

APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

CENTRAL PENN COLLEGE CONFERENCE CENTER
600 VALLEY ROAD
SUMMERDALE, PA 17903

TIME: 11:16 A.M.

DATE: JUNE 20, 2024

Patient Safety Authority**June 20, 2024**

1
2 Nirmal Joshi, M.D., Chair
3 William Wenner, M.D.
4 Eric Weitz, Esquire
5 Veronica Richards, Esquire
6 Amelia Paré, M.D. (via Zoom)
7 Addie Abelson, Esquire
8 Lynn Kornblau, Esquire
9 Daniel Feinberg, M.D. (via Zoom)
10 Samuel Hammerman, M.D.
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12 Also Present:
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14 Caitlyn Allen, Director of External Affairs
15 Tony Arnold, Business Operations Manager
16 Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach and Education
17 Amanda Bennett, Infection Prevention Advisor
18 Denise Cutting, Infection Prevention Advisor
19 Kathleen Dohey, Patient Safety Advisor
20 Shirley Dominick, Patient Safety Advisor
21 Regina Hoffman, Executive Director
22 Becky Jones, Director of Data Science and Research
23 Shawn Kepner, Data Analyst
24 Rick Kundravi, Patient Safety Advisor
25 Christopher Mamrol, Senior Patient Safety Advisor
26 Karen McKinnon, Office Coord./Senior Adm. Specialst
27 Melanie Motts, Patient Safety Advisor
28 Jesse Munn, Transformation & Strategic Initiatives
29 Howard Newstadt, Financial Director and CIO
30 Jessica Oaks, Program Manager
31 Jackie Peck, Communication Specialist (via Zoom)
32 Molly Quesenberry, Patient Safety Advisor
33 Cathy Reynolds, Senior Patient Safety Advisor
34 Sunny Ro, Research Scientist
35 Christine Sanchez, Patient Safety Analyst
36 Krista Soverino, Communications Specialist (via Zoom)
37 Heather Stone, People Ptr. & Strat. Assist. (via Zoom)
38 Matthew Taylor, Research Scientist
39 Alex Ulsh, Systems Administrator
40 Robert Yonash, Senior Patient Safety Advisor

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- 1 Wendy Ruderman (Philadelphia Inquirer) (via Zoom)
- 2 Shannon Davila (ECRI Institute) (via Zoom)
- 3 Sarah Gantz (Philadelphia Inquirer) (via Zoom)
- 4 Robert Shipp (HAP)
- 5 Byron Aldinger (York Stenographic Reporter)
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Executive Session

June 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM ET

Location:

The Conference Center at Central Penn College
600 Valley Road
Summerdale, PA 17093

Consideration of personnel matters and to engage in non-deliberative informational discussions regarding various actions and matters which have been approved at previous public meetings.

Public Meeting

June 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM ET

Location:

The Conference Center at Central Penn College
600 Valley Road
Summerdale, PA 17093

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the April 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of Board Chair
- IV. Executive Director Report
- V. Old Business
 - a. Neonatal Complications - discussion regarding next steps
 - b. Evaluation of Reporting Pilot Program - results
 - c. Strategic Planning Update
- VI. New Business
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety
4 Authority was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024. Nirmal
5 Joshi, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at
6 11:16 a.m.

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8 A motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2024,
9 carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Board Chair

12 [Dr. Joshi, Chair, indicated that he would defer his
13 comments until after Ms. Hoffman had given her
14 report.]

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16 Executive Director Report

17 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, began her report
18 by welcoming Kate Dohey as a new Patient Safety
19 Advisor. Ms. Hoffman advised that the next PA-PSRS
20 release is scheduled for June 25. Ms. Hoffman
21 provided a brief breakdown of the manuscripts that
22 have been published since the last Board meeting. She
23 advised that JoAnn Adkins and Christine Bingman had

1 the opportunity to present at the National APIC
2 Conference in June, and they presented on
3 antimicrobial stewardship in long-term care.
4 Ms. Hoffman also advised that the Outreach and
5 Education Team completed the 12-month project, Keys to
6 Investigation, which provided investigative tools to
7 help facilities improve the quality of their
8 investigations. Ms. Hoffman went on to advise that
9 the next Keystone begins on July 1, which will be the
10 keys to surgical site infection surveillance,
11 specifically in ambulatory surgery facilities.
12 Ms. Hoffman advised that the PSA is currently
13 recruiting for three open positions on the HAI
14 Advisory Panel. She advised that the Engagement and
15 Publications Team concluded the Spring Writing
16 Workshop, and will be planning another one for the
17 fall. Ms. Hoffman reported that one anonymous report
18 was received in April, which did not meet the
19 requirements of an anonymous report, and there was
20 also one report in May, which has since been closed
21 with an acceptable investigation. As of June 6,
22 Ms. Hoffman advised that expenses for this fiscal year
23 were \$6.6 million, and the projected end of fiscal

1 year expenses are \$7.5 million. She went on to report
2 that about 38 percent of this year's assessments have
3 been collected. Ms. Hoffman concluded her report by
4 advising that as of June 6, the cash balance of the
5 Patient Safety Trust Fund was just under \$11 million,
6 which includes about \$500,000 in investment income.]

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8 Old Business

9 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, discussed the
10 next steps that will be taken as a result of the poor
11 results obtained from the study on neonatal
12 complications. She advised that the plan is to bring
13 hospitals and healthcare providers together, working
14 with ECRI, for a safe-table conversation. There was
15 discussion regarding the frustration of not being able
16 to get meaning information from facilities on neonatal
17 complications to improve patient safety across the
18 Commonwealth, and the steps that have been taken to
19 attempt to obtain that information. Dr. Wenner raised
20 the point that the PSA needs to determine, through the
21 courts or legislature, whether or not they have the
22 authority to ask for more information. He also
23 suggested that the safe-table discussions should be

1 tied with another step. There was further discussion
2 on the issue, and Dr. Wenner made a motion not to
3 proceed with the open table collaboration until there
4 has been public communication with the legislature and
5 the executive branches. There was no second to the
6 motion, and it, therefore, failed.]

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8 Old Business

9 [Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach and Education,
10 gave a presentation of the findings on Evaluation of
11 Reporting Programs, specifically for the LTACH
12 facilities in Pennsylvania. She explained that they
13 were tasked with evaluation reporting to determine
14 where opportunities lie. She advised that the team
15 went out and reviewed medical records and looked for
16 potential triggers, using a modified version of the
17 OIG LTACH Trigger Tool as a base document to identify
18 where potential events were. She advised that 798
19 records were reviewed, and when triggers were
20 identified, that information was sent to the
21 facilities for them to go back and look at where those
22 triggers occurred to determine if there was a
23 reportable event there or not. After review, it was

1 found that there were 197 total reportable events in
2 those charts, the majority of which had already been
3 reported by facilities, with 39 being discovered and
4 reported after the review as part of the retrospective
5 review process. Ms. Bell noted that of the serious
6 events that were not reported, a handful were actually
7 infections that did not meet NHSN criteria but still
8 met reportable criteria for PA-PSRS. Ms. Bell advised
9 that the team also looked at the facilities' patient
10 safety plans, their reporting history and trends over
11 time, and any other policies or information they had
12 related to reporting. The team then gave each
13 facility a personalized report that summarized the
14 review of all the information, and a summary of the
15 findings based on the medical record review. Ms. Bell
16 advised that a few opportunities were identified that
17 were consistent across the facilities. She explained
18 there is still a challenge surrounding terminology
19 within the definitions. Ms. Bell advised that for
20 next steps, she would like to meet with Department of
21 Health to talk about the potential for developing some
22 more specific guidance around patient safety plans for
23 facilities. She would also like to put together a

1 group of the LTACH's to talk more about specific
2 events, and to develop some standardized guidance that
3 could be brought back to the Board and the Department
4 of Health for approval. The matter was then
5 discussed.]

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7 Old Business

8 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, gave a brief
9 update on Strategic Planning, and advised that since
10 the last Board meeting three stakeholder meetings were
11 held. Two were with facility representatives, and one
12 which was more organizational. Ms. Hoffman advised
13 that the internal team is now in the process of
14 aggregating that information, and over the course of
15 the next month they will be putting together a plan to
16 present to the Board in September.]

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18 Public Comment

19 [Robert Shipp from HAP raised the issue of the safe-
20 table discussions, and offered to help in any way that
21 he could.]

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23 [The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.]

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REFERENCE INDEX
JUNE 20, 2024

TIME	COUNTER NUMBER	AGENDA
11:16	00:04	Call to Order
	00:21	Roll Call
	1:52	Approval of the April 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes
	2:18	Report of Board Chair
	2:28	Executive Director Report, Regina Hoffman
	6:04	Old Business Neonatal Complications - discussion regarding next steps Regina Hoffman
	19:20	Old Business Evaluation of Reporting Pilot Program - results Michelle Bell
	37:37	Old Business Strategic Planning Update Regina Hoffman
	39:15	Public Comment Robert Shipp, HAP
	42:28	Adjournment