

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

MINUTES – March 31, 2021

BY ZOOM: Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Richardson LaBruce; Kathy McDonagh, Ph.D.; Hampton Long; Alice Howard; Brian Hoffman; Shawna Doran; Ken Miller

PRESENT: David House (Chair); Vernita Dore; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Eric Billig, M.D.; Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Russell Baxley; Karen Carroll; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Allison Coppage; Chris Ketchie; Courtney McDermott; Ashley Hildreth; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 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 Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:29 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Mr. House introduced the two new Board Members: Mrs. Vernita Dore and Dr. Jane Kokinakis, Medical Staff representative, who is replacing Dr. Polkey.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for February 24, 2021, Committee Reports & Minutes, and Staff Reports. Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance – Dr. McDonagh referenced the information in the board packet and provided highlights. The financial statements for February indicated the month to be challenging due to the pandemic. She indicated that there was no additional information relating to the Cares Act funds. Dr. McDonagh credited management’s ability to regulate expenses. The final audit (which was previously reviewed in full) was presented by Dixon Hughes Goodman LLC. The

\$3.3M pension expense netted a \$1.1M decline. The audit was considered clean. The Finance Committee recommends acceptance and approval by the Board of Trustees (action item on the agenda). Dr. McDonagh referenced the KaufmanHall article which indicates hospitals across the country are being impacted by the pandemic.

Quality – Dr. Billig indicated that BMH received positive feedback and compliments relating to the vaccine clinic running so smoothly.

Governance – Mr. LaBruce referenced the Board performance assessment for 2021 and requested members turn in their assessments. He also reminded members to fulfill the continuing education requirements. Orientation for the new board members will be scheduled with Mr. LaBruce.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Long indicated that the Foundation met and are looking at the remainder of the year. The Annual Endowment was \$898K to the hospital. The annual charity checks totaling \$30K were distributed. The Foundation will be focusing on the Surgical Pavilion. Mr. House indicated that \$3.5M of the \$5M goal has been raised for improvements. He asked everyone to consider gifting if they have not done so. Mr. House thanked and acknowledged the Foundation Board for their contributions to the hospital.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Gambla indicated that there were no outstanding issues. He referenced the policy in the board packet as an action item for the board.

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials:* The following practitioners requested Appointment: Anderson, Frederick, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Epps, Matthew, MD, Active/ Surgery-Plastic Surgery (New Practice); Goel, Akshay, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Gonzalez-Beicos, Aldo, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Haines, Timothy, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Medicine-Infectious Disease (Joining Lowcountry Infectious Disease); Hellfeld, Megan, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Jaindl, Jeffrey, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Lerro, Desiree, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; McGee, James, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Meglin, Allen, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Mszyco, Steven, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Nasehi, Leyla, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Shapoval, Anton, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC.

Reappointment: Rosello, Jorge, MD, Active/ Medicine- Nephrology; Chahin, Majd, MD, Active/ Medicine-Oncology; Jones, Nathaniel, MD, Consulting/ Radiology; Lonscak, Gregory, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Medicine; Manos, Peter, MD, Active/ Medicine-Pulmonology; Mazzeo, Paul, MD, Active/ Medicine- Neurology; McElveen, Cecil, MD, Consulting/ Medicine-Family Practice; McEvoy, John, MD; Consulting/ Surgery-Pathology; McNeil, Stephanie, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Patel, Hardik, MD, Active/ Medicine-Hospitalist; Perry, Shelly, NP, Allied Health Professional/ Neurology; Kazie, Nelson, MD, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Hospitalist.

Additional Privileges: Hill, Mary, MD, Medicine/Psychiatry (Addition of TMS Privileges); Dewitt, John, MD, Medicine/Psychiatry (Addition of TMS Privileges).

Resignations: Truong, Ha, MD, Locum Tenens/Pediatrics; Houser, Christine, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Nephrology; Sylvia, Frederick, MD, Navy Active/Orthopedics.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla indicated that discussions were in place regarding physician burnout and the products offered to the providers. He then provided an update on 340B expansion, opioid expansion, Palliative Care and the Sickle Cell ride share program.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE FINAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AS PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Dr. McDonagh made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval.

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

- Policy: On-Call Plan
- Environment of Care (Safety) 2nd Quarter

Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Balanced Scorecard – Mr. Baxley referenced the scorecard and indicated that volumes were stronger in March. He indicated that the COVID tent was dismantled. Physician volumes were strong. Strategies on access continue to trend. The Satisfaction Survey results will be presented to the board next month.

Mr. Baxley referenced the COVID-19 report that was included in the packet. He provided an update on BMH working with the community regarding outreach and homebound patients.

Mr. House informed the Board that the Foundation Board has an opening to be filled by a BMH Board of Trustee. Ms. Schuchmann and Mr. Long will approach individuals. The Committee meets every other month.

Mr. House informed the Board that Dr. Angela Simmons has agreed to serve on the Finance Committee and the QIC of the board. He indicated that in person board meetings will begin once guidance and direction is provided by the CDC.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Mr. LaBruce, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.