

**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEETING OF:**

**PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY**

WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER  
1 HACC DRIVE  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

TIME: 10:0 A.M.

DATE: MARCH 8, 2011

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY  
Public Meeting  
March 8, 2011  
Location: HACC Time: 10:00 AM

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Report of the Board Chair
- III. Approval of the January 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Report of the Executive Director
- V. PA-PSRS Update
  - Clinical Alarm Management  
Kathryn M. Pelczarski, Director, Applied Solutions Group, ECRI  
Institute
- VI. Old Business
  - Collaborative Overview  
Mike Doering, Executive Director, Patient Safety Authority
  - Reporting Response Policies  
Mike Doering, Executive Director, Patient Safety Authority
- VII. New Business
  - ECRI Contract Review  
Howard Newstadt, Finance Manager, Patient Safety Authority
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

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**Patient Safety Authority**

**March 8, 2011**

- Stanton Smullens, MD, Acting Chair
- Gary A. Merica, RPh (absent)
- Anita Fuhrman, RN, BS (absent)
- Joan Garzarelli, RN, MSN (phone)
- Cliff Rieders, Esquire
- Lorina Marshall-Blake (absent)
- Marshall W. Webster, MD (absent)
- Roosevelt Hairston, Esquire (absent)
- Terry S. Hyman, Esquire

**Also Present:**

- Mike Doering, Executive Director
- Bill Marella, MBA, PA-PSRS Program Manager
- Andrew Clark, PSA Legal Counsel
- Kathryn Pelczarski, Director, Applied Solutions Group,  
ECRI Institute
- Fran Charney, Director of Educational Programs
- Howard Newstadt, PSA Finance Manager
- John Clarke, MD, Clinical Director

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2 PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY

3 The regularly scheduled meeting of the Patient  
4 Safety Authority was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.  
5 Stanton Smullens, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to  
6 order at 10:10 a.m.

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8 There was no motion to approve the minutes of January  
9 26, 2011 due to no board quorum.

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11 Report of Executive Director

12 [Mike Doering, Executive Director, advised the March  
13 Patient Safety Advisory has been issued, and contains  
14 many good articles. He noted the current week is  
15 National Patient Safety Week and among the things being  
16 done is partnering with Quality Insights to deliver  
17 message links and other materials for patient safety  
18 officers and other health care professionals. Topics  
19 include wrong site surgery, health care-associated  
20 infections, verbal orders, communications, and falls.  
21 The links are used to promote the tools available on the  
22 web site for facilities to improve patient safety. Mr.  
23 Doering noted a various groups of presentations are

1 being developed to be given to hospitals and health  
2 systems. He advised the draft of the annual report will  
3 be sent to the Board subcommittee. It needs to be  
4 approved by the full board at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting  
5 for delivery on May 1.]

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7 PA-PSRS Update

8 [Kathryn Pelczarski, Director, Applied Solutions Group,  
9 ECRI Institute, gave a presentation on clinical alarm  
10 management. She discussed various alarm events and ways  
11 to make alarm management safer. She discussed the alarm  
12 events statistics and noted ECRI Institute has been  
13 providing assistance to hospitals for many years  
14 relative to alarm management.]

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16 Old Business

17 [Mike Doering gave a Collaborative Overview. He noted  
18 the characteristics of the collaboratives are to have a  
19 significant number of participants and there are 93  
20 separate facilities in Pennsylvania participating in  
21 collaboratives at the present time. Mr. Doering stated  
22 the goal is to have a measurable outcome in terms of the  
23 collaborative to help identify the value created by the

1 work being done. A patient safety liaison and an analyst  
2 is assigned to each one of the collaboratives. The  
3 various active collaboratives were outlined.]

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5 [Mike Doering gave a presentation on Reporting Response  
6 Policies. He discussed zero and low reporting  
7 facilities. He noted the PSLs regularly visit facilities  
8 and educate them on reporting according to the MCare Act  
9 of 2002. He stated some facilities that did not report  
10 in 2010 are now reporting in 2011. He discussed the  
11 various types of facilities and their rates of  
12 reporting. He noted 85 percent of all the reports  
13 received come from acute health care hospitals.  
14 Discussion was held regarding setting up a policy and  
15 procedure to deal with facilities that do not report.]

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17 New Business

18 [Howard Newstadt, Finance Manager, presented an ECRI  
19 Contract Review. He gave a review of the first two  
20 project years of the current ECRI contract. He went  
21 over a background of the contract and discussed  
22 expenditures by vendor. He advised ECRI appears to be  
23 in compliance with the terms and conditions of the

1 contract.]

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3 [The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.]

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Minute Clerk  
York Stenographic Services

PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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March 8, 2011

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11		0430	Report of the Executive Director, Michael Doering
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13		1730	Clinical Alarm Management, Kathryn M. Pelczarski
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16		3916	Collaborative Overview, Mike Doering
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19		5598	Reporting Response Policies, Mike Doering
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22		1427	ECRI Contract Review, Howard Newstadt
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25	12:28	2843	Adjournment
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