

**BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING – OPEN SESSION**

**MINUTES – March 31, 2010**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Schulze (Chair), Pat Thompson, M.D. (Vice Chair) *via phone*, David Tedder (Secretary/Treasurer), Bill Paddock, Steve Kessel, M.D., Terry Murray, Susan Williams, Andrea Allen, and James Simmons, MD

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Toomey, Jeff White, Karen Carroll, Pat Foulger, Ed Ricks, David Homyk, Alice Moss, Nora Kresch, M.D., Bill McBride (Beaufort County Council Member), Ann Mecherle, Dawn Crawford, and David Black (Howell, Gibson & Hughes)

**ABSENT:** Scott Stowe, Paul Mazzeo, M.D., Paul Sommerville (Beaufort County Council Member)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Schulze called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m., and stated that the Press had been notified. A motion was made by Mr. Paddock to go into Closed Executive Session at 7:31 a.m. with Mr. Toomey and the nine Board members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tedder, and unanimously approved. The meeting re-convened to Open Session at 9:12 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Dr. Kessel gave the Invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2010:** Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paddock, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting. Unanimous approval.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** Mrs. Murray stated that the committee did not have a quorum to approve the Finance Committee minutes from February 22, 2010. Mr. Paddock made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve the minutes from February 22, 2010 with noted change. Unanimous approval.

**Dashboard (pg. 18)** – Mrs. Murray said the February financials were good. She noted that all key indicators are showing positive (green) or moving from red to yellow. She said the days in accounts receivable have improved from 60.2 in January to 56.6 in February, and the turnover rate improved from 12% to 10.8%. She said the revenues were slightly above budget for the month and our operating expenses were \$900K below budget. She said this is a great reflection of both management's commitment and ability to control expenses. She noted a new chart (pg. 17) that addresses the controllable expenses. She said the trend line on salaries is stable; trend line on supplies is going down dramatically; and the trend line on other expenses also remains stable.

She said she had asked Mr. Toomey and Mr. White to give an update on their understanding of the new healthcare reform and possible financial impact on BMH. She said Mr. White noted that it could actually be a slight benefit for hospitals like us, but time will tell. She also mentioned that SCHA has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for board members, which Mr. Toomey will be sharing at a later date. Mr. Toomey stated that on May 20 at the Holiday Inn, we will once again be holding a dinner for our past board members (*to be held every two years*), who in turn

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are great advocates for BMH. He said Thornton Kirby, President of SCHA, has tentatively agreed to attend and present an update on healthcare reform. *Mrs. Murray suggested that Beaufort County Council members should also be invited to this dinner.*

Mrs. Murray also stated that Mr. White would be presenting an update on major capital projects during the first month following the end of a quarter. It will include:

1. Timeline of projects
2. Budget/Spend-to-Date
3. Any issues or problem areas

*She said he would be presenting this information at our next meeting.* The financial report was unanimously approved.

**Quality Improvement Committee:** Dr. Kessel presented the following reports:

- Utilization Review Plan
- Report on Patient Flow
- Hospital Score Card
- Medical Staff Score Card

Mr. Paddock made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Murray, to approve the aforementioned reports as discussed in Executive Session. Unanimous approval.

**Governance:** Dr. Thompson said the committee did not meet in February or March.

**Officer Nominations** – Dr. Thompson said the slate of officers for nomination are as follows: Jerry Schulze for Chairman, Terry Murray for Vice Chair, and David Tedder for Secretary/Treasurer. Unanimous approval.

She mentioned that the committee will meet in April to discuss items from the March Board Retreat.

Mr. Tedder also stated that the final version of the Board of Trustees bylaws has been modified to include the following changes:

pg. 3, the second sentence in Section 3.3(d) was changed to “... *no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election.*”

pg. 4, the last sentence in Section 3.3(d) was changed as follows: “*The Chairperson shall be permitted to serve up to three (3) successive terms.*”

Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paddock, that these changes be ratified as stated above. Unanimous approval.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Report reviewed and approved.

**MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials:** In Dr. Mazzeo’s absence, Mrs. Foulger presented the Credentials report on his behalf. She presented the following practitioner for appointment: Robert Lisle, MD, Provisional Active Staff (Family Medicine). The following practitioner relinquished privileges: Rajesh Bhojwani, MD (VRC), Consulting Staff (Radiology). The following practitioners requested additional privileges/change in status/honorary review (annual): Nicholas Dardes, DO, Active Staff (Internal Medicine) requested additional privileges in Emergency Medicine; Kent Stock, DO, Active Staff (Infectious Diseases) requested additional

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privileges in Emergency Medicine; Lika Schrock, PA (sponsored by Dr. Leland), Allied Health Professional, change to Orthopedics.

Six month quality review: David Vormohr, MD, Provisional Active Staff (Family Medicine); David Lalli, DO (U.S. Navy), Provisional Associate Staff (Orthopedics); Richard Biggs, DO (U.S. Navy), Provisional Associate Staff (OB/Gyn); Charles Shissias, MD, Provisional Active Staff (Neurology); Clarice Wardlaw, CNM (sponsored by Dr. Claude Tolbert), Allied Health Professional (OB/Gyn).

The following practitioner is scheduled to retake his Board recertification in April 2010: Erasme Coly, MD, Associate Staff (Cardiology).

Mrs. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Paddock, to accept the MEC and Credentials Committees recommendations. Unanimous approval.

**STAFF REPORTS: Support Services, Human Resources, Information Systems, Patient Care Services, Public Relations, and Quality Services:** Mr. Schulze stated we now have two cardiologists from Roper St. Francis coming on board with us, and two new psychiatrists have been hired and slated to begin in the next couple months. Mrs. Murray made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve the staff reports. Unanimous approval.

**BMH FOUNDATION:** Ms. Moss said with the two major events behind us, the Foundation board members have been working on restructuring the Foundation Board and putting new metrics in place i.e., donor renewal rates. She said the first peer review will take place in a few weeks, where they will begin to formalize gift prospect tracking. She noted the recent Dataw Golf Tournament was another great event, which raises funds for the Keyserling Cancer Center. She said on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Annual Celebration of Giving event will take place and encouraged everyone to attend. She said the proceeds from the Valentine Ball totaled \$183K, which was \$7K more than last year.

Dr. Kessel reminded everyone of the upcoming BMH Cycling Classic the evening of April 27th starting at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Toomey said he will be meeting with Mr. Veitch of Lowcountry Velo to discuss how we can make it a better event and look at more funding opportunities from the city.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT: *Meditech Update*** – Mr. Ricks gave an update on Meditech and said it is going well. He said Dr. Thompson is in Boston this week for training, and the go live date is still scheduled for December 1, 2010. He also noted the handout of the latest Sound Byte (*a quarterly publication from the IS department*).

Mr. Toomey said he would be scheduling with Mr. McBride and his committee a hospital presentation in May. He said we continue to have negotiations on the land in Bluffton and recently had a work session with the landscape engineers and architects to review the land and to determine how it can conceivably hold the amount of square feet needed. He said they determined we would need approximately 140K square feet (includes parking) for this site. The subcommittee will be meeting in a couple weeks from the Strategic Planning Committee to look at actual numbers.

He said he also recently met with the architects and engineers to determine where an Administrative building might be built across the street. He stated that on April 6<sup>th</sup>, our engineers will be meeting with the City department heads for a preliminary meeting on this topic.

Mr. Toomey stated how fortunate he is to have such a good staff!

He said the Safety Fair is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> and he may invite Hamlet the pig (*mascot for the American Diabetes Association*). Mr. Toomey is a candidate for the Kiss-A-Pig campaign.

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Tedder  
Secretary