

**BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM (DUE TO COVID-19) – OPEN SESSION**

**MINUTES – January 27, 2021**

**BY ZOOM:** Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Kathy McDonagh, Ph.D.; Andrea Allen; Richardson LaBruce; Eric Billig, M.D.; Faith Polkey, M.D.; Hampton Long; Courtney McDermott; Alice Howard; Paul Sommerville; Brian Hoffman; Allison Coppage

**PRESENT:** David House (Chair); Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.; Shawna Doran; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Debbie Schuchmann; Courtney Smith; Ashley Hildreth and Anna Sobiech

**Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. and stated that the Press had been notified. Anna Sobiech took roll call. A quorum of the Board is confirmed.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Billig to go into Executive Session at 7:45 a.m. for Board Members to discuss strategic matters related to MSPI, Quality Improvement, Medical Staff Credentialing, Contractual Arrangements, Legal and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Himmelsbach and unanimously approved.

**Public/Open Session MOTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Larson to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided an informative summation of the Palliative Care Program.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2020, Committee Reports & Minutes, and Staff Reports.** Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Allen, to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:**

**Finance Committee:** Dr. McDonagh indicated that the committee met on Monday. She reported that Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLC [DHG] provided the annual audit presentation. The audit is still in draft form waiting on the State Pension information. Dr. McDonagh indicated that volumes improved.

**Governance Committee:** Mr. LaBruce indicated that the proposed nominations to the Board of Trustees were submitted to Beaufort County Council. Mr. Sommerville clarified that one of the nominees had not submitted their application. Mr. LaBruce will follow up with all three applicants. When questioned, Mr. Sommerville indicated that the County Council Committee will meet in February.

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**BMH FOUNDATION:** Mr. Long indicated that the Virtual Valentine kick-off party was well attended. The Annual Appeal letter has raised \$316K due to the great response from the community. The virtual Valentine Ball is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2021. Mr. Long acknowledged and thanked the Foundation staff for organizing the virtual ball. He also thanked the Board and the community for responding. \$3.3M has been raised to date for the Surgical Pavilion. Debbie Schuchmann indicated that the Surgical Pavilion remains the top priority. Individuals can specifically designate gifts towards the Surgical Pavilion.

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

**MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials:*** The following practitioners requested Appointment: Dryzer, Scott, MD, Locum Tenens/ Medicine-Critical Care; Patel, Rupal, MD, Locum Tenens/ Medicine-Critical Care; Yoder, Jason, MD, Active/Anesthesiology; Martino, Lisa, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology (pending SC License); Fox, Shawna, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Palliative Care; Ezeihuaku, Christopher, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Hospitalist; Brown, Satara, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Hospitalist; Crowther, Cynthia, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Biggs, Austin, MD, Telemedicine/Pediatrics-Critical Care; Diaz, Elizabeth, MD, Telemedicine/Pediatrics-Critical Care; Suh, Jimmy, MD, Telemedicine/Medicine-Neurology; Brown, Joshua, MD, Telemedicine/Medicine-Neurology; Cotler, Harry, DPM, Active/Surgery-Podiatry.

Reappointment: Adams, John, III, MD, Active/Surgery-Urology; Baisch, Susanne, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Oncology; Bettle, Norman, MD, Active/Medicine-Neurology; Blalock, Clyde, MD, Active/Radiology; Borissova, Irina, MD, Community Active/Medicine-Internal Medicine; Farr, Kenneth, MD, Consulting/Surgery-Ophthalmology; Hawes, Mary, MD, Active/Medicine-Hospitalist; Kaiser, Laura, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Surgery; Karmel, Mitchell, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Katz, Allen, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Moore, Kasie, DNP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Hospitalist; Nnadi, Ngozi, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Pacheco, Luz, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Prewette, Ervin, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Poleynard, Blake, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Rachakonda, Leelanand, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Rehman, Saeed, MD, Active/ Medicine- Family Medicine (ER); Ripley, Daniel, MD, Community Active/ Medicine-Internal Medicine; Snelgrove, Danuel, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Srivastava, Ravindra, MD, Active/ Medicine-Psychiatry; Smith, Brendan, MD, Active/ Surgery-Plastic Surgery; Siegel, Mark, MD, Active/Surgery-Ophthalmology; Williams, Alton, MD, Consulting/Telemedicine.

Resignations: J. Antonio Quiros, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Ricardo Arbizu-Alvarez, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine; Goldsmith, Dawn, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology; Hall, Janet, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology; Kirkpatrick, Candace, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology; Milella, Gina, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology; Runge, David, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology, Buchan, Kayla, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/Emergency Medicine; Proferes, Sunny, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/Emergency Medicine; Thompson, Richard, MD, Consulting/Emergency Medicine; Penrod, Misty, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine.

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After review and the recommendation by MEC, Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Polkey to accept the Credentials Committee recommendations as presented. Unanimous approval.

Dr. Ellenberger acknowledged and thanked Dr. Spearman for his commitment serving on the Finance Committee and welcomed Dr. Heath Simmons as the new Medical Staff Representative on Finance Committee.

**CMO Report:** Dr. Gambla indicated that the official registration to 340B is complete and the go-live date is April 1, 2021. The Medicaid 340B carve-in will allow Medicaid patient to be included in 340B. The USP 800 will be to Federal code with the compounding of high risk drugs – anticipating phase 1 to be completed this week. Anticipating increased development with Opiates – number of agreements ready to be finalized. Palliative Care continues to grow. Sickle Cell grant has been resubmitted (revised the grant process with a three year grant instead of one) to assist in subsidizing the ride share program. The COVID monoclonal antibodies continues to assist high risk patients to avoid admissions.

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

Mr. Himmelsbach made the motion to approve the Policy: Attendance at C-section Deliveries, MS.05 with the understanding that the Medical Staff will add the appropriate references from the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Academy of Pediatricians in terms of their guidelines or consensus statements, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval.

Dr. Ellenberger explained the changes made to the Medical Staff Performance Improvement [MSPI].

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE:**

- Telemedicine, MS 06.00
- Medical Staff Dress Code
- Continued Medical Education (CME) Requirements for Physicians, MS.16
- Fast Track Approval of Initial Medical Staff Application, MS.26
- Physician Abandonment or Refusal to Continue Treatment of a Patient, MS.33
- Conference and Meeting Attendance Medical Staff, MS.37
- Medical Staff Performance Improvement [MSPI]

Dr. Billig made the motion to approve all the policies presented, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval.

Mr. House referred to the Organizational Chart which was provided as reference and is updated yearly.

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**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Balanced Scorecard – Mr. Baxley referenced the scorecard which was provided for board review and comment. He indicated that the focus continues to be on the throughput of the patient.

COVID 19 Update: Mr. Baxley provided an update on vaccines. Mr. Baxley acknowledged the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department, Traffic Management, Beaufort County EMS, and the Lady's Island Fire Department for their service at the BMH's stand up vaccine event. Mr. Baxley explained the ordering process and receipt of the vaccines. The location of administering of the vaccinations has been changed to the Port Royal Pavilion in order to consolidate the process into one area and to better accommodate parking and being more efficient. The vaccine clinic at Port Royal Pavilion is expected to operate starting on Monday of next week. Mr. Himmelsbach complemented BMH on its flexibility and stepping up in the mass vaccination process. Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of hospital employees vaccinated. Mr. Baxley explained the process for the mass vaccination. BMH is currently working on a volunteer policy.

Patient Transport – Mr. Baxley provided a brief update on BMH's purchasing a Chrysler Pacifica which would provide an opportunity to create a logistics department that would transport patients, transport supplies to various locations (during downtime of patient transport). Hiring drivers is currently underway.

Marshview Organic Farms Partnership – BMH continues to provide 50 meals a day. BMH is working with Marshview to host a job fair to fill much needed vacancies in the organization. The goal is to work on job descriptions, education opportunities, etc. (also a video to share).

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Mrs. Allen, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.