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**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

DATE: December 6, 2004

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**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
December 6, 2004**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Board Administrator
- V. Old Business
  - Follow-up on Inquiries to the Department of Health to two issues raised at the October Board meeting:
    - 1) Facilities that have not submitted reports of Serious Events
    - 2) Written notification of Serious Events
- VI. New Business
  - Patient Safety Discount (Act 13: Section 312): The “Stand Up for Patient Safety” program; Diane Pinakiewicz, Executive Director, National Patient Safety Foundation
  - Schedule for Public Meetings for 2005
  - Other
- VII: Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 December 6, 2004

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4 Board Members

5 Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairperson, Pennsylvania  
6 Physician General

7 Hon. Mary Ann Dailey, R.N., DNSc

8 Anita Fuhrman, R.N., BS.

9 Joan M. Garzarelli, RN, MSN

10 William J. Goodrich

11 Roosevelt H. Hairston

12 Lorina L. Marshall-Blake

13 Gary A. Merica, R.Ph.

14 Danae Powers, M.D.

15 Cliff Rieders, Esquire

16 Nathaniel J. Zuckerman, M.D.

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18 Authority Personnel

19 Alan B.K. Rabinowitz, Board Administrator

20 Sharon L. Hutton, Administrative Assistant

21 Joan Plump, Esquire

22 Peter Hoffman, Esquire

23 Laurene Baker, Communications Director

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25 Also Present

26 Richard Lee, Deputy for Quality Assurance, Department  
27 of Health

28 Barbara Holland, Chief Counsel, Department of  
29 Health

30 Jeffrey Greenawalt, Pennsylvania Medical Society

31 Allen Vaida, Institute for Safe Medication Practices

32 Melissa Speck, Hospital and Healthsystem Association

33 Diane Pinakiewicz, MBA, Executive Director, National  
34 Patient Safety Foundation

35 Margaret Hogan, Senior Director of Programs, National  
36 Patient Safety Foundation

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

December 6, 2004

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety Authority was held on Monday, December 6, 2004. Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

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[Robert S. Muscalus, D.O., Chairman, noted that the meeting agenda contains a public comment section at which time 15 minutes will be allotted for members of the audience to comment. Chairman Muscalus also noted that the public will be permitted to comment prior to any Board vote. Chairman Muscalus announced that the meeting would proceed in a different order than the agenda and that the first item would be New Business to accommodate travel requirements of guest speakers.]

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New Business  
[Diane Pinakiewicz, MBA, Executive Director, National Patient Safety Program, along with Margaret "Meg" Hogan, Senior Director of Programs, National Patient Safety Program, met with the Board at 10:15 a.m. for

1 the purpose of discussing programs/initiatives  
2 developed by NPSP to help promote patient safety. Meg  
3 Hogan addressed the Board to provide an overview of  
4 the "Stand Up for Patient Safety" program. Discussion  
5 was held concerning whether the implementation of this  
6 program will aid in the reduction of serious events  
7 and potentially reduce malpractice premiums. Counsel  
8 Joan Plump noted that, under Act 13, the Board can  
9 make a recommendation for a program, which hospitals  
10 can adopt. Hospitals would then apply to the  
11 Department of Health for certification of that  
12 program, and the Department of Health in conjunction  
13 with the Insurance Department would set up criteria  
14 that would result in insurance premium reductions.  
15 Discussion was held concerning the costs associated  
16 with a facility's enrolling in the program. Mr.  
17 Merica suggested inviting representatives from the  
18 seven Pennsylvania hospitals that are already  
19 participating in this program to the Board's next  
20 meeting for the purpose of providing additional  
21 details. The Board concurred with the recommendation.  
22 Dr. Powers agreed to review the video and text  
23 materials provided by Ms. Hogan and Ms. Pinakiewicz

1 concerning the program and will thereafter provide  
2 insight back to the Board.]

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4 Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2004, meeting  
5 [Mr. Rieders requested a revision to the minutes by  
6 inserting "family" after "patient" on page 6, line  
7 10.]

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9 MR. RIEDERS:

10 I move to approve the minutes of the October  
11 4, 2004, meeting as amended.

12 [There was no second to the motion.]

13 DR. MUSCALUS:

14 Is there any other corrections or edits?

15 All in favor of adopting the minutes with  
16 that change indicate by saying aye. Those  
17 opposed nay.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Report of Board Chairman

21 [Chairman Muscalus addressed the Board at 11:13 a.m.  
22 to provide an update with regard to the activities Mr.  
23 Rabinowitz and himself have been involved in since the

1 October meeting both at the state and national levels  
2 which included attending a meeting of the Commonwealth  
3 Fund, meeting with representatives from the Maryland  
4 Patient Safety Center, a meeting with the Agency for  
5 Healthcare Research and Quality and a meeting with the  
6 Massachusetts Medical Society. Chairman Muscalus  
7 noted that both himself and Mr. Rabinowitz will be  
8 traveling to Oklahoma to provide insight to the  
9 legislature concerning PA-PSRS. Chairman Muscalus  
10 reiterated that there continues to be much interest in  
11 what Pennsylvania is doing with regard to patient  
12 safety. There was a brief discussion concerning a  
13 move toward national reporting and how this would  
14 affect the Authority. Dr. Muscalus noted that that if  
15 a bill would be passed resulting in national reporting  
16 it was his opinion that the Authority would be "well  
17 positioned" to adopt any changes.]

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19 Report of Board Administrator

20 [Alan B.K. Rabinowitz addressed the Board at 11:18  
21 a.m. to report that 60,516 reports of Serious Events  
22 and Incidents have been submitted to PA-PSRS since the  
23 inception of mandatory reporting. Dr. Muscalus

1 reiterated that the reports the Authority receives do  
2 not include reports of Infrastructure Failures but  
3 only represent Serious Events and Incidents. Mr.  
4 Rabinowitz reported that efforts toward developing an  
5 interface between facilities' internal reporting  
6 systems and PA-PSRS is moving forward, noting that  
7 "it's still up in the air how feasible it really will  
8 be, but it is something that the Authority is  
9 committed to looking into." Mr. Rabinowitz also  
10 shared two pieces of correspondence that he received  
11 which expressed positive feedback with regard to the  
12 Authority and the work that it does. Mr. Rabinowitz  
13 also provided an update concerning the results of an  
14 electronic survey that was sent to facilities about  
15 the utility and effectiveness of PA-PSRS and the  
16 Advisories, and soliciting feedback/suggestions with  
17 regard to modifications that might be made to enhance  
18 the reporting system. Mr. Rabinowitz concluded by  
19 noting that a meeting of organizations representing  
20 individual provider groups was held for the purpose of  
21 promoting reporting in hospitals and to encourage  
22 collaboration with those groups in patient safety  
23 education and outreach activities.]

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3 Old Business

4 [Counsel Joan Plump addressed the Board at 11:34 a.m.

5 to report on the discussions that were held with

6 Department of Health representatives concerning the

7 following two issues that were raised at the Board's

8 October meeting: 1) Facilities that have not submitted

9 reports of serious events. 2) Facilities providing

10 written notification of serious events to patients or

11 their families. Ms. Plump noted that as a result of

12 the discussion concerning those facilities that have

13 not submitted any reports, the Department of Health

14 has requested that the Authority supply them with

15 names of those facilities. Department of Health

16 representatives Barbara Holland, Chief Counsel, and

17 Dick Lee, Deputy for Quality Assurance, were present

18 to address the Authority concerning the Department's

19 position regarding this matter.]

20 MR. RIEDERS:

21 I would like to make a motion that we

22 instruct our staff to supply forthwith to

23 the Department of Health the list of non-

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1 reporting facilities and to cooperate fully  
2 with DOH in that regard.

3 MR. GOODRICH:

4 Second.

5 [Lengthy discussion was held on the motion with regard  
6 to the harm/benefit that could result from the  
7 Authority releasing information pertaining to non-  
8 reporting facilities to the Department of Health.  
9 Mr. Rabinowitz advised the Board that the number of  
10 non-reporting hospitals is in the single digits.]

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12 [Ms. Holland also commented on the Department's view  
13 of recommendations that the Authority makes. Ms.  
14 Holland reiterated that the patient safety discount  
15 programs need to be both "very specific and be able to  
16 demonstrably show reduction in medical errors."]

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18 [The Board engaged in further discussion concerning  
19 the harm/benefit that could result from the Authority  
20 releasing information pertaining to non-reporting  
21 facilities to the Department of Health. Discussion  
22 was held concerning the Board's statutory obligation,  
23 if any, to provide the information. The Board



1 MS. MARSHALL-BLAKE:

2 Second.

3 DR. MUSCALUS:

4 All those in favor?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.]

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5		COUNTER	
6	TIME	NUMBER	AGENDA
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8	10:14	0050	Call to Order, Robert Muscalus,
9			D.O., Chairman
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11	10:15	0112	New Business - National Patient
12			Safety Foundation
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14	11:09	3651	Approval of Minutes of the October
15			4, 2004, meeting
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17	11:13	3902	Report of Board Chairman Robert S.
18			Muscalus, D.O.
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20	11:18	4340	Report of Board Administrator Alan
21			B.K. Rabinowitz
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23	11:34	5843	Old Business
24		Tape #2	
25	12:39	3458	New Business (Cont'd)
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27	12:41		Adjournment