

## **Expansion of the Health Alliance Safety Partnership**

### **Summary of Request:**

This purpose of this report is to request expansion of the Patient Safety Pilot Study Health Alliance Safety Partnership (HASP) under its existing contract with the Board. See Attachment "A".

### **Background Information:**

During the April 2004 Board meeting, a patient safety pilot program was approved as authorized by sections 301.1605-.1606 of the Texas Occupations Code to the M.D. Anderson HASP Program. Subsequent to that approval there have been no pilot program requests to the Board.

The Patient Safety Pilot Study Health Alliance Safety Partnership (HASP) is composed of three large health care institutions. The model is being tested within these organizations and information from the study may contribute to a better understanding of multiple factors that contribute to nursing errors. In addition, remedial activities for the institution and the nurse may provide a more comprehensive approach to resolving nursing errors.

During its first year of operation, only five cases were evaluated by the Event Review Committee. Expanding the model to other sites may provide a more extensive review of nursing errors and further test the model.

**Pros:** M.D. Anderson has had success in implementing the processes needed to monitor and evaluate the HASP program. Having one managing organization for several test sites promotes consistency, continuity and reliability of the model.

**Cons:** The addition of 2 new HASP programs will prohibit the Board from reviewing any new applications.

### **Staff Recommendations:**

Move to approve M.D. Anderson's Request to Extend the Patient Safety Pilot Study Under its Existing Contract with the Board, to the Following Programs: 1) Seton Health Care Systems of Children's Hospital, Seton Medical Center Hospital and Seton NorthWest Hospital, Austin, Texas; 2) Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas; 3) Sid Peterson Hospital, Kerrville, Texas; 4) Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells, Texas; and 5) St. Luke's Episcopal Community Medical Center, Woodlands, Texas.

## **Attachment “A” Proposed Program expansion January 2007**

In light of the low numbers of submission for the program in the last year, the following two extensions are being respectfully proposed.

The Program’s research agenda remains the same and there will be replication the existing program, format and process as the Texas Medical Center Program.

Two Sites are being submitted for approval:  
Community HASP  
Seton HASP

The existing staff at The Institute for Healthcare Excellence (IHE) at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (UTMDACC) will continue to oversee the program.

We will continue the quarterly report to the BNE.

### **Next Steps:**

- The business agreements are being developed
- Projected start date of January 2007
- Education event January 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> for all participants in Austin–
  - Board invited to attend classes and dinner
  - Dinner the night of the 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Community HASP:**

After receiving a \$10,000 grant from East Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC), we identified “Nurse Friendly” candidate hospitals in Texas that were community based for another site for HASP. UTMDACC will fund the remaining cost of the program. The participants are:

Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, TX  
Sid Peterson Memorial, Kerrville TX  
Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells Tx  
St Luke’s Community Medical Center, The Woodlands Tx

### **The Seton Healthcare Network – Seton HASP**

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## Healthcare Alliance Safety Partnership

Seton Healthcare Network has funded a pilot site also identical to the existing HASP pilot. The participating hospitals include:

Children's Hospital of Austin  
Seton Medical Center hospital  
Seton Northwest Hospital

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