

**BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM (DUE TO COVID-19) – OPEN SESSION**

MINUTES – February 23, 2022

BY ZOOM: Jane Kokinakis, D.O; Hampton Long; Allison Coppage; Brian Hoffman; Courtney Smith

PRESENT: David House (Chair); Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Vernita Dore; Richardson LaBruce; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Eric Billig, M.D; Alice Howard; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Russell Baxley; Karen Carroll; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Shawna Doran; Dee Robinson; Kim Yawn; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 Mr. LaBruce to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:55 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 January 26, 2022, Committee Reports & Minutes, and Staff Reports. Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Larson to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce indicated that an orientation session will be scheduled for Dr. Banner and the new trustees in order to remain compliant with the continuing education requirements and to make sure all new trustees complete the Best on Board Program.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Hampton Long reported that \$4.3M was raised on the overall goal of \$5M (86% of the way). The Valentine Ball is taking place on Saturday, March 5th. The net profit is tracking ahead of prior year; however, expenses have not been added in. Mr. Long indicated that the silent auction is an important component of the Ball. He thanked the Foundation Staff for their diligence and commitment to this Ball. Mr. Long encouraged Board Members to participate in the silent auction and to post the announcement on any community message boards in their community. He thanked everyone for their support.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that infection control had a slight increase. The safety report indicated that overall numbers were decreasing. He provided a brief overview on the patient advocate report.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*: The following practitioners requested Appointment:
Clare, William, MD, Community Active/Medicine- Internal Medicine; Linford, Risa, NP, Allied Health Professional/ Medicine-Pulmonary/Critical Care; Oldham, Lorrie, DO, Locum Tenens/Medicine-Critical Care; Ott, Kara, NP, Allied Health Professional/Medicine-Internal Medicine.

Reappointment: Bechtel, Mark, DO, Community Active/ Medicine-Family Medicine; Blau, Kevin, MD, Active/ Ob-Gyn; Copeland, Lucyle, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Delacroix, Johanna, MD, Locum Tenens/ Pediatrics; Drakeley, Matthew, MD, Active/ Anesthesiology-Pain Management; Evec, Kenneth, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Gillespie, Lauren, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Hines, James, CRNA, Dependent Practitioner/ Anesthesiology; Kasireddy, Uma, MD, Locum Tenens/ Medicine-Hospitalist; Missaghi, Babak, MD, Consulting/Emergency Medicine; Piacentino, Valentino, MD, Locum Tenens/ Surgery; Schulyer, III, Walter, MD, Active/ Anesthesiology-Pain Management; Wright, Jarrod, MD, Consulting/ Emergency Medicine.

Resignations: McShea, Joseph, DO, Community Active/Medicine; Saconn, Paul, MD, Medicine/Radiation Oncology; Wise, Deena, MD, Locum Tenens/ Pediatrics; Semble, Ashley, MD, Active/Medicine-Hospitalist.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla indicated that Karen Sorensen and her team will be providing a condensed version of the service excellence program directed towards the providers. He provided a brief overview on the process for providers to work on telemedicine and triage for L&D. Dr. Gambla indicated that the Palliative Care program is struggling with APP staffing and the need to achieve a seven-day service. He provided an update on Sickle Cell transportation. Dr. Gambla indicated that Covid numbers are down and then provided an overview on the sub-variant.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICY AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE: ADULT MODERATE SEDATION BY NON-ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS. Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval.

Mr. House indicated that a vote was needed for the reappointment of Mr. William Himmelsbach and Stephen Larson, M.D. Both have agreed to remain on the board for another four-year term.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM HIMMELSBACH AND STEPHEN LARSON, M.D. Mrs. Dore made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Mr. Himmelsbach and Dr. Larson recused themselves from the vote. With the two exclusions, unanimous approval.

Mr. House indicated that the Slate of Officers are appointed/reappointed every two years. He presented the slate of board officers as identified at the last Governance Committee Meeting:

- David House, Chair
- William (Bill) Himmelsbach, Vice Chair
- Stephen Larson, Secretary

Mr. House exited the room while conversations took place regarding the reappointments. Mr. LaBruce provided an overview of the Governance Committee Meeting relating to the reappointments. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. LaBruce, indicated that he as Chair of the Governance Committee recused himself as to the election of the officers. Mr. House as Chair of Board, Dr. Larson, and Mr. Himmelsbach also recused themselves. With the four exclusions, there was full support of the current slate of officers with no opposition.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Mrs. Dore made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adopt the slate of officers as presented. With the four exclusions, unanimous approval.

Mr. House referenced the articles provided in the board packet.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley referenced the Balanced Scorecard.

Mr. Baxley highlighted what BMH is doing with other non-profits in the community: such as Good Neighbor Free Clinic – leasing space for \$1 a year and providing free medical care in the hospital for the patients of the Clinic; and providing The Lending Room space on campus. Mr. Baxley referenced the information in the board packet on The Lending Room. He provided a brief overview of the services they offer (gently used durable medical equipment). BMH is leasing The Lending Room space for \$1 a year for their continued outreach in the community.

Homebuyer Assistance Program – Mr. Baxley provided a brief overview of the home buying assistance program that BMH is offering through CommunityWorks.

COVID-19 Update – Mr. Baxley provided an update and indicated that BMH is past the Covid-19 deadline for the vaccine mandate (which was a small impact on BMH staffing). A discussion ensued relating to State and Federal mandates.

Workforce Development – Mr. Baxley explained the initiatives that BMH is taking such as: housing assistance; working on raising wages; gain sharing; retention bonuses; hazard pay;

affordable housing; working with TCL to grow BMH's workforce and create pathways to healthcare jobs by way of internal candidates or through community job fairs or high school graduates. BMH would be using ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021] dollars to create scholarships to assist with fees for onboarding tests, etc. Mr. Baxley explained how BMH would assist individuals remove barriers through the pathway to a particular goal.

Service Excellence reviews have been exceptional. BMH is launching the meQuilibrium app (a unique and different wellness resiliency app) shows areas of improvement and sends articles relating to weak spots (and completely private).

Mr. Baxley suggested that a strategic alternative for the Foundation would be fundraising/investing in people through the Foundation.

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the childcare facility.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce, and was seconded by Dr. Banner, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.