

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

MINUTES – December 19, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Schulze (Chair), David Tedder (Secretary/Treasurer), Andrea Allen, Bill Paddock, Steve Kessel, M.D., Pat Thompson, M.D., Susan Williams, James Simmons, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Toomey, Jeff White, Karen Carroll, Pat Foulger, David Homyk, Ed Ricks, Alice Moss, Nora Kresch, Chad Tober, M.D., Bill Nettles, Bill McBride (Beaufort County Council Member), Paul Sommerville (Beaufort County Council Member), Ann Mecherle, Diane Wadas, David Black (Howell, Gibson & Hughes)

EXCUSED: Terry Murray (Vice Chair), Sam Derrick

MOTION: Mr. Schulze called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m., and stated that the Press had been notified. A motion was made by Ms. Allen to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Tedder, for the purpose of discussing Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing, Strategic Planning, Contractual Arrangements, Legal and Personnel Matters. Unanimous approval. The meeting re-convened to Open Session at 8:29 a.m.

INVOCATION: Dr. Thompson gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL of MINUTES – November 30, 2011: Ms. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tedder, to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved after correction to indicate that two separate votes were taken on credentials, with everyone's credentials/status but Dr. Kessel's approved unanimously in the first vote, with a second vote on Dr. Kessel solely, which again passed unanimously without Dr. Kessel participating, having recused himself from voting on this matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: The report was unanimously approved as presented in the Finance meeting earlier today.

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Simmons reported that the Committee did not meet.

Compliance Committee: Ms. Williams reported there were no PEPPER reports and no hotline calls during the reporting period. RAC audits are ongoing; however, we have received 114 denials for which there is no basis on which to appeal (this covers a two year period). The associated cost is \$154,000. 55 are currently pending, and these have a potential cost of \$120,845. For the third quarter HIPAA training was provided for 79 employees. Ms. Whisman has reminded employees that social media cannot be used for patient information. Mr. White updated the Committee regarding the results of the Dixon-Hughes-Goodman audit. Mr. Ricks reported the security audit results.

Governance Committee: Dr. Thompson reported that the Committee did not meet in November. She also reported that the names of Dave House and Van Irwin will be forwarded to the County as candidates for Mr. Paddock's seat.

Community Outreach/Wellness Committee: Dr. Kessel reported that Ms. Coburn-Smith is scheduled to make her wellness presentation to Beaufort County. The schedule for the CHiP mobile unit is now on our web page. Dr. Kessel also reported on a two year grant of \$500,000 from The Duke Endowment. The grant was awarded for the purpose of establishing the AccessHealth Network, a project created to promote medical homes for the uninsured.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Paddock reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met in December and was given an update on hospital initiatives. The next meeting will occur on March 13, 2012.

Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve the committee reports. Unanimous approval.

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: Dr. Tober presented for approval the following recommendations of the Medical Staff regarding appointments:

Requesting New Appointment: Peter Anderson, MD, Provisional Active (Hospitalist – Internal Medicine); Jarrod Reynolds, MD, Provisional Active (Hospitalist – Internal Medicine); Brandy Price, PA-C (Allied Health – Surgical Services); Tracy Thompson, MD, U.S. Navy, (Provisional Active – OG/GYN).

Reappointment: Dhawal Goradia, MD (Consulting – Virtual Radiology).

1 Year Review & Change of Status – Community Active: Linh Dastous, MD, Provisional Active to Active, (Hospitalist); Thomas Hines, DDS, Provisional Associate (Surgery – Oral Maxillofacial); Brittany Zip, PA-C (Allied Health – Emergency Services); Robert Lisle, MD, Provisional Active to Community Active (Family Medicine); Samuel Clark Trask, MD, Active to Community Active (Family Medicine).

6 Month Review: Deanna Mansker, MD, Provisional Active (Dept. of Surgery).

Relinquishment of Privileges: Jeffrey Faust, MD, Active (Dept. of Pediatrics).

Leave of Absence: Roderick Dippel, MD, Active (Hospitalist).

Ms. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by, Ms. Allen to approve the credentials as presented. Unanimous approval.

STAFF REPORTS (Support Services, Human Resources, Information Systems, Patient Care Services, PR & Marketing, Physician Practices, and Quality Services): In response to a question, Ms. Carroll replied that new nursing grad turnover had decreased from 41% in 2009 to 20% in 2011.

The question pertaining to creatinine interventions will be referred to Ms. Foulger for a response.

The ED continues to work on their “roller coaster” patient satisfaction scores.

Mr. Derrick reported that he feels much more comfortable regarding the readiness of the physician practices for JCAHO. There have been many improvements.

Ms. Williams made a motion, which was approved by Ms. Allen, to approve the staff reports. Unanimous approval.

BMH FOUNDATION REPORT: The Valentine Ball dinner parties presently will seat 500 ball attendees. The Reichels are hosting a cocktail reception for the party givers on January 27th. Tanger Outlets has made a donation of \$24,473.73 to the Foundation. The Annual Appeal is underway, but it is too early to report any results.

CEO REPORT – *Bluffton Property:* We hope to close on the Bluffton property before the end of the year.

Admin Support Building: Planning continues for the office building. There is a question; however, regarding a request by the City that we grant a right of way for a “street” that would be located at the rear of the property. Mr. Tedder suggested responding that we support the concept of a “parking lot drive”; that we would be willing to reserve the parcel in question for a defined period; and that we would then deed the property upon receiving proof that all the other parcels of property required for the “drive” had been acquired by the City; funding in place for the road; and with the understanding that the City would be responsible for maintenance of said “drive”. ***Administration was then directed by the Chair to respond to the city in accordance with Mr. Tedder’s comments.***

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Tedder, Secretary