI with a report due in, hopefully,
9 by the December meeting.]

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11 PA-PSRS Update

12 [About 375,000 reports, probably more, were received
13 of Incidents and Serious Events. There was some
14 discussion about this report and how the Board could
15 benefit from looking at it in a different way, i.e.
16 breaking down categories such as falls, medication
17 events. This could be done on a monthly basis with
18 possibly a year-to-month report, also.]

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20 Old Business

21 [An update and finalization of the MOU will be done by
22 next meeting. An update on the Board workgroup was
23 given. The program memorandum that was sent out will

1 be supplanted at some time with one that is based upon
2 a number of people including the head of the
3 Department of Health. And, a recommendation was made
4 and accepted that a head of a department be directly
5 involved in that process so that we could get an
6 understanding of that which is usable, reliable, and
7 hopefully will give us some uniformity.]

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9 New Business

10 [Mr. Hairston brought up the legislative public
11 relations information going out to the legislators and
12 does there need to be any discussion on this before it
13 is sent out. It was thought that it should be
14 prepared and reviewed electronically by the Board.
15 Ms. Holland brought up the fact that this is the year
16 the current legislature is going out, everybody is up
17 for election. The Board may want to consider doing
18 something after the new people are in office. The
19 last topic was regional Board meetings, having them
20 outside of Harrisburg. They will plan at least one
21 for next year when the schedule is set and try to come
22 up with some ways to attract people. Melissa Speck
23 from the Hospital and Healthcare Association of

1 Pennsylvania (HAP) also brought up that HAP is doing a
2 symposium in 2007 in Gettysburg. She extended an
3 invitation to the Authority to think about coming up
4 and having an open meeting the afternoon before the
5 symposium.]

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7 Adjournment

8 [The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. on September 12,
9 2006.]

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