



APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

ZOOM MEETING

TIME: 1:05 P.M.

DATE: MARCH 18, 2021

Patient Safety Authority**March 18, 2021**

1
2 Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair
3 William Wenner, M.D.
4 Kathleen Law, RN
5 Linda Waddell. RN
6 Veronica Richards, Esquire
7 Eric Weitz, Esquire
8 Arleen Kessler, PharmD
9 Daniel Glunk, M.D.
10 Ameilia Paré, M.D.
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13 Also Present:
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15 Regina Hoffman, Executive Director
16 Howard Newstadt, Financial Director & CIO
17 Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach & Education
18 Caitlyn Allen, Director of Engagement
19 Rebecca Jones, Director of Data Science and Research
20 Rodney Akers, Legal Counsel
21 JoAnn Adkins, Senior Infection Preventionist
22 Jeff Bomboy, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
23 Kelly Gipson, Project Manager
24 Lea Anne Gardner, Patient Safety Analyst
25 Shawn Kepner, Data Analyst
26 Richard Kundravi, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
27 Elizabeth Kukielka, Patient Safety Analyst
28 Christopher Mamrol, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
29 Karen McKinnon-Lipsett, Administrative Specialist
30 Shelly Mixell, Administrative Specialist
31 Melanie Motts, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
32 Eugene Myers, Associated Editor
33 Jessica Oaks, Program Manager
34 Jackie Peck, Communication Specialists
35 Terri Plesce, Office Manager
36 Cathy Reynolds, Patient Safety Liaison
37 Terri Lee Roberts, Senior Infection Preventionist
38 Megan Shetterly, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
39 Krista Soverino, Communication Specialist
40 Heather Stone, Administrative Specialist

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- 1 Alex Ulsh, IT Systems Administrator
- 2 Susan Wallace, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
- 3 Robert Yonash, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
- 4 Erin O'Dea, PA House of Reps., Health Committee
- 5 Dyland Lindberg, PA House of Reps., Health Committee
- 6 Mary Ellen Mannix, Patient Advocate, Public
- 7 Daniell Jurgill, Public
- 8 Dwight McKay, Patient Advocate, Public
- 9 Bill Adams, Public
- 10 Lisa McGiffert, Public
- 11 MaryEllen Pfeiffer, Public
- 12 Andrew Armenta, Public
- 13 Jeanette Averett, Public
- 14 Liropeya Camblor, Public
- 15 Suzanne Nevins, Pubic
- 16 Lisa Rodebaugh, Public
- 17 Kim Sandstrom, Public



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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

Public Meeting

March 18, 2021 Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the January 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes (1:00-1:02)
- III. Report of Board Chair (1:02-1:05)
- IV. Executive Session (1:05-1:40)
- V. Executive Director Report (1:40-2:00)
- VI. Old Business – Recommendations to Ensure Correct Site Surgery (2:00-2:15)
- VII. New Business
 - a. Policy Response to Complaints of MCARE Compliance (2:15-2:30)
 - b. Approval of new HAI panel members (2:30-2:45)
- VIII. Public Comment (2:45)
- IX. Adjournment

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety

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Authority was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021, via a

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Zoom, virtual meeting. Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair,

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called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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A motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021,

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carried unanimously.

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Report of the Board Chair

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[Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair, advised the Board that

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Denise Johnson has been appointed as the new Physician

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General, and should become chair of the Patient Safety

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Authority, in accordance with MCARE, however, that has

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not been confirmed at this point.]

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Report of the Executive Director

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[Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, advised that the

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LMS, online education, will launch on April 1. Ms.

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Hoffman also proposed the idea of joint accreditation

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for continuing education of other disciplines, outside

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of registered nurses, such as physicians, pharmacists,

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1 social workers. There was discussion about the cost
2 involved and the length of time it would take to
3 accomplish this. Ms. Hoffman advised that the matter
4 would be proposed at the next budget meeting. Ms.
5 Hoffman advised that two members of the HAI Panel are
6 being replaced. With regards to finance, Ms. Hoffman
7 advised that as of March 4, the treasury invested cash
8 balance in the trust fund was just over \$7.2 million,
9 which is adequate to provide for activities through
10 the remainder of the fiscal year. She went on to
11 report that the Department of Health will begin the
12 MCARE assessment transfers toward the end of the third
13 quarter for fiscal year 2021. There was a lengthy
14 discussion about the study conducted on validation of
15 the PSRS reports based on hospital-acquired
16 conditions. Ms. Hoffman advised that the study has
17 revealed that there is often a coding discrepancy, and
18 also some underreporting. There was discussion on the
19 best way to handle this problem, and it was suggested
20 that some plans be compiled to understand why
21 facilities across the Commonwealth don't report all of
22 the things that they need to report, for discussion at
23 the next Board meeting.]

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2 Old Business

3 [Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair, suggested that, in the
4 interest of time, the subjects of Correct Site Surgery
5 and Policy Response to Complaints of MCARE Compliance,
6 be tabled until the next meeting.]

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8 New Business

9 [Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair, made a motion to
10 approve the two new HAI Committee panel members. The
11 motion was seconded, and was passed unanimously.]

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13 Public Comment

14 [Danielle Jurgill from the public advised Ms. Hoffman
15 that she would put her thoughts about retained foreign
16 objects into an e-mail for her review. Mary Ellen
17 Mannix from the public posed a question regarding
18 event reporting and also the different levels of
19 impact of the CANDOR program. There was discussion on
20 the effectiveness of the CANDOR program, and it was

1 requested that Ms. Mannix provide documentation of her
2 findings.]

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5 [The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.]

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Byron Aldinger
9 Minute Clerk
10 York Stenographic Services
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2	BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
3	REFERENCE INDEX		
4	MARCH 18, 2021		
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6		COUNTER	
7	TIME	NUMBER	AGENDA
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9	1:05 p.m.	1:24	Call to Order
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11		1:30	Approval of the January
12			14, 2021, Meeting
13			Minutes
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15		1:55	Report of Board Chair
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17		4:14	Executive Session
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19		6:24	Executive Director
20			Report, Regina Hoffman
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22		1:13:01	Old Business
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24		1:13:41	New Business - Approval
25			of New HAI Panel Members
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27		1:14:23	Public Comment
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29		1:27:39	Adjournment
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