



**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

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TO: Commissioners

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RE: Agenda Item #7 – Re-Designation of the Maryland Patient Safety Center, Inc.

Beginning in 2009, the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) has entered into two successive 5-year designation agreements with MPSC, Inc., as Maryland’s Patient Safety Center (PSC). The current designation agreement expires on April 29, 2020. The Commission issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFI) to identify entities that were interested in serving as Maryland’s Patient Safety Center. The MPSC, Inc. was the only respondent to the RFI.

During our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, representatives from the MPSC, Inc. provided a brief overview of their programs, activities and accomplishments. Ms. Barbare Epke introduced Blair Eig, M.D., the incoming president of MPSC, Inc., and Dr. Eig provided an overview of his vision for MPSC, Inc. As directed by the Commission, staff held a follow-up meeting with MDH, OHCQ and HSCRC to obtain input on how to move forward. The inter-agency group acknowledged the importance of a state-designated entity to coordinate patient safety activities among the various provider types and reached general consensus on priorities for the upcoming year.

The Commission staff recommends that MPSC, Inc. be re-designated as the PSC for Maryland. If approved, the Executive Director will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with MPSC, Inc., to specify expectations, priorities, and requirements, including semi-annual reporting to the Commission.

Please let me know if you have questions about MPSC, Inc. or the Maryland Patient Safety Center designation process.