

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

MINUTES – August 31, 2022

BY ZOOM: Jane Kokinakis, D.O; Richardson LaBruce; William Jessee, M.D.; Hampton Long (BMH Foundation); Alice Howard; Allison Coppage

PRESENT: Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Vernita Dore; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Stephen Larson, M.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; Kim Yawn; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: David House (Chair)

Mr. Himmelsbach, as Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting on August 31, 2022 on behalf of Mr. House.

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Himmelsbach 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. Billig and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:06 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Mr. Himmelsbach indicated that July was not a good month (even across the country for hospitals). He further indicated that mostly everything that is impacting hospitals is out of their control (epidemic, inflation, etc.).

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Long indicated that the Foundation board met last week. Events are being planned on Dataw and Spring Island. The Annual Meeting of the Foundation is scheduled for November 9, 2022. Mr. Long provided a few financial developments such as

\$40K grant from the Coastal Blood Foundation for Sickle Cell as well as another grant opportunity for the future. \$2M total was received in legacy commitments. Mr. Long thanked the families and individuals for this commitment. The Foundation has up to 90% of the annual goal of fund raising in this fiscal year, which is nearing an end. The main focus of the Foundation is the naming opportunity that will be available at the BMH education center (included in the report).

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig reported on the Joint Commission Report and indicated that the drug scan rate was above the 95% goal. Joint Commission is still reviewing three items. The Joint tracers were at 77%. He indicated that the stroke report was good. The patient throughput report focused on the ER. Dr. Billig provided a brief review of the HCAHPS report.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Ellenberger referenced the Credentials Grid and indicated that MEC worked on policy renewals.

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Randy Kinnard, MD, Active (Locum), Department of Medicine, Pulmonary Critical Care, *BMH Pulmonary Specialists*; Paige Sprietsma, FNP, APP, Department of Medicine, Internal Family Practice, *Trask (Concierge)*; Paul Goetowski, MD, Consulting (Locum), Department of Medicine, Radiation Oncology, *BMH Radiation Oncology*; Austin May, MD, Active, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist, *Team Health*; Scott Walmer, DO, Active, Department of Medicine, Psychiatry, *Sea Island Psychiatry*; Rebecca Ulrich, PA-C, APP, Department of Medicine Hospitalist *Team Health*; Bryan Castro, MD, Active, Department of Surgery, Orthopedics, *BOSS (Beaufort Orthopedic Spine Specialist)*; Andrew Kiser, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist, *Team Health*; Kristen Vestigo, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Internal Family Practice, *Express Care, Okatie*; Timothy Bradford, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist, *Team Health*; Elisabeth Penn, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active Department of Pediatrics, Pediatric Hospitalist BPP; Ann Behan, CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, *Low Country Anesthesia*.

Reappointment: Blau, Sarah, PA-C, Reappointment: APP, Department of Orthopedics, Orthopedics; Fedec, Stephen, DO, Reappointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Cardiology; Feller, Debra, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesiology, Anesthesia; Lowe, Forrest, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke; Pope, Emi, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Internal Family Practice; Reid, James, MD, Reappointment: Consulting (Locum), Department of Surgery, General Surgical; Sardana, Vandit, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Orthopedics, Orthopedics; Schreffler, William, NP, Reappointment: APP, Department of Orthopedics, Orthopedics; Shepard, Michelle, MD, Reappointment: Consulting (Locum), Department of Medicine, Nephrology; Singleton, Jamie, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Pediatrics, Pediatrics; Stacks, Timothy, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology; Stevens, Johnna, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Internal Family Practice; Walz, Alice, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke; Webster, James, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Surgery, Ophthalmology.

Resignations: Burger, Brian, APRN, Status: *APP*, Department of Medicine, Neurology, **REFLEX RESIGNATION**; Kasie Moore, NP, Status *APP*, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist.

Requesting Changes with County Call: John Adams, MD, Status: Removal from County Call, Department of Surgery, Urology.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla provided a few highlights. Dr. Gambla thanked Shawna Doran and Leslie Suda for their assistance while the Medical Staff Department experienced regrouping. He indicated that the GME program with MUSC is moving with progress. Pharmacy is starting to meet with Beaufort Primary Care as the launch site for imbedding pharmacists in the practices. Looking at feasibility in the opportunities to either become or contract with a specialty pharmacy program to allow BMH to work with a cost report for dispensing program. Dr. Gambla provided a brief update on the SBIRT program. He announced that Annemarie Gault is the recipient of the Palmetto Gold (State recognition award for Nursing). Ms. Gault has been running the Sickle Cell Clinic.

**ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:
NONE**

Mr. Himmelsbach reminded the board that the board will be meeting on September 29, 2022. The board meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the board reviewing budget and strategic plan for FY23. The board retreat will begin after lunch with speakers. The Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on September 13th. A discussion ensued regarding a clinic for patients dealing with the side effects of Covid.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley introduced Victoria Viventi who is working in the population health capacity and health needs analysis. She presented a high level overview on the Community Health Needs Assessment [CHNA] which included: focusing on distribution strategy, review of survey results by zip code, categorized health needs and 2022-2025 implementation strategies. The CHNA will to be posted on the BMH website by September 30, 2022. The board will have the opportunity to review this in the next couple of weeks (the presentation is in the board packet).

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Mr. Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.