

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

MINUTES – December 14, 2022

BY ZOOM: Dan Barton (BMH Foundation); Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Allison Coppage

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

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 8:00 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. LaBruce 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 Dr. Billig to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Larson and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for November 21, 2022, Committee Reports & Minutes, Patient Flow, and Staff Reports. Mr. LaBruce 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:

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce referenced the three different seminars being offered by SCHA and reminded the board members of the obligation to their continuing education. New members were reminded to complete their Best on Board Certification.

BMH FOUNDATION: Kim Yawn provided the Foundation Report on behalf of Mr. Barton. She indicated that the investment committee voted to engage a company to assist in a RFP [request for proposal] process. A perspective Foundation Trustee, Mr. John Hoffman, will be brought forth for the board's approval in January. The Valentine Ball planning is fully underway. \$140K has been raised in sponsorships. The Annual Appeal has raised around \$300K of the goal, which is \$375K. The Foundation purchased a second transportation van for

the hospital. This purchase was supported by grant funds. The Foundation is focusing on upcoming events both north and south of the Broad.

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that there was no meeting held this month. Dr. Billig announced the Leapfrog results for fall of 2022 and indicated that Beaufort Memorial received an A score. BMH received the top score in the country of 115 hospitals and of those was considered one of 30 best hospitals of the independent hospitals in the country. Ashley Hildreth, Corporate Director of Quality, provided the Leapfrog measurements that were considered for patient safety and quality outcomes, etc. Dr. Billig and Mr. LaBruce praised the Quality team.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Broderson, Isabel, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, Express Care; Chase, Stacey, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health; Fox, Rachel, CRNA, Requesting Appointment APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia; Hshieh, Shenche, MD, Requesting Appointment, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Osean, Justin, APRN, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health; Schmitt, Sarah, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke, MUSC Affiliation; Sylvia, Micheal, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active (Locums), Department of Pediatrics, Pediatric Hospitalist, Weatherby Healthcare Locum Tenens.

Reappointment: Ashby, Eve, DO, Reappointment: Active, Department of Obstetrics, Obstetrics, Low Country Medical Group Specialty Care; Lindenbaum, Yelena, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Medicine, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring, Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; St. John, David, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Thatcher, James, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist, Team Health.

Requesting Modifications to Privileges: D’Orazio, Kate, PA-C, Active/Emergency Medicine/Emergency, Wound Care.

Resignations: Miranda Moss, FNP, Department of Medicine/Elective.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla provided a few highlights. He indicated that Medical Staff is in the early stages of the due diligence on GME (analysis and feasibility studies will come next). Pharmacy is reviewing the new Joint Commission standards on anti-microbial stewardship. The Opiates Program continues succession planning discussions and options. Dr. Gambla provided

an update on the COVID-tridemic: a triple threat from spread of covid, flu and RSV. A brief discussion ensued.

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

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the PATH Program and indicated that fifteen individuals will be graduating from the program and a new cohort of 18 will be starting in January. BMH will be opening up opportunities for billing and coding, plus respiratory. Mr. Baxley provided an update on the nursing school at the BMAC building. BMH continues to provide one of the most innovative programs with the path program, employee wellness, looking into student loan forgiveness opportunities, job fairs, raises and benefits. Mr. House confirmed that the PATH Program is a significant opportunity. Mr. Baxley indicated that \$2.2M is the projected cost of the nursing school project. A discussion ensued regarding workforce development, nursing vacancies and contract nurses.

Mr. House spoke about the Foundation endowment and asked board members to promote this. He also referenced the Kate Gleason Society and making a commitment.

Mr. Baxley indicated that BMH was rolling out gain sharing this Friday and spoke about the various generous benefits that BMH offers. BMH is also addressing affordable living and affordable day care.

A discussion ensued regarding healthcare as a broken system. A discussion also ensued regarding the mental health program and funding needed to support the program.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee, and was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.