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**Florida Patient Safety Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting and
Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
Thursday, October 11, 2007**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Silvagni, DO,

Mathew Harrison, DO
for Joel Rose, DO
Wayne Wolfson, DC
Jack McRay
for Lori Parham, PhD
Susan White, RN, PhD
John Montgomery, MD
Robert Iannacone, DPM
Kurt Driscoll
for Clifford Rapp
Risa Rahm, PharmD.

Shannon Elswick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Becky Cherney
Jill Sumfest, MD
Nabil El Senadi, MD
Edward Meszaros, DMD

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Moore, CEO
James "Chet" Barclay, Legal Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kathy Holzer
Sandra Stovall

Organization:

Council of Florida Medical School
Deans
Florida Osteopathic Medical
Association
Florida Chiropractic Association
AARP

Florida Nurses Association
Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Florida Podiatric Medical Association

Florida Insurance Council, Inc
Florida Society of Health-System
Pharmacists, Inc.
Florida Hospital Association

Florida Health Care Coalition
Humana
Florida Medical Association
Florida Dental Association

FPSC
Ruden McCloskey

Florida Hospital Association
Staff, Senate Health Care
Committee

Chairman Anthony Silvagni, DO., called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was taken with a quorum established. Introductions were made and Dr. Silvagni advised the Board that the FHA was replacing Thomas Rozek with Javier Hernandez. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept **Mr. Javier** as one of the two FHA representatives to the FPSC Board. The Board then approved the August 2, 2007 **Minutes** as presented. The August 30 Minutes were approved with one change: they should reflect that the CEO was the recorder.

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Dr. Silvagni explained to the members that during the special legislation session, still in session until the following day, FPSC had initially been slated for budgetary elimination. Because the state's budget was in a critical situation, significant cuts were being made throughout it. Since FPSC was required to seek private financing, it made sense to AHCA and the lawmakers to cut its recurring funding. However, the legislature had been convinced to reject elimination and continue FPSC's funding and at its current level.

He then went on to explain that he wanted to appoint a **Financial Strategies Committee**, comprised solely of Board members, to develop a self-sustaining financial plan for the Corporation. Sources of the private dollars may include grants, fee-for-service projects, foundation support, and development of an analytical and information depository once FPSC becomes a federally designated Patient Safety Organization (PSO). After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that a Financial Strategies Committee should be created as an ad hoc committee of the Board. Dr. Silvagni appointed John Montgomery as chair with himself, Shannon Elswick, Wayne Wolfson and Lori Parham sitting as members. He requested that the Committee meet monthly via teleconference except it should meet in person on those months when the Board was scheduled to meet.

Mr. Barclay updated the Board as to the status of the **PSO application**, stating that because there had been no movement on the federal level to create rules and application criteria, FPSC, believing adequate criteria did exist to review and approve applications, had proactively submitted an application in mid-August. AHRQ rejected the application on the grounds that implementing language had not yet been created and approved and said it would probably take another year for that to happen. Ms. Moore and Mr. Barclay had persisted, meeting telephonically with AHRQ representatives to make a case for making FPSC a pilot PSO based on Florida's critical situation caused by Amendment 7. Although they did not believe that could happen, they agreed to confer again with AHRQ's attorneys. In the meantime, Ms. Moore explained that the next step should be to involve key legislators to adopt this issue and push for its forward progress. She stated that to do this she would use advocates experienced in working on the federal level as well as involving representatives from the organizations sitting on the FPSC board. Dr. Montgomery moved that up to \$10,000 be approved to create an advocacy campaign for this. Dr. Rahm seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Moore reported that FPSC, through Dr. Wears' participation, was sitting on an AHCA-created **Patient Safety Workgroup** developed to look at current Code 15 reporting procedures.

Dr. Rahm, Treasurer, presented the July and August financial statements, as well as the 2007-08 budget. After review and discussion, the Board accepted the financial statements and approved the new budget. Ms. Moore reported that the annual external audit was underway.

Dr. Rahm, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee had met to create the slate of officers presented on the ballot before the members. The Committee proposed Anthony Silvagni, DO, for Chair; Susan White, RN, PhD, as Vice Chairman; John Montgomery, MD, as Secretary; Wayne Wolfson, DC, as Treasurer; and Joel Rose, DO, as Member at Large. Robert Iannacone moved approval of the slate of

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officers as presented and Shannon Elswick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Silvagni re-appointed Cliff Rapp to chair the Health Care Provider Advisory Committee; Joel Rose, DO, to chair the State Agency Advisory Committee; Susan White, RN, PhD, to chair the Education Advisory Committee; Lori Parham to chair the Health Care Consumer Advisory Committee. He appointed Jill Sumfest, MD, to chair the Litigation Alternatives Advisory Committee and Dr. Rahm to chair the Scientific Research Advisory Committee.

There being no further comment or business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Montgomery, MD
Secretary, Board of Directors
Florida Patient Safety Corporation