

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

**MINUTES – December 20, 2010**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Toomey, Jeff White, Pat Foulger, Karen Carroll, Ed Ricks, David Homyk, Alice Moss, Nora Kresch, Paul Mazzeo, M.D., Bill Nettles, Ann Mecherle, Sam Derrick, David Black (Howell, Gibson & Hughes), Diane Wadas, Dawn Crawford

**ABSENT:** Bill Paddock, Paul Sommerville and Bill McBride (Beaufort County Council Members)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Schulze called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m., and stated that the Press had been notified. A motion was made by Mrs. Allen to go into Executive Session at 7:46 a.m. to discuss Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing, Strategic Planning, Contractual Arrangements, Legal and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson, and unanimously approved. The meeting re-convened to Open Session at 8:15 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Dr. Pat Thompson gave the Invocation.

**INTRODUCTION:** Mr. Schulze welcomed David Black from Howell, Gibson and Hughes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 23, 2010:** Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kessel, to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2010 meeting. Unanimous approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Quality Improvement Committee:** Dr. Simmons stated the committee did not meet this month.

**Compliance Committee:** Mrs. Allen made a motion, which seconded by Mr. Tedder, to accept the minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as discussed in the Executive Session of the Board. Unanimous approval

**Governance Committee:** Dr. Thompson stated the committee did not meet this month; however, she has submitted a letter to the county asking for the approval of Dr. Simmons and Terry Murray's renewal of their board terms. Mr. Schulze thanked both for serving an additional term.

**Community Wellness Committee:** Dr. Kessel stated that the Board approved the \$5K contribution for the next 3 years (*\$15K total*) to the Beaufort County Alliance for Human Services – Together for Beaufort for their development campaign. He mentioned that they are working with Dietary to offer healthy meals at a lower cost in the cafeteria. In addition, they are working on developing a map to identify healthcare resources in the area. Dr. Kessel reviewed a handout of the Partnership Model.

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**MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials:** Dr. Mazzeo’s presented the following practitioners for appointment: Thomas Hines, DDS, U.S. Navy (Provisional Associate – Department of Surgery); Brittany Zip, PA-C, Allied Health Professional – Emergency Medicine (sponsored by Dr. Rehman); Lihn Dastous, MD, Provisional Active – Department of Medicine (Hospitalist).

The following practitioners requested reappointment: Robert Bell, MD, Active (Anesthesia); John Daniel, MD, Active (Anesthesia); Susan Hohenwarter, MD, Active (Anesthesia); Marc Reichel, MD, Active (Anesthesia); William Spearman, MD, Active (Anesthesia); Gary Thompson, MD, Active (Anesthesia); Delphia Clark, MD, Consulting (Radiology – VRC).

The following practitioners requested change in status: Richard Biggs, DO, Associate to Active (OB/Gyn); Carol Coolidge, MD, Provisional Active to Active (Plastic Surgery).

The following practitioner requested additional privileges: JoAnn Csakany, MD, Active (OB/Gyn) request for Da Vinci.

Six month quality review: Donna Taylor, C-NMW, Allied Health Services – OB/Gyn (sponsored by Dr. Davis-Tolbert); Amanda Salas, MD, Provisional Active (Psychiatry).

Mrs. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen, 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 asked how many long term patients we have and their status. Mr. White stated that we currently have 6 patients. Mr. Tedder discussed an article from the Beaufort Gazette regarding the budget cuts in mental health agencies both locally and statewide and inquired how this need for long term care for mental health and how it would affect our long term care here and if we have started any planning, etc. Mr. Toomey said discussions have begun discussing this issue, and that Mr. White attended a Medicaid meeting in Columbia at SCHA last week. He said they didn’t have any solutions to recommend, but Mr. White said we need to develop a scenario as to what’s going to happen, because the cuts are coming and it will impact every provider and will all coalesce at the hospital. He said we have a couple of months to develop some contingencies on how we provide the care with no reimbursement. Mr. Tedder suggested that we get the County involved with a roundtable of local providers to see what needs to be done.

Mr. Ricks discussed the “Meaningful Use” (pg. 3) and stated that we have engaged a company to do a full assessment on the criteria to ensure we meet the requirements. He said the initial assessment is very good and the outside company is impressed with our staff.

Mrs. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tedder, to approve the staff reports. Unanimous approval.

**BMH FOUNDATION:** Mr. Nettles stated that it’s very important that we get the hospital in front of gated communities to ensure they are hearing the good news about what we are doing. He said in meetings with all Foundation trustees, they communicated that we need to provide more up-to-date information on the hospital. He noted that there has been an increase in donations and this is largely attributable to our hospital employees and/or volunteers, who make up 66% of our loyal donors. He thanked the nurses who came to the annual meeting and demonstrated our newest equipment that was donated by the Foundation, so the donors could see

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the benefits of their donations and how it's being used in the hospital. He said the Valentine Ball invitations will be going out after Christmas, so be on the lookout.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT – *Bluffton Land:*** Mr. Toomey said that primarily due to Mr. Tedder's drive and assistance, a meeting was held two weeks ago with the County, Town of Bluffton, the sellers, engineers, and Mr. Schulze (*on behalf of Mr. Toomey who was out of town*) to focus on developing the check-off list of the items that need to be completed for the due diligence of the acquisition of land in Bluffton. He said there are certain steps that need to be done, documents that must be prepared and permits filed, which will require an expenditure of funds. He said we are working on both attorney and professional consultant's recommendations that we take the initiative and fund those items with the appropriate documentation while we obtain assurances that they will either be applied as a credit to what we would need to do as an impact fee or that they would be paid back.

Mr. Tedder stated that Mr. Sommerville, who was our liaison, helped pull this meeting together. He said the main purpose of the meeting was to ask the County senior administration and key Council Members to tell us that they were conceptually okay with us spending the \$200K needed for the services required to secure the necessary permits for the land and to use that money as a credit against our impact fees for future buildings to offset this amount, so we are not paying double. He said they unanimously agreed in concept, and in fact, the next day, both the County Administrator and the Bluffton Town Manager directed their attorneys to start putting together an inter-governmental agreement together to present to the committee for approval. Mr. Tedder asked the Board to authorize Mr. Toomey to sign those contracts, so he could begin working on the permits, etc. He said the ballpark for the road would be about \$1.2-1.4M. He said the County has been hesitant about paying this amount; however, they have discussed using common development funds and sales tax. Mr. Tedder said it would take almost a year to get the permits approved. Mr. Schulze said it was agreed in principle by those at the meeting that we can use the impact fees for these costs.

Mr. Toomey said one of the comments from the Strategic Planning Committee is that we have run into many hurdles securing this property and questioned "Is it the right piece of property?" He said this was a good point and that if it takes several years to get the property, is it really worth it. Mr. Tedder stated that as the permits are processed, we should get a feel for the potential for delay, and we can always terminate the contract and move on to another property if this gets bogged down. Mr. Toomey said the request is to expend dollars (up to \$250K) to approve the contracts, and that we will keep a running total to show our documentation for reimbursement downstream. Mr. Tedder stated that should problems arise in getting final approval, we can terminate the permitting process and mitigate our exposure, but he would not recommend waiting for full Council approval to proceed, which could take a couple of months. A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen, to authorize Rick to sign the necessary agreements. Mr. Tedder recused himself from the vote. Unanimous approval.

***Mr. Toomey will get the names of the Conservation Committee and circulate to the Board.***

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A motion was made by Mr. Tedder to go into Closed Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. with the seven Board members (*Mr. Paddock was out of town*). The motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson and unanimously approved. The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:36 a.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the

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recommendation of the Compensation Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kessel and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Tedder  
Secretary