

## **Consideration of Renewal of the Health Alliance Safety Partnership (HASP) Contract**

### **Summary of Request:**

The purpose of this report is to request the Board's approval to extend the HASP contract for two (2) years (See Attachment A).

### **Historical Perspective/Background Information:**

- In April 2004, the Board approved the proposal *Adapting the Aviation Safety Action Program to Healthcare: The Health Alliance Safety Partnership* from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.
- In January 2005, a contract was signed between the Board and M.D. Anderson outlining agreements between the two (2) entities.
- In April 2005, the Board approved beginning the two (2) year time frame, as specified in Rule 226.3(b) once the program was implemented.
- In July 2005, the HASP program began.
- In October 2006, the Board received the first annual report from HASP and approved expansion of the HASP program to the Seton Healthcare Network and three (3) rural hospitals: Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital and Palo Pinto General Hospital.

**Pros:** The project has analyzed ten (10) cases, including one (1) case that resulted in a Sentinel Event Alert # 36 Tubal Mis-connections which received recognition from the World Health Organization. A model for the evaluation of system, healthcare team and individual factors involved in error events has been reviewed and evaluated. An extension of the project for two (2) more years would support ongoing research.

**Cons:** The numbers involved in the research are still quite low and thus limit generalizing the findings. In October 2006, the Board approved four (4) new sites which should promote an increase in the number of cases for review.

### **Staff Recommendations:**

Move to approve M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's request to extend the Patient Safety Pilot Study under its existing contract with the Board until July 2009 to include all of the programs currently within the pilot: (1) M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas; (2) St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas, and St. Luke's Episcopal Community Medical Center, The Woodlands, Texas; (3) Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas; (4) Seton Health Care Network, including Children's Hospital of Austin, Seton Medical Center and Seton Northwest Hospital, Austin, Texas; (5) Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas; (6) Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, Kerrville, Texas; and (7) Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells, Texas.

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Dear Ms. Thomas:

The Healthcare Alliance Safety Partnership was approved as a pilot research program with the Board of Nurse Examiners and launched in July of 2005. As a unique partnership in healthcare, the program has successfully reviewed 10 cases voluntarily submitted from three Texas Medical Center hospitals under the direct supervision of the BNE.

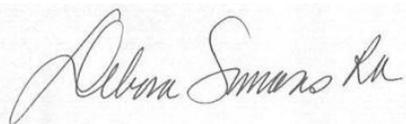
The events reviewed were analyzed for systems and individual practice components, resulting in interventions that increased the safety for all patients in the institution. Knowledge learned from this research contributed to *Sentinel Event Alert #36: Tubing Misconnections*, which has now been escalated to a World Health Organization mandate, "Nine Patient Safety Solutions."

We respectfully request the extension of this pilot for an additional two year period for University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital. In addition, we will launch the sites approved by the Board in October 2006: Palo Pinto General Hospital in Mineral Wells, TX; Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville, TX; Uvalde Memorial Hospital in Uvalde, TX; and Woodland Community Medical Center in The Woodlands, TX. The suggested completion date for this pilot would be July of 2009.

The program would remain as initially proposed and under the same supervision of the BNE. Funding has been secured to extend the pilot for the additional two years. The program will continue to support the travel and any incidental costs to the BNE staff participating in the program.

Thank you for your continued support of this research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debora Simmons RN", is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is positioned to the left of a vertical line that separates it from the typed name below.

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