

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

**MINUTES – October 26, 2022**

**BY ZOOM:** Stephen Larson, M.D.; Hampton Long (BMH Foundation); Richardson LaBruce; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Allison Coppage; Brian Hoffman

**PRESENT:** David House (Chair); Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Vernita Dore; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.; Eric Billig, M.D; William Jessee, M.D.; Paul Sommerville; Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Shawna Doran; Dee Robinson; Courtney Smith; Kim Yawn; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Jane Kokinakis, D.O

**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. Billig and unanimously approved.

**Public/Open Session MOTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Billig to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:48 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for September 29, 2022, Committee Reports & Minutes, Patient Flow, and Staff Reports.** Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:**

Finance Committee: Mrs. Dore indicated that BMH finished the year in the positive. Mr. Himmelsbach and Mrs. Dore commended BMH for not reducing services in these difficult times.

**BMH FOUNDATION:** Mr. Long indicated that he is completing his final term on the Foundation Board and that Mr. Dan Barton will be the new Chair. Mr. Long indicated that the Foundation Board met on September 27, 2022. The Allocations Committee approved the FY23 capital budget (\$1.5M in items). The annual appeal letters that were sent out already received a remarkable response (\$21K). The Valentine Ball is already being planned for next year and \$80K has been received in corporate commitments. The Valentine Ball proceeds will focus on workforce development. The Foundation Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2022 at USCB. Board representation is encouraged. Mr. Long indicated that Mr. Barton will be the new

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chair and he will remain on the board for another four-year term. Mr. House thanked Mr. Long and acknowledged his services as Chairman.

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that BMH continues to focus on the tracers. The Joint Commission report on drug scan rates were at 94%. The joint replacement numbers were good. There were no actions items and no other issues.

**MEDICAL STAFF:** Dr. Ellenberger referenced the Credentials Grid. He indicated that the Medical Executive Committee approved the same level of support as prior year for the Valentine Ball.

**MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials:** The following practitioners requested Appointment: Carlisle, Kaitlin, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP (Locums 24 Month), Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health; Fox, Rachel, APRN, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health; Hess, Alexis, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Nephrology, Nephrology and Hypertension Medical Associates; Hannay, Madison, DO, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Surgery, Pathology, Coastal Pathology Laboratories; Mears, Margaret, AA, Requesting Appointment: Anesthesia Support Staff, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Poling, Jeff, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist, Team Health.

Reappointment: Albright, Brittany, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Andrews, Jayne, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Baker, Amanda, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Burguieres, Elizabeth, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Chapman, Alison, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Pediatrics, MUSC Pediatric Neonatal; Claytor, James, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Cullen, Emily, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Domzalski, Jerome, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Hiott, David, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Jones, Amy, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Kuhn, Sarah, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Marko, Dale, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Martin, Devin, PA-C, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Marvin, Whitney, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Pediatrics, MUSC Pediatric Critical Care; McGough, Aleta, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Nunan, Joseph, DPM, Reappointment: Active, Department of Surgery, Podiatry, Podiatry Associates of Beaufort; O'Connell, Ronda, APRN, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, BPP Primary Care; Pellegrino, Yvette-Marie, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Family Medicine, BPP Low Country Medical Primary Care; Poalillo, Brenda, APRN, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine,

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Hospitalist, Team Health; Ratliff, Brenda, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Ray, Kevin, DPM, Reappointment: Active, Department of Surgery, Podiatry, Podiatry Associates of Beaufort; Runyan, Stephanie, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Shelly, Hannah, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Shelly, Kirk, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Sligar, Jaclyn, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Smith, Gregory, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Thomas, Nancy, PA-C, Reappointment: APP, Department of Surgery, Urology, Coastal Urology; Tiley, Stephen, DO, Reappointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Internal Medicine, BMH New River Cancer Center; Wagner, Amy, APRN, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, BPP Primary Care; Wong, Waikong, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Washko-Kanter, Julie, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Medicine, Hematology, BMH Sickle Cell Clinic.

Resignations: None

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

Mr. House urged everyone to consider participating and the importance of donating to the Kate Gleason Foundation.

**CMO Report:** Dr. Gambla provided a few highlights. Dr. Gambla referenced the Annual Medical Staff meeting. He indicated that PERT has been organized and looking at protocols. Dr. Gambla provided an update on the Medical Addiction Program. The sickle Cell Clinic is working on finalizing best practice and protocol. He indicated that COVID remains low but the season is starting out robust for flu. Universal masking has been removed with the exception of masking in high risk areas. Dr. Ellenberger indicated that RSV cases have increased especially in children (hospitalization rates have increased). A discussion ensued regarding RSV.

**Line of Credit:** Mr. Miller referenced the renewal of the line of credit that BMH has in the amount of \$20M as a non-revolving line of credit with Regions Bank. He indicated that the initial line of credit was under the LIBOR rate; however, the rate will transfer to the inner bank rate which is currently 3.03 with a 1.37% premium added. Mrs. Dore indicated that this was reviewed by the Finance Committee and has been recommended by the Committee. This was also reviewed by Kathy McKinney of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd P.A. (Bond Counsel). Once the Board approves the line of credit, Mr. Baxley will send a letter to Mr. Eric Greenway notifying the County of the line of credit renewal.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT AND RECOMMEND ITS ADOPTION.** Mrs. Dore made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Baxley indicated that BMH is in the second cohort of the PATH program. Medical coding is the next focus. Mr. Baxley indicated that BMH is showcased by SCHA as best practice for hospitals and workforce development. Mr. Baxley praised the efforts of the BMH individuals involved in pushing the PATH program forward. He referenced the successful career fair that was held at Shellring. Mr. Baxley indicated that BMH met with USCB and Senator Lindsey Graham's office in the hopes of obtaining additional funding for the Nursing School to be located at the BMAC building (Mr. Baxley provided an update on the meeting). He indicated that the City of Beaufort has committed \$500K for the PATH Program. A brief synopsis on the budget for the program was provided. Mr. Baxley explained the collaboration with USCB in training BMH nurses to be adjunct faculty. BMH also met with the Dean of Nursing at MUSC to discuss faculty shortages.

Mr. Baxley introduced Mr. Thornton Kirby, CEO of the South Carolina Hospital Association [SCHA] as the guest speaker. The board education session was canceled by the impending hurricane. The Board Members introduced themselves. Mr. Kirby provided a Federal and State update. He spoke about workforce on both national and state levels. He spoke about the State priorities such as workforce shortages, behavioral health, certificate of need, disproportionate share, and maternal/infant mortality.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee, and was seconded by Mrs. Dore, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.