

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

**MINUTES – November 21, 2022**

**BY ZOOM:** Stephen Larson, M.D.; Dan Barton (BMH Foundation); Richardson LaBruce; Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Alice Howard; Allison Coppage

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

Absent: Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.

**Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. House called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 CEO compensation, 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 9:18 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 October 26, 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: None**

**BMH FOUNDATION:** Kim Yawn provided the Foundation Report on behalf of Mr. Barton. She indicated that the investment committee met and approved to work with an Advisors Group to assist with the RFP [request for proposal] process of the investment management. The Valentine Ball planning is underway. \$98K was received thus far in pledges. The event is on February 11, 2023 and will be held at Tabby Place. Anyone interested in hosting a dinner is asked to contact Ms. Yawn. The Annual Appeal has raised over \$100K to date. Mr. Baxley participated with the City of Beaufort Police Chief in a “Pink Challenge” to put a pink hair extension as a fund raising event, which raised just under \$6K for the breast cancer program. The Foundation Annual Meeting was held which was very successful. Ms. Yawn indicated that six community events are planned for the near future.

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Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that the Leapfrog Report was reviewed and indicated that the drug scan rates continue to be high. This will be expanded to other departments. He provided an update on code strokes.

**MEDICAL STAFF:** Dr. Gambla indicated that there were no issues to report.

**MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*:** The following practitioners requested Appointment: Alkis, Mallory, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist; Allison, Scott, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Alshehri, Wael, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist vRad; Burk, Linda, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active (Locums), Department of Pediatrics, Pediatrics Hospitalist, Weatherby Healthcare Locum Tenens Staffing; Chartier, Andre, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Dumars, Karen, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring, Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; Farrell, Kristoffer, APRN, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health; Glasco, Haley, AA-C, Requesting Appointment: Anesthesia Support Staff, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Krystosek, Luke, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; McElwee, Eliza, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist; Moore, Kasie, DNP, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health; Shea, Sarah, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist.

Reappointment: Chang, Eugene, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine; Daniel, John, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Gonzalez-Beicos, Aldo, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Goodier, Christopher, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine; Hurt, Christopher, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Johnson, Donna, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist; Johnson, Kristen, PA-C, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, Low Country Medical Group Specialty Care; Mallow Jason, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Martin, Jennifer, APRN, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, Low Country Medical Primary Care; Montaser, Anoosh, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Newman, Roger, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine; Ngo, Jennifer, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Reichel, Marc, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Rittenberg, Charles, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Obstetrics, MUSC Maternal Fetal Medicine; Roper, Erica, PA-C, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, Beaufort Memorial Palmetto Medical Group; Stokes, Jennifer, APRN, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, Beaufort Memorial Palmetto Medical Group; Thomas, J. Ross, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department

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of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Thompson, Gary, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Welcker, Glenn, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Family Practice, Express Care.

Resignations: None

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

**CMO Report:** Dr. Gambla provided a few highlights. Dr. Gambla indicated that The Joint Commission provided new guidance on reappointments. He indicated that historically there was a two year limit on medical staff reappointments; the new time limit that will be discussed with Medical Staff and the possibly of updating the Bylaws to reflect this new change. Dr. Gambla will provide additional updates on this topic in the near future. He provided an update on opiates. Dr. Gambla provided an update on the Omicron variants. A brief discussion ensued.

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

Mr. House indicated that there were two action items. Mr. Baxley provided an explanation of the Notice of Federal Filing relating to funding by HRSA for any project. Mr. Baxley indicated that this was necessary to stay in compliance (rules and regulations) with the funds that were received. The filing which is due by the end of the month will be submitted first to the County and then to HRSA. A semi-annual report will also be submitted which is due by December 8. This is related to the funds vested in the OR renovation.

**MOTION OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZING THE CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE NOTICE OF FEDERAL INTEREST WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AS REQUIRED BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICE ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN GRANT NUMBER CE1HS46372 FUNDS.**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CEO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH THE COMPENSATION PLAN TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2022.**

Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Banner. Unanimous approval.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Baxley indicated that BMH is sourcing different opportunities regarding affordable housing more towards South of the Broad due to HUD updating their tax credit availability. BMH is looking for opportunities closer to shopping, schools and convenient transportation. BMH is sourcing a new opportunity through the State and therefore is discussing opportunities with Woda Cooper Companies in creating a development that would provide affordable housing,

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affordable day care and primary care. With this new pathway, BMH would be providing a charitable mission collaboratively with a private non-profit entity. Mr. Baxley explained the potential benefits of considering the site in Okatie. Mr. Baxley then explained the potential barriers. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the PATH Program and indicated that BMH will be attending a Finance Committee meeting at Beaufort County in which \$500K will be proposed in support of the nursing school at the BMAC building. BMH has not heard back from Senator Lindsey Graham's office on the \$500K. Mr. Baxley indicated that the PATH Program continues to be successful with six PCTs in the program currently. Mr. Baxley indicated that BMH is showcased by SCHA as best practice for hospitals and workforce development. BMH will continue to add additional tracks to the program. A discussion ensued regarding students graduating and going into an orientation program. Also discussed was the nursing school and nursing students.

The Balanced Scorecard will continue to be updated.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Dr. Banner, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.