



APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

ZOOM MEETING

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Patient Safety Authority**September 23, 2021**

1
2 Denise Johnson, Physician General, Chair
3 William Wenner, M.D.
4 Eric Weitz, Esquire
5 Kathleen Law, RN
6 Linda Waddell, RN
7 Arleen Kessler, PharmD
8 Veronica Richards, Esquire
9 Amelia Paré, M.D.
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11 Also Present:
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13 Regina Hoffman, Executive Director
14 Howard Newstadt, Financial Director & CIO
15 Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach & Education
16 Caitlyn Allen, Director of Engagement
17 Rebecca Jones, Director of Data Science and Research
18 Rodney Akers, Legal Counsel
19 JoAnn Adkins, Senior Infection Preventionist
20 Christine Bingman, Infection Preventionist
21 Kelly Gipson, Project Manager
22 Lea Anne Gardner, Patient Safety Analyst
23 Amy Harper, Infection Prevention Analyst
24 Shawn Kepner, Data Analyst
25 Richard Kundravi, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
26 Elizabeth Kukielka, Patient Safety Analyst
27 Christopher Mamrol, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
28 Karen McKinnon-Lipsett, Administrative Specialist
29 Shelly Mixell, Administrative Specialist
30 Eugene Myers, Associated Editor
31 Jessica Oaks, Program Manager
32 Jackie Peck, Communication Specialists
33 Terri Plesce, Office Manager
34 Cathy Reynolds, Patient Safety Liaison

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1 Megan Shetterly, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
2 Krista Soverino, Communication Specialist
3 Heather Stone, Administrative Specialist
4 Matthew Taylor, Patient Safety Analyst
5 Alex Ulsh, IT Systems Administrator
6 Susan Wallace, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
7 Robert Yonash, Senior Patient Safety Liaison
8 Dave Eppley, Program Manager, Gainwell Technologies
9 Carolyn Byrnes, Sr. Advisor to the Phys. General, DOH
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Executive Session

September 23, 2021 at 12:30 PM ET

Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

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

September 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM ET

Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the June 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- III. Report of Board Chair
- IV. Executive Director Report
- V. Old Business
 - a. Recommendations to Ensure Correct Site Surgery Update
 - b. Strategic Plan Update
- VI. New Business
 - a. Approval of FY21-22 Annual Budget
 - b. Approval of MedStar Health Research Institute Contract Extension
 - c. Approval of Gainwell Technologies Contract Extension
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

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3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held via a Zoom call on Thursday,
5 September 23, 2021. Denise Johnson, M.D., called the
6 meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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8 A motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2021,
9 carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Board Chair

12 [Dr. Johnson, M.D., Chair, reported on the Authority's
13 collaboration with UPMC-Magee Women's Hospital, and
14 the creation and release of a video targeting
15 prevention of newborn falls, for this year's World
16 Patient Safety Day. She went on to advise that this
17 year marks the two-year anniversary of the PSA's
18 journal. Dr. Johnson advised that the Board Finance
19 Committee met on September 2 to finalize the budget,
20 and the Annual Report Committee will be holding their
21 meeting this fall. Dr. Johnson reported that Jeff
22 Bomboy, Patient Safety Liaison, and Terry Lee Roberts,
23 Infection Preventionist, have both retired. Dr.

1 Johnson further advised that she gave a lecture at
2 Temple University on patient safety, and explained the
3 Authority's role.]

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5 Executive Director Report

6 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, advised that work
7 continues on improving the PA-PSRS database, and an
8 update will be released on September 30. A second
9 update is scheduled for January 1, 2022, which will
10 add a demographic question to the database. Ms.
11 Hoffman advised that new programs have been added to
12 the online learning system. Ms. Hoffman went on to
13 report that the HAI Advisory Panel met this week, and
14 a full report will be given at the next meeting in
15 December. Ms. Hoffman gave a brief summary of the
16 complaints that have been received, and the way they
17 have been handled.]

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19 Old Business

20 [Regarding Recommendations to Ensure Correct Site
21 Surgery, Regina Hoffman advised that acting secretary
22 approved the draft recommendations from the Board.
23 She went on to advise that they will be prepared for

1 publication in the PA Bulletin, and will be released
2 in the upcoming weeks. After a 30-day public comment
3 period, any changes will be forwarded to the Secretary
4 for approval, and then published as final.]

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6 [Regarding the Strategic Plan Update, Ms. Hoffman
7 outlined some of the accomplishments made since the
8 strategic plan was approved last November.]

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10 New Business

11 [Howard Newstadt, Financial Director and CIO, gave an
12 in-depth report on the annual budget for fiscal
13 '21/'22, and made a suggested motion from the
14 committee to approve the Authority's fiscal '21/'22
15 budget for \$7 1/2 million. Dr. Wenner made a motion
16 to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by
17 Kathy Law, and passed unanimously.]

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19 [Regina Hoffman gave an explanation of the contract
20 term with MedStar Health Research Institute, and
21 requested authorization from the Board to execute the
22 option to extend the contract for two additional one-
23 year terms, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

1 Dr. Glunk made a motion to approve the request. Eric
2 Weitz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.]

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4 [Ms. Hoffman gave an explanation of the contract terms
5 with Gainwell Technologies, and requested
6 authorization from the Board to execute option two,
7 extending the contract for one additional two-year
8 term, from July 1, 2022, through July 30, 2024. Dr.
9 Glunk made a motion to approve the request. Linda
10 Waddell seconded the motion, and it carried
11 unanimously.]

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13 Public Comment

14 [Kathy Law brought up the issue of the nursing
15 shortage, and asked others if their facilities were
16 facing the same issue. Dr. Johnson, Dr. Glunk, and
17 Linda Waddell all agreed that the shortage appears to
18 be nationwide. There was discussion on how the
19 shortage impacts patients and patient safety. There
20 was also brief discussion on mandatory vaccination.]

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4 [The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.]

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Byron Aldinger

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Minute Clerk

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REFERENCE INDEX
JUNE 24, 2021

1		COUNTER	
2	TIME	NUMBER	AGENDA
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7	1:00	00:10	Call to Order
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11		2:00	Approval of the June
12			24, 2021, Meeting
13			Minutes
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15		2:26	Report of Board Chair
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17		6:13	Executive Director
18			Report, Regina Hoffman
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20		10:12	Old Business -
21			Recommendations to
22			Ensure Correct Site
23			Surgery Update, Regina
24			Hoffman
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26		11:18	Old Business - Strategic
27			Plan Update, Regina
28			Hoffman
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30		18:03	New Business - Approval
31			of FY21-22 Annual
32			Budget, Howard Newstadt
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34		41:56	New Business - Approval
35			of MedStar Health
36			Research Institute
37			Contract Extension,
38			Regina Hoffman
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40		43:34	New Business - Approval
41			of Gainwell Technologies
42			Contract Extension,
43			Regina Hoffman
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45		45:54	Public Comment
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Adjournment