

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

MINUTES – June 29, 2022

BY ZOOM: Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Dan Barton (BMH Foundation); Paul Sommerville; Allison Coppage; Kim Yawn

PRESENT: David House (Chair); Vernita Dore; Richardson LaBruce; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Alice Howard; Jane Kokinakis, D.O; William Jessee, M.D.; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.; Eric Billig, M.D; Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Brian Hoffman; Chris Ketchie; Shawna Doran; Dee Robinson; Courtney Smith; and Anna Sobiech

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 Mrs. Dore 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. Kokinakis and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:05 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story. Carrie Confare and Sandra Perks (Outpatient Care Program) also provided a patient story. The goal of the program, which was started this year is to improve outcome.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for May 25, 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 reminded board members to comply with the education requirements.

Finance Committee: Mr. LaBruce indicated that the finance committee material is in the board packet. Mr. House opened the floor to questions regarding the \$4M loss reflected in the May P&L relating to the sale of the land.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Dan Barton referenced the financials provided in the Foundation report indicating that the Foundation was reaching three-quarters of its \$1.9M fundraising goals at the end of May. He highlighted the six grant activities and provided an update on the Planned Giving Fund. He indicated that the Foundation made the decision of bringing back the Development Steering Committee. He referenced the agenda item regarding the vote the board would take on the appointment of Mary Lohr for Foundation Board. Mr. Barton indicated that the Foundation was developing the process of an RFP relating to selecting an investment manager (a long process to be well thought out). It was noted that this is standard practice. Mr. House spoke of the Kate Gleason Society and encouraged participation.

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 was at 97%. The Committee reviewed several environmental care policies that were up for re-approval. Quarterly HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) scores were reviewed by the Quality Committee. BMH is at or above average in most areas. Discussions ensued regarding patient satisfaction ratings.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials:* The following practitioners requested Appointment: Grahovac, Tara, MD, Active/Surgery-Breast Surgery; Specht, Eliana, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Orthopedics; Johnson, Ellyn, MD, Locum Tenens/ Medicine-Psychiatry; Rossi, Tiffany, Allied Health Professional/Medicine- Neurology; Bohannon, Kevin, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology.

Reappointment: Andrews, Charles, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Emergency Medicine; Bonilha, Leonardo, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Carroll, Paul, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Emergency Dept.; Chalela, Julio, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Cina, Robert, MD, MUSC Associate/Surgery- Pediatric Surgery; Cummings, Scott, MD, Community Active/ Medicine-Internal Medicine; Dryzer, Scott, MD, Active/ Medicine-Critical Care; Feng, Wuwei, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Folzenlogen, Douglas, MD, Active/ Medicine-Hospitalist; Frame, Kevin, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Garner, John, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Internal Medicine; Goetze, Lynn, MD, Community Active/ Medicine-Family Medicine; Hollinger, Laura, MD, MUSC Associate/ Surgery-Pediatric Surgeon; Holmstedt, Christine, DO, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Kasab, Sami, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Lawton, Christopher, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Leshner, Aaron, MD, MUSC Associate/ Surgery-Pediatric Surgeon; Lovato, Stephanie, MD, Allied Health Professional/ Internal Medicine; Jimenez, Guillermo, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRC; Ngo, Lawrence, MD; Consulting/Radiology-VRC; Ozark, Shelly, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine- Neurology; Patel, Kamal, MD, Community Active/ Medicine-Family Medicine; Reid, James, MD, Locum Tenens/Surgery-General Surgery; Roper, Eric, PA-C; Allied Health Professional/ Internal Medicine; Stoddard, Anna, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Surgery; Shepard, Michelle, MD, Consulting/ Medicine- Nephrology; Stokes, Jennifer, NP, Allied Health Professional/ Internal Medicine; Streck Jr, Christian, MD, MUSC Associate/ Surgery-Pediatric Surgery; Strong, Benjamin, MD, Consulting/ Radiology-VRAD; Turan, Tanya, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Neurology; Tuthill, Summer, MD, Active/ Medicine-Hospitalist; Wright, Gregory, PA-C, Allied Health Professional/ Emergency Medicine.

Resignations: Cross, Michael, MD, Consulting/ Telemedicine-Pediatrics; Griswold, Sharon, CRNA, Dependent Staff/Anesthesiology.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla indicated that the new medical staff were making good progress (cross-training). He spoke of Pharmacy having the role of educating providers and patients. A pilot program was launched relating to communicating with patients regarding their medications. The intent for next year is to embed pharmacists into the primary care offices. Dr. Gambla provided an update on opiates and covid.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INFECTION CONTROL PLAN AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MARY LOHR TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD. Dr. Larson made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the PATH Program (People Achieving Their Highest). He indicated that the program enrolled fourteen individuals. He then provided an update on how this program was progressing, indicating that this group is scheduled to graduate September 14th. Financial assistance was provided for cost of living to the enrollees. The next class will involve external recruiting, job fairs, etc. Mr. Baxley provided an update on the education facility on the second floor of the BMAC building. Mr. Baxley spoke about the Rising Stars Program. Shawna Doran provided highlights on the program and then presented a video that reflected diversity and experience in healthcare.

Mr. Baxley provided the childcare update relating to the Learning Center moving to Allison Road. The expectation is to start development in three to six months, which would include relocating the employee parking lot. An update was provided on the modular facility and the overall project. The goal is to lower the rate of childcare to what the market offers. A discussion ensued regarding operating hours.

The annual Conflict of Interest Statements are being provided for members to complete.

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the OR renovation. Meetings are being held with the architectural team in the hopes of starting construction in February/March. He indicated that

BMH has not heard from HRSA or the Federal Government. The expectation is to receive the notice of award in August.

Mr. Baxley referenced the Balanced Scorecard.

A discussion ensued relating to Publix and the kiosks. Mr. Baxley will provide updated stats at the next meeting.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Mr. LaBruce, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.