

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

MINUTES – May 25, 2022

BY ZOOM: Vernita Dore; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Hampton Long; Eric Billig, M.D; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Allison Coppage; Brian Hoffman

PRESENT: David House (Chair); Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Richardson LaBruce; Alice Howard; Jane Kokinakis, D.O; William Jessee, M.D.; Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Shawna Doran; Dee Robinson; Kim Yawn; Courtney Smith; 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. The meeting has been posted. Anna Sobiech took roll call. A quorum of the Board is confirmed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Himmelsbach for Board Members to go into Executive Session for the following purpose: Discussion of Medical Staff recruitment and contracting, strategic matters related to facility expansion and contractual arrangements with related partners. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jessee and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:02 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jessee and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for April 27, 2022, Committee Reports & Minutes, Patient Flow, and Staff Reports. Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce indicated that the committee met on May 24th. The committee reviewed the attendance report for 2021, which was very impressive. The committee also discussed continuing education requirements and concluded the board needs to make an effort to focus on continuing education through seminars and educational opportunities provided by Sg2. Mr. House indicated that the September board meeting at an offsite location will be held on Thursday, September 29 briefly (until 9:30 am) followed by training (experts from Sg2, SCHA legislative updates, etc.) until about 3:00 pm.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Hampton Long reported that the Foundation Board met in May. He indicated that the Foundation made a total contribution payout to the hospital in the amount of \$934K (a 3.9% increase from 2021). A thank you soiree for the Valentine Ball dinner hosts was held on April 29th. The Foundation hosted the first annual BEMMYs event on May 12, 2022 (a red carpet event for BMH employees/developing focus on recognition of top performing employees). The Foundation is 71.9% to the 2022 \$1.9M goal (which is significantly ahead of last year's pace). The Foundation received approximately \$200K in planned giving gifts. The Foundation is focusing its efforts on the Kate Gleason Society (legacy program).

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that the drug scan rates continue at 95% of the goal. The sustained compliance review relating to the pre-eclampsia education and consent on the proper language continues to be monitored. The pain rate scale continues to be at 100%. Dr. Billig provided an update on the stroke report. The Plan for Provision of Care was reviewed by the Quality Committee. BMH has recently received a Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade of A (up from a B).

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Gambla indicated that there were no issues on the incoming appointments.

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Fiore, Marissa, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Flatt, Steven, MD, Active/Medicine-Family Practice (Hospitalist); Higley, Meghan, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Lucchese, Jaclyn (Blaire) NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine (BPP May River Primary Care); Schlam, Bertrand, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC.

Reappointment: Bisceglia, Margaret, NP, Allied Health Professional/ Ob/Gyn; Cargill, Brett, MD, Consulting/ Emergency Medicine; Huntley, Elizabeth, MD, Active/ Pediatrics; Levin, Julian, MD, Community Active/ Medicine- Express Care; McDonnell, Kevin, MD, Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Swofford, Rebecca, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Internal Medicine; Tambroni-Parker, Catherine, CNM, Allied Health Professional/ Ob/Gyn; Wilson, Addison, MD, Navy Active/ Orthopedic.

Resignations: Burk, Linda, MD, Locum Tenens/Pediatrics; Crawford, Chelsea, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Nephrology; Hawes, Linda, MD, Active/Medicine; Moore, Kasie, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla indicated that the MD software was acquired and is in the last stages of implementation. Appointments, re-appointments, sources of verification, etc. will make the process more efficient. The intent is to have Pharmacy take a more active role during patient discharge and medication communication; also the possibility of embedding pharmacists into the primary care offices. Dr. Gambla provided an update on opiates.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF CARE AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

MOTION: We, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Beaufort County Memorial Hospital ("BMH"), in accordance with the authority vested in this Board by BMH's Bylaws (the "Bylaws"), waiving any meeting notice requirements of the Bylaws or applicable law, hereby:

- 1. Agree to provide certain assistance to Broad River Healthcare, Inc. ("Broad River") related to its joint venture with Amedisys SC, L.L.C. ("Amedisys").**
- 2. Confirm and approve: (i) the contribution by BMH of financial assistance to or on behalf of Broad River in accordance with the Contribution and Sale Agreement to be entered into by Broad River and Amedisys; and (ii) the entering into by BMH of a License Agreement with Broad River, Amedisys, and Beaufort HH Partners, LLC, pursuant to which BMH shall grant the use of certain of its intellectual property rights in connection with the above referenced joint venture (collectively, the "Transaction").**
- 3. Authorize and direct Russell Baxley, as President and Chief Executive Officer of BMH, to sign, execute, file, and deliver, as applicable, any and all documents and other instruments necessary or desirable to effect the Transaction.**

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

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the PATH Program (People Achieving Their Highest). He indicated that the program was officially launched during hospital week with signing day on Friday, May 27. There are currently 60 interested individuals in the program. There are 29 high school volunteers through the Rising Stars Program. Wells Branch High School rotated their CNA program through the hospital for the first time. Mr. Baxley acknowledged Joy Solomon and the Education Department on launching the program along with Leslie Suda working with the Rising Stars Program and healthcare program. BMH will be a speaker at the SCHA Conference on the PATH program.

BEMMY Awards – Mr. Baxley acknowledged the Service Excellence team: Kathy Bingham, Dee Robinson, and Karen Sorensen for their excellent collaboration making the event a success.

Board retreat – Tentative date of September 29, 2022.

OR Renovation – Mr. Baxley indicated that the HRSA application is due June 5. BMH anticipates construction in early 2023. Front line staff and medical staff were included in design of the facility.

Allison Coppage will prove Conflict of Interest information at the next board meeting.

Mr. Baxley referenced the Balanced Scorecard.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee, and was seconded by Mr. LaBruce, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.