

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

MINUTES – March 27, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David House (Chair); David Tedder (Vice-Chair); Andrea Allen (Secretary); Bill Himmelsbach; Kathy Cooper; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Norman Bettel, M.D.; Eric Billig, M.D.; Kathy McDonagh, Ph.D.

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Baxley; Sarah Dyson; Paul Sommerville; Karen Carroll; Ken Miller; Shawna Doran; Chris Ketchie; Brian Hoffman; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Allison Coppage; Debbie Schuchmann; Ashley Hildreth; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Alice Howard; Faith Polkey, M.D

Guests: Robert Achurch (Howell Gibson Hughes)

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m., and stated that the Press had been notified. A motion was made by Mrs. Cooper to go into Closed Executive Session at 7:30 a.m. with the eight Board members to discuss Strategic Planning, and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen, and unanimously approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Allen to go into Executive Session at 8:14 a.m. to discuss Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing, Strategic Planning, Contractual Arrangements, Legal and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cooper, and unanimously approved. The meeting re-convened to Open Session at 9:26 a.m.

Mrs. Cooper indicated that the February 19, 2019 QI minutes that were included in the Board Packet had a couple of changes that did not make it into the report.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2019, Committee Reports & Minutes, and Staff Reports. Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Cooper to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance – Mr. Himmelsbach indicated that BMH experienced a healthy bottom line. Physician visits increased by 50% from a year ago. The case mix index increased slightly. BMH funded \$1.5M into Broad River Healthcare to support the Buckwalter land purchase. Mr. Himmelsbach noted that February had less work days. He complimented management for keeping expenses under control.

Compliance – Mrs. Allen indicated that a report from the Compliance Committee will be included in the April board packet.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mrs. Dyson announced that a tour of the OR is scheduled for April 29th for potential donors and friends from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She also reported that on April 1st a check in the amount of \$679,373.48 from the Foundation Endowment will be presented to BMH. She thanked everyone in the community who made this possible.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Bettle indicated that there were no outstanding issues.

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested appointment: Jones, Nathaniel, MD, Locum Tenens/Radiology; Patel, Hardik, MD, Active-Medicine/Internal Medicine; McNeil, Stephanie, MD, Consulting/Telemedicine- Medicine Neurology.

Reappointment: Chabrier-Rosello, Jorge, MD, Active/Medicine-Internal Medicine; Chahin, Majd, MD, Active/ Medicine-Oncology; Lonscak, Gregory, DNP, Allied Health Professional/Internal Medicine; Manos, Peter, MD, Active/Medicine-Pulmonology; Mazzeo, Paul, MD, Active/Medicine-Neurology; McElveen, Cecil, MD, Consulting/ Emergency Medicine-Family Medicine; McEvoy, John, MD, Consulting/Surgery-Pathology; Perry, Shelly, NP, Allied Health Professional/ Medicine-Neurology.

Mr. Himmelsbach made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Cooper to accept the Credentials Committee recommendations as presented. Unanimous approval.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Mrs. Dyson asked the Board to consider the affirmation of Mr. Bill VanDerBeek and Mr. Joe Trapani to be Foundation Board Members.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BILL VANDERBEEK AND MR. JOE TRAPANI TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD. Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Tedder indicated that the Annual Evaluation of the Environment of Care normally gets presented to QI; however, a verbal report was provided. No major changes were made except for an update.

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2018 ANNUAL EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENT OF CARE – Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Cooper. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Himmelsbach requested that future Evaluation of Environment of Care Reports contain a one page executive summary at the beginning of the report highlighting areas of concern, etc.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Mr. Baxley indicated that the final inspection of Labor & Delivery is scheduled for April 17, 2019. An Open House/Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for May 11, 2019.

Legislative Update – Mr. Baxley indicated that there are a few bills on the State level relating to IRF, Tort Reform, raising of limits of caps as well as definitions in the Tort Act. These have been moved out of Judiciary Committee with favorable report and passed to full Senate. A brief discussion ensued. It was suggested to invite local legislators to the Board’s off-site planning session in July or later.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Allen
Secretary