

## **Health Alliance Safety Partnership**

### **Summary of Request:**

This report is to inform the board of updates in the Health Alliance Safety Partnership.

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

The HASP project is undergoing some changes that may affect the operations of the pilot in the future. Beginning in August, Sherry Martin, Vice President Quality Management, MD Anderson Cancer Center will no longer serve as Primary Investigator (PI) for the Project. The Board will be apprised of her replacement when the new PI is assigned.

During the pilot project's annual Internal Review Board (IRB) review at MD Anderson, the review panel recommended changes to the program's consent process. The process was changed from the nurse simply agreeing to participate in the study to the nurse signing a more detailed consent form that outlines the participants' rights and responsibilities. Board staff have provided input into the consent and are awaiting the IRB's response.

Lastly, the MD Anderson IRB panel has declined to provide review services for the community hospitals that are participating in the pilot because they are not a part of the MD Anderson system. These hospitals include:

Palo Pinto General Hospital, Mineral Wells  
Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, Kerrville  
Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde

Debora Simmons is seeking alternative IRB review processes for the community hospitals at the time of this report and will provide verbal updates at the July Board meeting.

### **Staff Recommendations:**

None. This report is for information only.