

**APPROVED SUMMARY MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

THE CONFERENCE CENTER  
600 VALLEY ROAD  
SUMMERDALE, PA 17093

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2019

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Patient Safety AuthorityJanuary 29, 2019

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2 Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair  
3 Daniel J. Glunk, M.D. (phone)  
4 Arleen Kessler (phone)  
5 Kathleen Law  
6 Mary Ellen Mannix (phone)  
7 Veronica Richards, Esquire  
8 Linda Waddell, RN  
9 Eric Weitz, Esquire (phone)  
10 Denelle Weller (phone)  
11 William J. Wenner, M.D.  
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13 Also Present:  
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15 Regina Hoffman, Executive Director  
16 Rodney Akers, Legal Counsel (absent)  
17 Howard Newstadt, Senior Director of Finance and  
18 Business Operations, CIO  
19 Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach & Education  
20 Rebecca Jones, Director of Innovation and Strategic  
21 Partnerships  
22 Shelly Mixell, Executive Assistant  
23 Kelly Gipson, Project Manager  
24 Eugene Myers, Associate Editor, Communications and  
25 Publications  
26 Alex Ulsh, Systems Administrator/ Deputy CISO  
27 Ellen S. Deutsch, M.D., Medical Director (phone)  
28 Badal Sanghvi, DXC Project Manager  
29 William Marella, Program Director  
30 Jesse M. Munn, Operations Manager, Managing Editor  
31 Cynthia Field, Senior Patient Safety Analyst  
32 Edward Finley, Data Analyst  
33 Kim Liberatore, Patient Safety Analyst  
34 Michael Gaunt, Medication Safety Analyst (phone)  
35 Richard Kundravi, Patient Safety Liaison (phone)  
36 Karen McKinnon-Lipsett, Administrative Specialist  
37 (phone)  
38 Mary Magee, Senior Patient Safety/Quality Analyst  
39 (phone)  
40 Katie Vivian, Infection Prevention Analyst (phone)

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- 1 Robert Yonash, Senior Patient Safety Liaison (phone)
- 2 Stephen Mrozowski, Milton S Hershey Medical Center
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- 1                   — **“Pressure Injury Reporting, Effects of**  
2                   **Standardization”**  
3                   o Cynthia Field, BSN, RN, NE-BC, CPHQ,  
4                   Senior Patient Safety Analyst  
5                   (10:55-11:35)  
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7                   — **“Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC)**  
8                   **Analysis Update”**  
9                   o Kim Liberatore, MSN, RN, CPHQ,  
10                  Patient Safety Analyst  
11                  (11:35-11:45)  
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13                  — **“Latex: A Linger and Lurking Safety**  
14                  **Risk”**  
15                  o Kim Liberatore, MSN, RN, CPHQ,  
16                  Patient Safety Analyst  
17                  (11:45-12:05)  
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19 VII. Old Business  
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22 VIII. New Business  
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25 IX. Public Comment (12:05)  
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28 X. Adjournment  
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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient  
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, January 29,  
5 2019. Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair, called the  
6 meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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8 A motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018,  
9 carried unanimously.

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11 Dr. Smullens introduced Dr. William Wenner as a new  
12 member of the Board.

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14 Report of the Executive Director

15 [Regina Hoffman, Executive Director, reported that the  
16 timeline for the PA-PSRS modernization project is on  
17 target for no later than the end of June 2019. Ms.  
18 Hoffman advised that a report will be given to the  
19 Board on the standardization of serious events, with a  
20 comparison of the first six months of 2017 and 2018  
21 data. Ms. Hoffman provided an update on the anonymous  
22 report of a serious event from December, and indicated  
23 that the hospital has now reported the incident to PA-

1 PSRS. She went on to advise that there should be a  
2 discussion about whether a policy should be  
3 established regarding notifying the Department of  
4 Health of serious events, if a hospital fails to  
5 properly report them. Dr. Glunk recommended that a  
6 subcommittee work through the details and come back  
7 with a recommendation. Ms. Hoffman advised that Susan  
8 Wallace, Patient Safety Liaison, is transferring into  
9 a patient safety analyst position; and Shelly Mixell,  
10 Executive Assistant, was promoted to communications  
11 specialist.]

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13 Authority Programs

14 [Dr. Stanton Smullens, Chair, nominated Veronica  
15 Richards to be the new secretary/treasurer, to replace  
16 Dr. Bulger. The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach and Education,  
19 gave an in-depth presentation on High Harm Events.  
20 There was extensive discussion on the need to  
21 standardize the definition of serious events and  
22 clarity additional healthcare services.]

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1 [Cynthia Field, Senior Patient Safety Analyst, gave a  
2 presentation on Pressure Injury Reporting, Effects of  
3 Standardization. She gave a comparison of pressure  
4 ulcers from 2017 to 2018, and went over the reporting  
5 practices and trends since the standardization  
6 occurred. Dr. Glunk indicated that there needs to be  
7 some clarity on the definition of additional  
8 healthcare services. Ms. Hoffman advised that the  
9 matter should be put on the list as further  
10 standardization work.]

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12 [Steve Mrozowski, Director of Patient Safety, Milton  
13 S. Hershey Medical Center, made a public comment  
14 regarding understanding the phrases unanticipated,  
15 error, and preventability. He also discussed how the  
16 hospital is often made aware of errors through the  
17 anonymous reporting process, and expressed the need  
18 for an appropriate length of time allowed for the  
19 organization to report serious events on their own,  
20 before the Authority notifies the Department of  
21 Health.]

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2 [The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.]

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Byron Aldinger

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10:00	1:17		Call to Order
	1:22		Report of Board Chair
	2:15		Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2018
	2:50		Executive Session
	3:26		Report of the Executive Director, Regina Hoffman
	28:06		Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer, Veronica Richards, by Dr. Stanton Smullens
	32:33		High Harm Events, Michelle Bell, Director of Outreach and Education
	57:15		Pressure Injury Reporting, Effects of Standardization, Cynthia Field, Senior Patient Safety Analyst
	1:34:31		Public Comment
	1:38:38		Adjournment