

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

SHERATON  
4650 LINDLE ROAD  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2012

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**Patient Safety Authority**

**January 24, 2012**

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

Also Present:

- Michael Doering, Executive Director
- William Marella, MBA, PA-PSRA Program Manager
- Gregory Dunlap, Esquire
- Howard Newstadt, Financial Director/CIO
- Dr. John Clarke, Clinical Director
- Franchesca Charney, Director of Educational Programs
- Christina Hunt, Senior PSL
- Lea Anne Gardner, Analyst
- Matt Fricker, ISMP
- Theresa Arnold, Manager, Clinical Analysts

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**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

Public Meeting

January 24, 2012 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 October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. PA-PSRS Update
  - Anonymous Report – Dr. Clarke, Clinical Director
- VI. Old Business
  - HEN – Hospital Engagement Network – Partnership for Patients – Michael Doering, Executive Director, Christina Hunt, Senior PSL, Franchesca Charney, Director of Educational Programs
  - Standards and Recommendations Document – William Marella, Authority Project Manager
- VII. New Business
  - 2012 Assessments – Michael Doering, Executive Director/Howard Newstadt, Financial Director/CIO
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient Safety  
4 Authority was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Stanton  
5 Smullens, M.D., Acting Chair, called the meeting to order  
6 at 10:00 a.m.

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8 A motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011,  
9 meeting carried unanimously.

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering, Executive Director, noted the March Patient  
13 Safety Advisory is being developed and will be published  
14 the beginning of March. Regarding education and outreach,  
15 he reported the patient safety liaisons and analysts have  
16 been very busy. Mr. Doering advised that at the request  
17 of DOH, PSA is going to be providing training to the  
18 Department of Health surveyors with the support of  
19 Department of Health. Training will be provided on topics  
20 such as what is the infrastructure failure definition. He  
21 advised that Megan Shetterly and Chris Hunt have been  
22 promoted to senior patient safety liaisons and will adopt  
23 some of the day-to-day managerial responsibilities for the

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1 other patient safety liaisons. Mr. Doering stated  
2 candidates are being reviewed for two positions to help  
3 support the Hospital Engagement Network project. One of  
4 these positions would be project manager/collaborative  
5 coordinator, and the other is an administrative person.  
6 Mr. Doering advised that work has begun on the 2011  
7 Patient Safety Authority annual report and continues to  
8 move forward. He also noted the 2012 strategic plan is  
9 being written and the final plan document will be  
10 discussed at the March meeting.]

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12 PA-PSRS Update

13 [Lea Anne Gardner, Analyst discussed an anonymous report  
14 which was received in September, 2011. She advised a  
15 letter was sent to the facility notifying them that there  
16 was an anonymous report received. They sent a response  
17 letter back stating an event occurred but it resulted in  
18 no harm. She noted that a meeting was held with the  
19 facility to discuss and determine whether there was no  
20 harm. A site visit was done and it was determined to be a  
21 serious event and recommendations were made to prevent  
22 such occurrences in the future.]

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1 Old Business

2 [Michael Doering discussed the Hospital Engagement Network  
3 and the Partnership for Patients project. He explained  
4 that CMS is going to accept competitive bids for projects  
5 in an effort to try to reduce hospital-acquired  
6 conditions. He noted the Hospital and Health System  
7 Association of Pennsylvania asked the Authority to partner  
8 with them along with some other organizations to bid on  
9 one of the contracts with CMS so these projects could be  
10 brought to the hospitals in Pennsylvania. Discussion was  
11 held concerning the various projects which will be  
12 conducted under this contract.]

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14 [William Marella, PA-PSRS Program Manager, discussed the  
15 standards and recommendations. He stated there is a lot  
16 of inconsistency among the surveyors about applying things  
17 like the serious event definition and the infrastructure  
18 failure definition. He stated there is an agreement that  
19 surveyors are allowed to hold hospitals to the policies  
20 which the hospitals themselves adopt. Mr. Marella advised  
21 the goal is to issue those recommendations in a draft form  
22 and put it out to patient safety officers asking them if  
23 they envision any difficulty getting their hospital to

1 adopt these practices. He noted a public comment period  
2 will be held for facilities to provide comments.]

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4 New Business

5 [Howard Newstadt, Financial Director/CIO, discussed the  
6 2012 assessments. After discussion it was recommended the  
7 assessment be approved at \$5.9 million; \$5.1 million for  
8 Act 13 facilities and \$0.8 million for nursing homes until  
9 the strategic plan is completed and it can be reviewed. A  
10 motion was made and seconded to approve this  
11 recommendation and was passed unanimously.]

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13 [The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.]

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| 9  | 10:00 | 0130              | Call to Order                |
| 10 |       |                   |                              |
| 11 |       | 0222              | Report of the Executive      |
| 12 |       |                   | Director, Michael Doering    |
| 13 |       |                   |                              |
| 14 |       | 0958              | Anonymous Report, John       |
| 15 |       |                   | Clarke, M.D., Leanne Gardner |
| 16 |       |                   |                              |
| 17 |       | 1600              | Hospital Engagement Network, |
| 18 |       |                   | Michael Doering, Christina   |
| 19 |       |                   | Hunt, Franchesca Charney     |
| 20 |       |                   |                              |
| 21 |       | 0944              | Standards and                |
| 22 |       |                   | Recommendations, William     |
| 23 |       |                   | Marella                      |
| 24 |       |                   |                              |
| 25 |       | 1781              | 2012 Assessments, Michael    |
| 26 |       |                   | Doering, Howard Newstadt     |
| 27 |       |                   |                              |
| 28 | 12:25 | 3385              | Adjournment                  |
| 29 |       |                   |                              |