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**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:  
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

RADISSON PENN HARRIS  
1150 CAMP HILL BYPASS  
CAMP HILL, PA

TIME: 9:55 a.m.

DATE: October 28, 2008

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**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

**Public Meeting**

**October 28, 2008**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of September 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. Initiative/Committee Reports
  - tbd
- VI. PA-PSRS Update
  - HAI update, Phenelle Segal, PA-PSRS HAI Analyst
  - MRSA issues presentation, Phenelle Segal, PA-PSRS HAI Analyst
  - PA-PSRS reports related to anticoagulation, Charlotte Huber, PA-PSRS Patient Safety Analyst
  - Advisory articles by clinical area presentation, Bill Marella, PA-PSRS Project Manager
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 October 28, 2008

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

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16 Also Present:

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18 William Marella, PSA Project Manager  
19 John Clarke, M.D., PSA Clinical Director  
20 Phenelle Segal (Phone), PSA Infection Analyst  
21 Charlotte Huber, PSA Analyst  
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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient  
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, October 28,  
5 2008. Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the  
6 meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

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8 [The motion to approve the minutes of the September 9,  
9 2008 board meeting carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering reported that the December Patient  
13 Safety Advisory will be released the end of December.  
14 He reminded everyone that the next Board meeting will  
15 be the second Tuesday in December. He reported on  
16 various presentations that had been conducted and some  
17 that will be conducted in the future. Mr. Doering  
18 stated there are many facilities that are in the  
19 process of completing the adoption of the interface.  
20 While the Authority will complete these interface  
21 additions, new additions were being placed on hold  
22 until after PA-PSRS is modified to accept HAI reports  
23 from nursing homes. He noted there is going to be a  
24 meeting with the executive director and communications  
25 director of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association to

1 begin discussions about educational opportunities for  
2 them through newsletters and also to use Authority  
3 work product for nursing CEU credits. Mr. Doering  
4 stated the final notice of the nursing home HAI  
5 reporting requirements was published in the  
6 Pennsylvania Bulletin. He introduced Fran Charney,  
7 the new director of educational programs. Charlotte  
8 Huber, PA-PSRS Patient Safety Analyst reported on  
9 interviews done with some high reporting and low  
10 reporting organizations. Surprisingly, the PA-PSRS  
11 analysts did not find any correlation between facility  
12 patient safety environments and reporting volume.]

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14 [Gary Merica made a motion to make a recommendation to  
15 send a formal request to the Department of Health to  
16 prioritize their visitations, with one criteria being  
17 organizations that report no Serious Events. The  
18 motion was seconded by Lorina Marshall-Blake and  
19 passed unanimously.]

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21 PA-PSRS Update

22 [Phenelle Segal, PA-PSRS HAI Analyst, gave a  
23 presentation on where the Authority is with some  
24 aspects of Act 52 implementation with emphasis on  
25 preparation for PA-PSRS user training for nursing

1 homes. She was originally scheduled to give a  
2 presentation on MRSA issues in Pennsylvania, but could  
3 not due to an emergency situation. This presentation  
4 will be given at the next Board meeting. She stated  
5 there will be an article on hospital success stories  
6 in HAI prevention in the March issue of the Patient  
7 Safety Advisory. She noted a webinar will be  
8 conducted for the nursing home infection personnel,  
9 and there has been a lot of good input from the  
10 Advisory panel meeting of October 3 regarding the  
11 specific webinar and what is important to target and  
12 who should be giving input and speaking during the  
13 webinar. This webinar be conducted on December 15 and  
14 will focus on what HAI should be reported to PA-PSRS  
15 and the criteria for determination of these HAI. She  
16 also talked about presentations she has given and will  
17 be giving in the future.]

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19 [Charlotte Huber, PA-PSRS Patient Safety Analyst, gave  
20 a presentation on reports related to anticoagulation  
21 medications. She discussed some reports regarding  
22 anticoagulation medication and serious events reported  
23 to PSRS related to anticoagulation therapy since  
24 2004.]

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1 [Bill Marella gave a presentation that identified and  
2 categorized all articles published in the Patient  
3 Safety Advisory since its inception. This analysis  
4 was derivative of work being done to completed the web  
5 site change. He stated a taxonomy was created to  
6 classify content along five different dimensions which  
7 made it easier to look at where coverage is in  
8 different clinical areas.]

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10 Old Business

11 [A discussion was held concerning whether the  
12 Authority should become a formal PSO in accordance  
13 with regulations being published by AHRQ. There was  
14 specific discussion related to how well the PA-PSRS  
15 taxonomy meshed with the AHRQ taxonomy. Also it was  
16 determined that Authority Counsel should identify the  
17 pros and cons of becoming a PSO (from a legal  
18 perspective). Dr. John Clarke noted he is on the  
19 committee that will be evaluating public comments sent  
20 to AHRQ and making recommendations for improvement.]

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22 Adjournment

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24 [The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.]

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Jerry Blevins  
Minute Clerk,  
York Stenographic Services

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10	9:55	0018	Call to Order, Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair
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13	9:57	0060	Approval of Minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting
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17	10:00	0248	Report of Board Executive Director Mike Doering
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20	10:46	3090	HAI Update
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22	11:10	5150	PA-PSRS Anticoagulation Reports
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25	11:24	6304	Advisory Articles
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27	11:30	6924	Old Business
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29	11:45	0858	Adjournment