

APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

ZOOM MEETING

TIME: 1:05 P.M.

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2022

Patient Safety Authority**December 8, 2022**

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2 Nirmal Joshi, M.D., Chair

3 Daniel Glunk, M.D.

4 William Wenner, M.D.

5 Eric Weitz, Esquire

6 Veronica Richards, Esquire

7 Amelia Paré, M.D.

8 Lynn Kornblau, Esquire

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10 Also Present:

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12 JoAnn Adkins, Senior Infection Preventionist

13 Rodney Akers, Esquire

14 Caitlyn Allen, Director of Engagement

15 Tony Arnold, Business Operations Manager

16 Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach and Education

17 Amanda Bennett, Infection Preventionist

18 Shirley Dominick, Patient Safety Liaison

19 Kelly Gipson, Project Manager

20 Regina Hoffman, Executive Director

21 Becky Jones, Director of Data Science and Research

22 Shawn Kepner, Data Analyst

23 Rick Kundravi, Senior Patient Safety Liaison

24 Christopher Mamrol, Senior Patient Safety Liaison

25 Karen McKinnon-Lipsett, Administrative Specialist

26 Melanie Motts, Senior Patient Safety Liaison

27 Eugene Myers, Associate Director

28 Howard Newstadt, Financial Director and CIO

29 Jessica Oaks, Program Manager

30 Jackie Peck, Communication Specialist

31 Molly Quesenberry, Patient Safety Liaison

32 Cathy Reynolds, Senior Patient Safety Liaison

33 Sunny Ro, Patient Safety Analyst

34 Christine Sanchez, Patient Safety Analyst

35 Megan Shetterly, Senior Patient Safety Liaison

36 Krista Sorvino, Communications Specialist

37 Heather Stone, Administrative Specialist

38 Matthew Taylor, Patient Safety Analyst

39 Alex Ulsh, IT Systems Administrator

40 Robert Yonash, Senior Patient Safety Liaison

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- 1 Dave Eppley, Program Manager, Gainwell Technologies
- 2 Patrick O'Rourke, Research Analyst/Health
- 3 Committee/House Democratic Caucus
- 4 Mary Ellen Mannix, Public
- 5 Jane Domarachi, Wayne Memorial Hospital
- 6 Garrison Gladfelter, Department of Health
- 7 Louise Keegan, Associate Professor of Speech-Language
- 8 Pathology, Moravian University
- 9 Beth Kern, Quality, Risk, Patient Safety, Regional
- 10 Hospital of Scranton
- 11 Linda Grecco, Wayne Memorial Hospital
- 12 Byron Aldinger, York Steno Reporter



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3 **Executive Session**

4 December 8, 2022 at 12:30 PM ET
5 Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)
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7 Consideration of personnel matters and to engage in non-
8 deliberative
9 informational discussions regarding various actions and
10 matters which
11 have been approved at previous public meetings.
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13 **Public Meeting**

14 December 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM ET
15 Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)
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17 **Agenda**
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- 21 I. Call to Order
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 - 23 II. Roll Call
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 - 25 III. Approval of the September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes
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 - 27 IV. Report of Board Chair
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 - 29 V. Executive Director Report
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 - 31 VI. Old Business
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 - 33 a. Evaluation of Event Reporting
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 - 35 VII. New Business
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 - 37 a. Approval of 2022-2023 Assessments
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 - 39 VIII. Public Comment
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 - 41 IX. Adjournment

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3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety
4 Authority was held via a Zoom call on Thursday,
5 December 8, 2022. Nirmal Joshi, M.D., Chair, called
6 the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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8 A motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2022,
9 carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Board Chair

12 [Dr. Joshi, Chair, advised that the PSA has been
13 internally discussing the effectiveness of event
14 reporting, and is looking at processes to streamline
15 and clarify definitions associated with reporting, and
16 eventually enforcement mechanisms. He advised that he
17 will keep the Board apprised as discussions continue.]

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19 Executive Director Report

20 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, began by advising
21 that the PA-PSRS AMOD Release 3.6 date was moved to
22 December 15. She went on to advise that the
23 Educational Committee meets quarterly as a requirement

1 of joint accreditation, and this will ultimately allow
2 CME's to be offered for educational programs. Ms.
3 Hoffman outlined the upcoming webinars that are being
4 offered. She advised that the fourteenth edition of
5 the Patient Safety Journal will be released on
6 December 16. Ms. Hoffman concluded by reporting that
7 the treasury invested cash balance as of November 18
8 is \$10,533,320.]

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10 Old Business

11 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, discussed the
12 supplemental report provided to Board members
13 regarding Evaluation of Event Reporting. She advised
14 that more than 200 reports have been identified
15 describing returns to the operating room that were
16 submitted as incidents, deaths that were submitted as
17 incidents, and additional miscellaneous reports that
18 were submitted as incidents that may be serious
19 events. She advised that written notification has
20 been sent to healthcare facilities of these
21 potentially misclassified reports, and follow-up with
22 facilities is ongoing. Ms. Hoffman went on to advise
23 that there has been communication with more than 75

1 healthcare facilities about appropriate reporting
2 practices, and in November a letter was sent to all
3 patient safety officers outlining some of these
4 issues. In addition, a biweekly educational
5 publication for patient safety officers and bedside
6 clinicians was developed to promote accurate
7 reporting. Ms. Hoffman advised that general reporting
8 concerns were communicated to the Hospital
9 Association, and discussions continue with the
10 Department of Health regarding reporting practices.
11 Ms. Hoffman went on to explain that one educational
12 session for surveyors was conducted, with another
13 scheduled for December 9, regarding reporting
14 requirements. In addition, two plans to evaluate and
15 improve the quality of event reporting were developed.
16 Ms. Hoffman then discussed the comprehensive work plan
17 to evaluate reporting practices in long-term acute
18 care hospitals. The plan is to look at actual records
19 to see if there was an event described, to see if it
20 was or was not reported into PA-PSRS. PSA's
21 Evaluation of reporting practices would begin with the
22 13 Pennsylvania LTACH's in January, and projected to
23 be completed by March 31, with a primary focus on

1 looking at deaths and transfers to higher levels of
2 care. Ms. Hoffman advised that the PSA would be
3 asking facilities to send a list of their deaths and
4 transfers to higher levels of care within the last 12
5 months, in addition to other documents, to give a
6 sense of what patient safety looks like in their
7 organization. She advised that the PSA will rely on
8 the Data Science Research Team to do an analysis of a
9 facility's reporting patterns. Then PSA staff will
10 hold a planning meeting to review all material
11 received, and then determine an appropriate sample
12 size to be able to request records. Next, a list
13 would be sent to the patient safety officer at the
14 facility, and they would in turn send an electronic
15 copy of the requested records through a secure
16 electronic method within seven days. There will be an
17 upgrade to PA-PSRS to accommodate these secure files,
18 which should be functional by mid-January. A PSA
19 staff member would then identify the precipitating
20 event that led to the death or the transfer. A member
21 of the PSA Clinical Leadership Team will then review
22 those to confirm that a serious event did occur. The
23 list will then be sent back to the patient safety

1 officer at the facility to reconcile that list with
2 PA-PSRS, and report back to the Authority with their
3 findings. There will then be a meeting with the
4 patient safety officer to review the findings, and
5 come up with a final list of what was not reported
6 that perhaps should have been. Lastly, after that
7 meeting, team members will meet to discuss the
8 findings of the chart reviews and the PSRS
9 reconciliation, and will prepare a written report for
10 facilities. Team members would then develop an
11 aggregate report of the findings and any
12 recommendations for the Board, which would be
13 distributed prior to the April 2023 meeting. Ms.
14 Hoffman then went over the second work plan that PSA
15 staff has worked on, which is to request and review
16 facility investigations, with the plan to make the
17 investigations become part of the PA-PSRS report. She
18 proposed requesting investigations limited to groups
19 of events specific to what the Data Science Team is
20 currently analyzing. There would then be an analysis
21 by the Data Science Research Team and the weekly high
22 harm event review meeting. The facility patient
23 safety officers would then be notified electronically

1 and given instructions on how to provide that upload
2 of the de-identified investigation into PA-PSRS within
3 10 business days. It would be uploaded into PSRS,
4 attached to the actual PSRS report, so it would be
5 included and part of the PSRS report, which is
6 protected in MCARE. Dr. Wenner made a motion to
7 approve the plan as outlined. The motion was seconded
8 by Dr. Paré, and passed unanimously.]

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10 New Business

11 [Howard Newstadt, Financial Director and CIO, gave an
12 in-depth presentation on the Approval of 2022-2023
13 Assessments for acute care and nursing home
14 facilities. He discussed the statutory and historical
15 review of assessments with the Authority, as well as
16 the relationship of assessments and budgets, and also
17 the maximum allowable assessments and how they are
18 calculated and applied, and finally the suggested
19 assessments to the Board. To conclude his
20 presentation, Mr. Newstadt advised that the Executive
21 Director and the Finance Director suggest raising the
22 fiscal '22 MCARE assessments by 200,000, to 7.7
23 million, equal to the budget. This would be 6.53

1 million, or \$170,000 increase for the acute care or a
2 2.67 percent increase, and 1.17 million for the
3 nursing homes, a \$30,000 increase from last year or
4 2.63 percent. Dr. Paré made a motion to recommend the
5 authorization of the fiscal year 2022/'23 MCARE
6 assessments totaling 7,700,000, with the Act 13 acute
7 care assessments being 6,530,000, and Act 52 nursing
8 home assessments being 1,170,000. Dr. Glunk seconded
9 the motion, and it passed unanimously.]

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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TIME	COUNTER NUMBER	AGENDA
1:05	00:07	Call to Order
	00:13	Roll Call
	1:12	Approval of the September 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes
	1:40	Report of Board Chair, Nirmal Joshi, M.D.
	2:54	Executive Director Report, Regina Hoffman
	4:52	Old Business, Evaluation of Event Reporting, Regina Hoffman
	25:51	New Business, Approval of 2022-2023 Assessments, Howard Newstadt
	47:45	Adjournment