

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

**MINUTES – September 25, 2019**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Sarah Dyson; Alice Howard; Karen Carroll; Shawna Doran; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Brian Hoffman; Allison Coppage; Debbie Schuchmann; Courtney McDermott and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Paul Sommerville; Kathy McDonagh, Ph.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 Mr. Tedder 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. Cooper, and unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Tedder 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 Mrs. Cooper, and unanimously approved. The meeting re-convened to Open Session at 10:13 a.m.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Tedder to go into Open Session at 10:13 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cooper, and unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for August 28, 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: None**

Mr. House indicated that today's Board Meeting would be the last for Mrs. Dyson. Mrs. Dyson's seat on the Board was being replaced by Mr. Hampton Long (new Chair of the BMH Foundation). Mr. House acknowledged Mrs. Dyson's years of dedication and commitment to the Board.

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**BMH FOUNDATION:** Mrs. Dyson reported on the Tidalholm Fundraiser (Fete en Blanc) that was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tashjian on August 24, 2019 and indicated that over \$120K was raised for the OR renovation. She acknowledged and thanked Foundation Board Member Mr. John Tashjian and his wife Katie. Debbie Schuchmann and the Foundation Staff was commended for successfully obtaining the proposal from the Cox Foundation for \$500K for the OR renovation. Debbie Schuchmann acknowledged and thanked the Board for their 100% participation prior to the submission of the proposal. The Rails and Ales event is scheduled for October 5 at the Naval Hospital. The Foundation Annual Meeting will be held on November 12 at the Holiday Inn. The Foundation extends an invitation to all Board Members to attend the annual meeting. The Foundation will continue with the OR campaign. She also indicated that Foundation funds allowed the purchase of recliner chairs and beds for patient rooms.

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

**MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*:** The following practitioners requested appointment: Arenth, Joshua, MD, Telemedicine/Pediatrics- Critical Care (MUSC); Bishop, Laura, MD, Telemedicine/Medicine-Neurology (Telestroke) (MUSC); Swenson, James, MD, Active/Medicine-Gastroenterology (BPP); Veeraswamy, Ravi, MD, MUSC Affiliate/Surgery-Vascular Surgery; Wooster, Mathew, MD, MUSC Affiliate/Surgery-Vascular Surgery.

Reappointment: Cusumano, Philip, MD, Community Active/Medicine- Internal Medicine; Yamada, Lidia, MD, Consulting/Medicine-Neurology- Telestroke; Jacobs, Dennis, DO, Active/Anesthesiology; Kessler, Amanda, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Emergency Medicine; Kingston, Carlene, MD, Consulting/Medicine-Neurology-Telestroke; McClelland, Alyssa, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Hospitalist; Novikov, Mikhail, MD, Consulting/Medicine- Nephrology; Schrock, Lika, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Orthopedics; Saunders, Gregory, AA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Sussman, Hy, MD, Consulting/Medicine-Nephrology; Thorpe, Kimberly, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Gastroenterology.

Resignations: Mattson, Bradley, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Dawson, Rosalind, MD, Active/Medicine.

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

**ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE FY2020 STRATEGIC PLAN AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND AS PRESENTED.** Mr. Tedder made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Cooper. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING PLAN AND CAPITAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**AND DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Himmelsbach made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Tedder. Unanimous approval.

Community Health Needs Assessment – Dr. Polkey indicated that BMH as a non-profit hospital is required to update the assessment every three years. The focus group determined the top ten health problems after assessing the 42-question survey that was disseminated within the community. Dr. Polkey then provided a brief overview and highlighted several important points and referenced the implementation strategies. Dr. Polkey acknowledged Ms. Cindy Coburn-Smith's involvement along with Ms. Brenda Hughes (Lowcountry Public Health Region Community Health Coordinator at SCDHEC), Roxanne Davis-Cote, Janell Berks, and Kimberly Yawn. With board approval, the assessment will be posted on BMHs website along with the previous one. Mr. Tedder suggested providing a bound copy to the County Administrator and the 11 County Council Members and in addition a copy to Jasper County.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2019 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND POSTING TO THE BMH WEBSITE AND HAVING OVERSIGHT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES BY THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.** Mr. Tedder made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Cooper. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUALITY SCORECARD – QUARTER ENDING 6/30/19 AS PRESENTED.** Mr. Tedder made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen. Unanimous approval.

**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