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FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES

**MEETING OF:
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 11:03 a.m.

DATE: December 11, 2007

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 December 11, 2007

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5 Board Members:

6 Stanton Smullens, M.D.

7 Gary Merica, R.Ph.

8 Lorina Marshall-Blake (phone)

9 Cliff Rieders, Esquire

10 William F. Goodrich, Esquire (phone)

11 Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (phone)

12 Marshall W. Webster, M.D. (phone)

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14 PSA Staff:

15 Mike Doering, Executive Director

16 Sharon Hutton, Administrative Assistant

17 Laurene Baker, Communications Director

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19 Also Present:

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21 John Clarke, M.D., ECRI Institute, PA-PSRS Clinical

22 Director

23 Bill Marella, ECRI Institute, PA-PSRS Project Manager

24 Barbara Holland, Esq., PSA Legal Counsel

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, December 11,
5 2007. Stanton Smullens, M.D., Vice-Chair, called the
6 meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

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8 [Minutes from the November 13, 2007 meeting were
9 approved unanimously]

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12 Report of Board Executive Director

13 [Mike Doering reported that the next issue of the
14 Patient Safety Advisory would be published the first
15 or second week of January. Also, 180 Patient Safety
16 Officers responded to the Authority's annual survey.
17 Results of the survey will be presented at the next
18 board meeting in January. Mr. Doering said the online
19 PSA webinar training registration has been very
20 successful. In regard to speaking opportunities, he
21 will speak to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital
22 Council in Pittsburgh in late January regarding Act
23 52, and will speak at a conference in May hosted by
24 Virginians Improving Patient Care and Safety. Mr.
25 Doering said the Patient Safety Knowledge Exchange

1 Initiative will hopefully move forward but may be
2 hindered by issues surrounding confidentiality and
3 discoverability. In matters of procurement, Mr.
4 Doering noted that Tom Sterling is officially on board
5 and helping to draft the RFP for the main contract
6 reprocurement. The draft RFP will be sent to the
7 Department of State for some general comments and then
8 it will be forwarded to the evaluation committee in
9 early January, 2008.]

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11 Committee Reports

12 [Mike Doering reported that a draft recommendation had
13 been prepared with regard to colored wrist bands. He
14 stated that after discussion with Representative John
15 Payne intends to send letters to the Patient Safety
16 Authority, HAP and to hospitals in his district to ask
17 that they meet and determine what the recommendations
18 should be. Mr. Doering said it is important that the
19 initiative continue to move forward so Pennsylvania
20 can become another state with some form of color coded
21 wristband standardization for improved patient safety.
22 The board supported continued collaboration.]

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24 PA-PSRS Update

25 [Dr. John Clarke presented an update on wrong-site

1 surgery. He said in Pennsylvania there are continuing
2 reports of wrong-site surgery, that there was a little
3 leveling off about a year ago, and that slope isn't
4 quite as steep as it was, but reports are still being
5 received on a regular basis so the initial effort was
6 not totally satisfactory. Dr. Clarke said that
7 analysis of retrospective data was done when looking
8 at the universal protocol preoperative verification
9 marking the site and time out. He said hospitals were
10 visited that have reported wrong- site surgery events
11 and also hospitals that have not had wrong- site
12 surgery but have been diligent reporters of events in
13 the OR. Open discussions and observations were
14 conducted in these hospitals. He went on to discuss
15 time outs and various reasons for wrong-site surgery
16 occurrences. Dr. Clarke said a number of suggestions
17 will be coming out in the next Advisory. He expressed
18 the hope that institutions will follow these
19 recommendations.]

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21 Old Business

22 [Dr. Stanton Smullens reported there have been two
23 meetings of the HAI Advisory Panel, which has been
24 brought together under the Patient Safety Authority in
25 compliance with Act 52. He stated the major area of

1 questions was if the NHSN reporting system to the CDC
2 can be used in place of PA-PSRS. There were questions
3 that were presented to the Advisory panel that would
4 be custom questions on the NHSN reporting of various
5 HAIs. Those questions have been reviewed and modified
6 by the panel. Currently the plan is for the hospitals
7 reporting that they do not have to report HAI events
8 to PA-PSRS once they start using these custom
9 questions. The information provided in the customized
10 fields will be enough to fulfill the Authority's need
11 to learn from the event.]

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13 Old Business

14 [Cliff Rieders said a broader definition of what is
15 considered an unanticipated injury was put on hold in
16 October 2006. He is concerned about how hospital
17 patient safety administrators are being trained to
18 recognize unanticipated injuries. He suggested that
19 he believes this is a good time to take a look at and
20 renew what that definition is and what or how it's
21 going to be suggested to hospitals that they develop
22 definitions. Mr. Rieders also expressed another
23 concern about whether serious events are being
24 reported to patients by reporting facilities as Act 13
25 requires. He believes it should be explained to

1 patient safety officers that it's actually in their
2 interest to be doing this, and if it is not being
3 done, and the law is being ignored, the Department of
4 Health should be notified.]

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6 New Business

7 [Cliff Rieders discussed the issue of electronic
8 medical records' systems. He said they are
9 inconsistent and difficult to read. He said the
10 Governor's Office of Health Care Reform and the
11 Department of Health are interested in the issue. He
12 believes it is in the Authority's jurisdiction to help
13 coordinate, guide, and contribute to make sure that
14 hospitals have clear, concise, uniform electronic
15 record systems.]

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17 [Bill Marella gave an analysis of data concerning
18 electronic medical records. He noted that if looked
19 at narrowly the medical record is just basically a
20 document of the patient's condition and the care that
21 they're providing, but it has to be looked at more
22 broadly because the real power of the electronic
23 medical record is in its interaction with other
24 computerized systems in the hospital. Mr. Marella
25 stated that the benefits of the electronic medical

1 record basically are that it improves access to
2 information on a timely basis, and it reduces reliance
3 on human performance because it eliminates things such
4 as transcription errors. He discussed some reports
5 regarding electronic medical records of which about
6 half of them were medication errors and the other half
7 were errors in procedure and treatment and tests. Mr.
8 Marella noted that it could take 20 years for
9 electronic medical records systems to be widely
10 adopted, and for all the health systems to be
11 operating completely on a paperless basis. Mr. Doering
12 said the Authority would meet with the Governor's
13 Office of Healthcare Reform concerning the issue and
14 would see if the Authority could develop an Advisory
15 article based on information reported to PA-PSRS.]

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17 [Dr. Smullens called for a motion to adjourn
18 the meeting and Mr. Goodrich seconded.]

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20 [The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.]

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| 7 | TIME | AGENDA |
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| 9 | 11:03 | Call to Order, Stanton |
| 10 | | Smullens, M.D., Vice-Chair |
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| 12 | 11:03 | Approval of Minutes of the |
| 13 | | November 13, 2007 meeting |
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| 15 | 11:04 | Report of the Board Executive |
| 16 | | Director, Mike Doering |
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| 18 | 11:12 | Report of Committees |
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| 20 | 11:20 | PA-PSRS Update |
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| 22 | 11:52 | Initiative Updates |
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| 24 | 12:00 | Electronic Medical Records |
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| 26 | 12:25 | Adjournment |