

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

MINUTES – August 28, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Hampton Long (BM Foundation); Alice Howard; Paul Sommerville; Karen Carroll; Shawna Doran; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Brian Hoffman; Allison Coppage; Debbie Schuchmann; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Courtney McDermott

Guests: Robert Achurch (Howell Gibson Hughes); Armen Arakelian, BMH Director Information Systems

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 Mr. Himmelsbach to go into Closed Executive Session at 7:30 a.m. with the nine Board members to discuss Strategic Planning, and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and unanimously approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Himmelsbach to go into Executive Session at 8:15 a.m. to discuss Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing, Strategic Planning, Contractual Arrangements, Legal and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. McDonagh, and unanimously approved. The meeting re-convened to Open Session at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Cooper to go into Open Session at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tedder, and unanimously approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Tedder made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Himmelsbach. Unanimous approval.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for July 31, 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 Committee: Mr. Himmelsbach indicated that July was a strong month with volumes up, expenses consistent, and the case mix index up. He attributed this to BMH's staff and

leadership. Mr. Himmelsbach reported that the Finance Committee reviewed again the 2020 operating budget and capital budget in detail. Continued discussions are planned for the September Finance Committee meeting and if approved by the Committee will be brought forth to the Board for review and approval in September.

Governance Committee: Mrs. Cooper indicated that Board survey results will be presented to the Board in September.

BMH FOUNDATION: Ms. Debbie Schuchmann thanked the Board for participating with a gift for the Surgical Pavilion renovation so that BMH would be considered for a grant from the Cox Foundation. Ms. Schuchmann is anticipating notification this week. She indicated that the Tidalholm Fundraiser netted \$125K.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials:* The following practitioners requested appointment: Barker, Derek, DPM, Active/Surgery-Podiatry (Joining Drs. Edwards & Statler); Bersani, Tiffany, MD, Associate/OB/GYN (BPP); Callan, Elizabeth, MD, Consulting/Telemedicine-Medicine-Neurology (MUSC); Cuff, Ryan, MD, Consulting/Telemedicine-OB/GYN-Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MUSC); Fowlkes, Carroll, DO, Community Active/Emergency Medicine (BPP-Bluffton); Haley, Trish, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology (LCA); Head, Barbara, MD, Consulting/Telemedicine-OB/GYN-Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MUSC); Keisler, Nikki, MD, Community Active/ Medicine-Family Practice (BPP); Odzark, Robyn, DO, Associate/Medicine-Family Medicine (BPP); Odzark, Robyn, DO, Associate/Medicine-Family Medicine (BPP); Potter, Benjamin, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Psychiatry (DMH-Pediatrics); Stavrakas, Heather, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Palliative Care (Carolina House Calls-Palliative Care); Truong, Ha, MD, Active/Pediatric-Hospitalist (BPP); Zhao, Jun, MD, Consulting/Telemedicine-Neurology (Specialty Care).

Reappointment: Andrews, Robert, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Batson, John, MD, Active/Anesthesiology-Pain Management; Baxley, Luke, MD, Consulting/Emergency Medicine; Bowe, Andrew, DO, Locum Tenens/Pediatrics; Coleman, Jessica, MD, Active/Medicine-Nephrology; Doscher, Ashley, MD, Consulting/Emergency Medicine; Elya, Marwan, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine- Internal Medicine; Glenn IV, William, MD, Active/Medicine-Internal Medicine; Goldsmith, Dawn, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Haigler, Stuart, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine- Internal Medicine; Henderson, Amber, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Hughes Jr, Douglas, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Klein, Jerome, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Klenke, Audrey, MD, Active/Surgery-Plastic Surgery; Levelle, Jonathan, MD, Active/Anesthesiology; Masavage, Marlena, MD, Active/OB/GYN; Mercier, Denise, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Medicine-Hospitalist; Mercier, Mark, MD, Consulting/Emergency Medicine; Ogunsulire, Joseph, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Hospitalist; Uniejewski, Darla, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Schrift, David, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Critical Care; Zhang, Jeanie, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC.

Additional Privileges: Chabrier-Rosello, Jorge, MD, Active/Medicine- Nephrology; Meehan, Patrick, MD, Active/Medicine-Palliative Care.

Resignations: Asfar, Waleed, MD, Active/Medicine-Hospitalist; Bhandari, Surendar, MD, Locum Tenens/Hospitalist-Critical Care; Hines, James, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/Anesthesia, Watterson, Philip, MD, Active/OB/GYN; Sori, Mahmood, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Hospitalist; Bodalia, Jayesh, AA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Gilmore, Rachel, AA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Henderson, Amber, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Lemond, Kimberly, AA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology.

After review and recommendation by MEC and then QIC, Mrs. Allen made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. McDonagh to accept the Credentials Committee recommendations as presented. Unanimous approval.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF MEDICAL STAFF POLICIES AS PRESENTED.

Mr. Tedder made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen. Unanimous approval.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Mr. Baxley noted that the May River Medical Pavilion’s grand opening celebration will be held tomorrow (8/29/19) at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Baxley indicated that the Telemedicine collaboration with Publix was announced in the media. The “go live” date for Buckwalter Place is scheduled for September 13, 2019 with a grand opening at a later date to be determined.

At the Board’s request to provide a GEAR update and refresher on the timeline of policies and procedures, Mr. Baxley referenced the information provided in the Board packet and asked Ms. Allison Coppage to provide a brief update on GEAR. Discussions ensued.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mrs. Allen, and was seconded by Mrs. Cooper, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Allen
Secretary