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**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:  
PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

ONE HALL DRIVE  
WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER  
HARRISBURG, PA

TIME: 11:03 a.m.

DATE: April 10, 2007

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**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

**Public Meeting**

**April 10, 2007**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of March 5, 2006 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of the Board Chair
- IV. Report of the Board Administrator
- V. Committee Reports
  - Data Committee
  - Others, if necessary
- VII. PA-PSRS Update
  - Presentation - OR Adverse Events and Errors - Wrong Patient, Op, Side, Site, John Clarke, MD, PA-PSRS Clinical Director
- VIII. Old Business
  - Strategic Plan comment and approval
- IX. New Business
  - Annual Report comment and approval
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment

1 Patient Safety Authority

2 April 10, 2007

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4 Board Members:

5 Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS  
6 Joan M. Garzarelli, RN, MSN  
7 Roosevelt Hairston, Esq. (phone)

8 Lorina L. Marshall-Blake

9 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chair

10 Stanton Smullens, M.D.

11 Marshall W. Webster, M.D.

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13 PSA Personnel:

14 Mike Doering, Interim Board Administrator  
15 Sharon L. Hutton, Administrative Assistant  
16 Laurene Baker, Communications Director  
17 Barbara J. Holland, Esquire

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19 Also Present:

20 John Clarke, M.D., ECRI, PA-PSRA Clinical Director  
21 Bill Marella, ECRI, PA-PSRS Project Manager  
22 Fran Charney, Patient Safety Officer, Holy Spirit  
23 Health System

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient  
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007.  
5 Ana Pujols-McKee, M.D., Chairperson, called the  
6 meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

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8 [The minutes from the March 2007 meeting were  
9 approved.]

10 [Dr. Webster also made a motion to modify the agenda  
11 and postpone the vote on the strategic plan until some  
12 details relating to the plan are worked out. Dr. McKee  
13 added some items under new business to the agenda that  
14 include: the Memorandum of Understanding with the  
15 Health Care Improvement Foundation. This motion was  
16 approved.]

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18 Report of Board Chair

19 [Dr. McKee stated there has been contact with Dr.  
20 Wright, who is heading up an initiative to start a  
21 medical school in Scranton, and who is very much  
22 interested in building their curriculum from the  
23 ground up and including relevant patient safety  
24 aspects. She stated that Dr. Wright will be a guest at  
25 the next meeting to talk about this initiative and to

1 begin a dialogue with the PSA and help them move  
2 forward in building their curriculum. Dr. McKee also  
3 stated it was a very nice opportunity to have the  
4 March board meeting with the patient safety officers  
5 in Gettysburg. She suggested it be made a tradition  
6 and is interested in entertaining ways in which the  
7 meeting could be more meaningful for the patient  
8 safety officers.]

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10 Report of Board Administrator

11 [Mr. Doering reported the abortion facilities have  
12 been given access to PA-PSRS and reports have been  
13 received from some facilities. He also stated that  
14 two Patient Safety Advisories had been sent out. The  
15 regular quarterly March issue was published on March  
16 30, and a Supplementary on contrast-induced  
17 nephropathy was also published. He stated several  
18 fairly positive comments regarding the Supplementary  
19 Advisory have been received. Mr. Doering reported  
20 that potential PA-PSRS enhancements are being  
21 considered with modification of the analytical reports  
22 to make them more meaningful to patient safety  
23 officers and easier to use, is at the top of the list.  
24 He stated a work group of PSOs is going to be created  
25 to get some direct feedback. Mr. Doering reported

1 that Failure Mode and Effects Analysis training is  
2 scheduled for Pittsburgh, May 22-23, Gettysburg, June  
3 6-7, and Bethlehem, June 13-14. New user training is  
4 scheduled for that same time as well. In terms of  
5 speaking and conference opportunities, he reported  
6 that he made a brief presentation at a conference  
7 sponsored by U.S. Pharmacopeia in Gaithersburg on the  
8 PSA, PA-PSRS and medication errors. He noted that he  
9 and Jan Johnson are also going to be speaking at the  
10 American Association of Nurse Attorneys at their East  
11 Coast Regional Meeting in King of Prussia on Saturday,  
12 April 28. Their role is to give an overview of the  
13 PSA, the PSRS system, and how reports are analyzed.  
14 Mr. Doering reported there were discussions with  
15 Andrew Wigglesworth and some members from the HCIF  
16 board to discuss some ways that we can collaborate and  
17 provide information to support the different  
18 initiatives that they had in improving patient safety  
19 in the five-county, southeastern Pennsylvania region.  
20 A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed and  
21 will be voted upon by each Board. Mr. Doering noted a  
22 draft of the Annual Report was developed and submitted  
23 to the Annual Report Committee for review and comment.  
24 He noted that further discussion would be held on  
25 strategic planning. Mr. Doering reported the

1 financial information that the fund balance as of the  
2 end of 2006 is approximately \$2.6 million. A lag in  
3 contract payments will cause the fund to deplete to  
4 about \$1 million by the end of this fiscal year. An  
5 assessment has gone out for \$2.5 million and assuming  
6 that all of those monies are collected there will be  
7 about \$3.5 million to go into the next fiscal year,  
8 which is less than what the annual budget is.]

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10 Committee Reports

11 [Joan Garzarelli reported that the Data Committee has  
12 been involved in a review of the MOU, the colonoscopy  
13 project and the protocol for that. She stated that  
14 input has been received into those work plans.]

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16 PA-PSRS Update

17 [John R. Clarke, M.D., gave a presentation on wrong  
18 site surgery and summarized findings of a study done  
19 on PA-PSRS data over a 13-month period. He reported  
20 there were 427 reports, most of which were near  
21 misses, but a wrong side surgery event (either a  
22 Serious Event or near miss) is reported once every two  
23 days in Pennsylvania. There were 129 facilities  
24 reporting, one out of every three who does acute care.  
25 Communication that includes patients and families is

1 cited by Dr. Clarke as important to reduce the risk of  
2 wrong site surgeries. Also, the pre-op surgeon and  
3 nurses are also very helpful in correcting mistakes.  
4 Dr. Clarke stated that this information is going to be  
5 presented to a surgical group and their surgical  
6 association at the end of this month, and also a  
7 manuscript will be submitted to the Annals of Surgery  
8 in conjunction with that presentation. He noted that  
9 a pre-print will be sent out to all the patient safety  
10 officers and a more narrative version of that with  
11 actual case examples will be provided in the next  
12 Advisory.]

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14 New Business

15 Annual Report

16 [Mr. Marella said that the annual report follows a  
17 similar format to last year and there's some data  
18 analysis trying to give people a sense of what the  
19 data looked like overall, but also the annual report  
20 provides actionable information. He added that given  
21 facilities have said that they all have different  
22 views of the reporting requirements he hopes to work  
23 with them on that through the actionable items. He  
24 noted that he hopes people will notice from the annual  
25 report that the Authority and the PA-PSRS program have

1 made a lot of effort to get more in touch with the  
2 various stakeholders, particularly with the patient  
3 safety officers, and trying to work with the  
4 facilities on quality improvement. He noted that  
5 there has to be changes in the clinical processes or  
6 change in the facility environment to make the whole  
7 process safer.]

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9 [The Annual Report was unanimously approved by roll-  
10 call vote as it stands with some minor changes that  
11 were made earlier in the morning.]

12 [Mr. Doering said a Memorandum of Understanding  
13 developed with HCIF states the roles of the PSA and  
14 HCIF and any limitations and terms of use for  
15 information provided. All data offered will be at the  
16 summary level. The data will not be individual  
17 hospital data and will be de-identified. The edits  
18 given to HCIF were approved and a vote was taken by  
19 the board to approve the HCIF project]

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 [Joan Garzarelli made a motion to allow Mike Doering  
23 signature authority on the HCIF MOU. The motion was  
24 then revised to include signature authority on other  
25 PSA documents.]

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [Dr. Marshall Webster made a motion that the PSA ask  
4 the Department of Health to levy a supplemental  
5 assessment for this fiscal year above the previously  
6 requested \$2.5 million so that the fund this year  
7 equals roughly the budget for this year. The added  
8 assessment is approximated at \$1 million.]

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Public Comments

12 [Fran Charney advised that the Colors of Safety Task  
13 Force has had notification that they have won the  
14 achievement award in the patient safety arena, and  
15 also won the innovation award, which will be presented  
16 on May 14, 2007.]

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18 [The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.]

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Jerry Blevins  
Minute Clerk,



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	COUNTER		
TIME	NUMBER		AGENDA
11:03	0020		Call to Order, Ana Pujols-McKee, Chair
11:03	0029		Approval of Minutes of the March 5, 2006 meeting
11:04	0094		Report of the Board Chair, Ana Pujols-McKee
11:07	0211		Report of Board Administrator Mike Doering
11:14	0630		Data Committee Report
11:15	0685		PA-PSRS Update
11:32	1730		Annual Report
11:36	2010		Memorandum of Understanding
11:40	2265		Public Comments
11:43	2340		Adjournment