

MINUTES

MEETING OF:

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

SHERATON HARRISBURG/HERSHEY
4650 LINDLE ROAD
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

DATE: JUNE 14, 2011

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Patient Safety Authority

June 14, 2011

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

Also Present:

Mike Doering, Executive Director
Laurene Baker, Communications Director
Fran Charney, Director of Educational Programs
Howard Newstadt, PSA Finance Manager
John Clarke, M.D., Clinical Director
William Marella, MBA, Program Director
Karen McKinnon-Lipsett, PSA Administrative Assistant
Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire
Lynn Leighton, HAP

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Public Meeting
June 14, 2011 Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey, Lindle Road, Harrisburg

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Report of the Acting Board Chair
- III. Approval of the April 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. PA-PSRS Update
 - Wrong Site Surgery (WSS) Anesthesia Block
Dr. Clarke, Clinical Director, Patient Safety Authority
 - Recommendation Discussion
Dr. Clarke, Clinical Director, Patient Safety Authority
- VI. Old Business
 - Revised Brochures “Complaint Process”
Laurene Baker, Communications Director, Patient Safety Authority
 - Reporting Response Policies
William Marella, MBA, Program Director, Patient Safety Authority
- VII. New Business
 - FY 2011-2012 Budget Discussion
Howard Newstadt, Finance Manager, Patient Safety Authority
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.
5 Stanton Smullens, M.D., Acting Chair, called the meeting
6 to order at 10:07 a.m.

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8 The minutes from the April 26, 2011, meeting were
9 unanimously approved.

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering, Executive Director, advised that the
13 Canadian Institute for Patient Safety has developed a
14 global patient safety alerts web site which is an
15 international repository of patient safety alerts,
16 advisories and recommendations launched for the public.
17 Approximately 20 percent of the 800 entries were taken
18 from the Authority's work product. He noted the June
19 Patient Safety Advisory was published on June 1, 2011,
20 and the annual report was released at the end of April.
21 Mr. Doering also advised that the Pennsylvania patient
22 safety reporting system for nursing homes has been
23 selected for submission to the National Association of

1 State Chief Information Officers 2011 outstanding
2 achievement award in the digital government to business
3 award category. He also discussed the various
4 educational programs and presentations that have been
5 conducted. Mr. Doering noted the HAI advisory panel
6 will be held on June 20, 2011. He noted a letter was
7 received from the Governor's Office stating Roosevelt
8 Hairston is no longer a member of the Board. Regarding
9 the assessments, he advised that they have all been
10 collected for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and there is
11 approximately \$7.3 million in the Patient Safety trust
12 fund.]

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14 PA-PSRS Update

15 [John Clarke, M.D., gave an update on the wrong site
16 surgery project. He advised it may be a good idea to
17 look at the possibility of making some recommendations
18 about wrong site surgery to the Department of Health.
19 Dr. Clarke stated that any recommendations made would be
20 based on evidence-based best practices, defensible from
21 the literature, and that those best practices would have
22 a demonstrated relationship with improved outcomes. He
23 also stated any recommendations would be associated with

1 an educational program about why these are best
2 practices and why they should be followed, and any
3 implementation or any recommendation would be preceded
4 by public comment so that all the potential and
5 legitimate barriers to implementation would be
6 understood and taken into consideration when making the
7 recommendation. Dr. Clarke noted that any
8 recommendations approved by the board would be sent to
9 the Department of Health for consideration.]

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11 Old Business

12 [Laurene Baker, Communications Director, gave an update
13 on the revised "Complaint Process" brochure. She
14 explained it was more about knowing one's rights to file
15 a complaint or a grievance and not so much about all of
16 the rights that one has. After discussion, it was noted
17 there is some disagreement about the brochure and it was
18 decided to table the matter.

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20 [William Marella, MBA, Program Director, reported on
21 reporting response policies. He discussed facilities
22 that either, do not report at the level they are
23 expected to or they go a significant period of time

1 without reporting any serious events or any incidents.
2 He advised that most of the hospitals who have not
3 reported a serious event are generally behavioral health
4 facilities. Mr. Marella noted of ASFs, abortion
5 facilities and birthing centers, there are several who
6 have not reported anything in a year. He advised the
7 proposal is to identify the hospitals that reported no
8 serious events, no incidents or are below the 10 percent
9 of the mean for their peer group and to send a letter to
10 the CEO with a copy to the patient safety officer and
11 their patient safety liaison. The PSL can then follow
12 up with an offer of education and if that offer is
13 refused a second letter would be sent to the CEO and
14 patient safety officer warning them that the Department
15 of Health may fine them for failure to report. It was
16 decided to have further discussion on a written proposal
17 at the next meeting.

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19 New Business

20 [Executive session was held to discuss the FY 2011-2012
21 budget and personnel.]

22 [The FY 2011-2012 budget was approved. Cliff Rieders
23 abstained from voting.]

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

Jeffry Meyers
Minute Clerk
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 JUNE 14, 2011

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9	10:07	0100	Call to Order
10		0113	Approval of Minutes of
11			April 26, 2011
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13		0270	Report of the Executive
14			Director, Michael Doering
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16		1120	Wrong Site Surgery
17			(WSS) Anesthesia Block,
18			John Clarke, M.D.
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20		2064	Revised Brochures,
21			"Complaint Process",
22			Laurene Baker
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24		3180	Reporting Response
25			Policies, William
26			Marella
27			
28		5852	FY 2011-2012 Budget
29			Discussion, Howard
30			Newstadt
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32	12:10	6381	Adjournment
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