

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

WILDWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER  
ONE HACC DRIVE  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

DATE: MARCH 6, 2012

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**Patient Safety Authority**

**March 6, 2012**

- Stanton Smullens, M.D., Acting Chair
- Gary A. Merica, R.Ph. (absent)
- Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS (absent)
- Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (phone)
- Terry Hyman, Esquire
- Lorina Marshall-Blake (phone)
- Cliff Rieders, Esquire
- Marshall W. Webster, M.D.

Also Present:

- Michael Doering, Executive Director
- Gregory Dunlap, Esquire
- Howard Newstadt, Financial Director/CIO
- Dr. John Clarke, Clinical Director
- Matthew Grissinger, PSA Medication Safety Analyst
- Franchesca Charney, Director of Educational Programs
- Megan Shetterly, Sr. PSL
- Teresa Plesce, Office Services Coordinator

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**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

Public Meeting

March 6, 2012 Time: 10:00 AM

Location: HACC, C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference Center, Harrisburg

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
  - II. Report of the Acting Board Chair
  - III. Approval of the January 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes
  - IV. Report of the Executive Director
  - V. PA-PSRS Update
    - 24 Hour Pharmacy Clinical Presentation  
Matthew Grissinger, RPh, FASCP, PSA Medication Safety Analyst
  - VI. Old Business
    - HEN Project Contract - Howard Newstadt, Finance Director/CIO  
Patient Safety Authority
  - VII. New Business
    - PSL Presentation – Megan Shetterly, Sr. PSL
    - Governor’s Budget Plan Discussion
  - VIII. Public Comment
  - IX. Adjournment
- Next Meeting: April 24, 2012 – Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey**

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety  
4 Authority was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Stanton  
5 Smullens, M.D., Acting Chair, called the meeting to order  
6 at 10:10 a.m.

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8 A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2012,  
9 meeting carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering, Executive Director, reported modifications  
13 to the falls data collection portion of the PA-PSRS system  
14 is currently being conducted to standardize falls  
15 reporting. He noted it is National Patient Safety  
16 Awareness Week and the patient safety liaisons are  
17 visiting various hospitals doing educational programs and  
18 supporting patient safety fairs, et cetera. Mr. Doering  
19 also advised a poster campaign has been developed called  
20 "Be Aware for Safe Care" in partnership with the National  
21 Patient Safety Foundation. There are two different types  
22 of posters, one for providers and one for consumers, and  
23 posters have been distributed to all the hospitals and

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1 ASFs. He discussed various collaboratives including the  
2 Hospital Engagement Network and their status to date.]

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4 PA-PSRS Update

5 [Matt Grissinger, PSA Medication Safety Analyst, gave a  
6 presentation on 24 Hour Pharmacy. He discussed the  
7 various problems and errors that can occur when there is  
8 no 24-hour pharmacy service in hospitals available for  
9 consumers and what measures can be undertaken to alleviate  
10 some of these problems and errors.]

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12 Old Business

13 [Howard Newstadt, Financial Director & CIO, discussed the  
14 HEN project contract. He explained that it is actually a  
15 subcontract to the Hospital and Healthcare Health System  
16 Association of Pennsylvania working under the federal CMS  
17 Partnership for Patients initiative in which about 120  
18 Pennsylvania hospitals are participating in various  
19 collaboratives. He noted The Patient Safety Authority is  
20 responsible for a set of these collaboratives, those being  
21 injuries from falls, Opioid adverse drug events and wrong  
22 site surgery. Discussion was held on how the project will  
23 be implemented in Pennsylvania.]

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2 New Business

3 [Megan Shetterly, Sr. PSL, gave a PSL presentation. She  
4 discussed the duties and responsibilities of the PSLs and  
5 what services they perform in the facilities. She also  
6 discussed the great improvements in patient safety and  
7 reduction in errors as a result of the services the PSLs  
8 perform and the education they provide to the facilities  
9 on various issues.]

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11 [An executive session was held to discuss the Governor's  
12 Budget Plan. After discussion, a motion was approved  
13 unanimously for the Board to vote to empower a committee  
14 appointed by Dr. Stanton Smullens to draft a resolution  
15 and have the authority sign that resolution on behalf of  
16 the Board along the lines of the following principles: 1,  
17 the Patient Safety Authority remain a viable, independent  
18 separately-funded entity for inter alia, meaning for all  
19 these reasons plus whatever others the committee develops,  
20 and that, is that, the quid pro quo for the MCare Act, Act  
21 13, was the creation of the Patient Safety Authority to be  
22 independently funded; 2, the Patient Safety Authority has  
23 shown itself to be a robust authority in connection with

1 the reduction of medical errors. This is good for cost  
2 savings in the medical health care system and has been  
3 good for the patients of Pennsylvania; 3, the Patient  
4 Safety Authority has developed a well-recognized track  
5 record both locally within the state and internationally  
6 in the field of patient safety and the patient safety  
7 arena and has a diverse board which has been beneficial to  
8 the patients of Pennsylvania; 4, the Pennsylvania Patient  
9 Safety Authority is not funded from general revenue but  
10 rather directly from the hospitals which also supports  
11 continued independence. There's a trust fund as a result  
12 of the legislation creating the Pennsylvania Patient  
13 Safety Authority which should remain inviolate; 5, the  
14 organizations and entities and the various interest groups  
15 which deal with the Patient Safety Authority including the  
16 hospitals support its continuing existence as an  
17 independent authority and support continued independence  
18 with independent funding with diverse membership; 6,  
19 claims payout and the number of medical liability claims  
20 filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have dropped  
21 remarkably. While there are those who attribute this to  
22 many different factors there is ample indication that the  
23 Patient Safety movement initially promulgated by the

1 Institute of Medicine has taken hold and has had a  
2 beneficial effect for the patients of Pennsylvania; and,  
3 7, independent means independence. It's important that  
4 the independence of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety  
5 Authority not only be financially legal but also  
6 political. That means independence from any special  
7 interest groups. It was amended to the motion that this  
8 resolution be promulgated by the end of the week.]

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10 [The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.]

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PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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MARCH 6, 2012

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9	10:10	0050	Call to Order
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11		0092	Approval of Minutes of
12			January 24, 2012
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14		0104	Report of the Executive
15			Director, Michael Doering
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17		1176	24 hour Pharmacy, Matt
18			Grissinger
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20		2769	HEN Project Contract,
21			Howard Newstadt
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23		4329	PSL Presentation, Megan
24			Shetterly
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26	12:16	0609	Governor's Budget Plan
27			Discussion
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29	12:22	0890	Adjournment
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