

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

**MINUTES – January 25, 2023**

**BY ZOOM:** Richardson LaBruce; Allison Coppage

**PRESENT:** David House (Chair); Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Stephen Larson, M.D.; Vernita Dore; Eric Billig, M.D; William Jessee, M.D.; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Dan Barton (BMH Foundation); Alice Howard; Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Brian Hoffman; Shawna Doran; Chris Ketchie; 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 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 Dr. Jessee 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 Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

**Public/Open Session MOTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Billig to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:45 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 December 14, 2022, Committee Reports & Minutes, Patient Flow, and Staff Reports.** Mrs. Dore 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:**

**BMH FOUNDATION:** Mr. Dan Barton indicated that he has been with the Foundation Board for eight years and provided a synopsis of his background. He provided the Foundation Report. He indicated that the Foundation was in its fourth month of the goal of \$2M with an expected endowment of \$900K from the Kate Gleason Foundation. Mr. House explained the Kate Gleason Endowment and strongly encouraged the board to participate. He referenced the Foundation strategy on the future pillars with the concentration on grants. Mr. Barton indicated that the Valentine Ball planning was underway. Kim Yawn provided an update on the status. Mr. Barton referenced the appointments of Mr. John Hoffman and Mr. Larry Pitts for Foundation Board.

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Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that the committee reviewed the credentials. He provided the medical committee updates and indicated that the re-credentialing process for physicians was being changed from every two years to every three years. Dr. Billig provided The Joint Commission report. Drug scanning rates continue to be at 96% (this process is being expanded to the OR and ER). BMH is still working on getting consents in the same language (at 76%). The pre-eclampsia education has been finished (has been at 100% for the past three months). Pain scale is also at 100%. Regarding the total joint scorecard, Dr. Billig referenced the new software that would assist with better information/surveys on patient follow-ups. He indicated that patient bed waits continue to be challenging. A 30-minute time limit has been instituted for nurses. He provided a hospital capacity update – continue to have twice-daily throughput huddles and bi-weekly meetings.

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

**MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*:** The following practitioners requested Appointment: NONE

Reappointment: Adams, John, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Surgery, Urology, Coastal Carolina Urology Group; Baisch, Susanne, NP, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Oncology, BMH Oncology Specialists; Bettel, Norman, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Medicine, Neurology, Coastal Neurology; Biggs, Austin, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Pediatrics, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Blalock, Clyde, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Radiology, BMH Medical Imaging; Borissova, Irina, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Internal Medicine, Sea Island Medical Practice; Brown, Joshua, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Crowther, Cynthia, CRNA, Reappointment: APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesia, Low Country Anesthesia; Kaiser, Laura PA-C, Reappointment: APP, Department of Surgery, Surgical Specialist, BMH Surgical Specialists; Katz, Allen, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Nnadi, Patricia, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Pacheco, Liz, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Poleynard, Blake, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Rehman, Saeed, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Emergency Medicine, Emergency, Team Health Emergency; Rickenbacker, Patricia, LISW, Reappointment: LIP, Department of Medicine, Licensed Social Worker, Sea Island Psychiatry; Siegel, Mark, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Surgery, Ophthalmology, Sea Island Ophthalmology; Smith, Brendan, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Surgery, Plastics, Smith Plastic Surgery; Snelgrove, Danuel, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Srivastava, Ravindra, MD, Reappointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Psychiatry, Sea Island Psychiatry; Suh, Jimmy, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Williams, Alton, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Psych, DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Yoder, Jason, MD, Reappointment: Consulting, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia.

Requesting Modifications to Privileges: NONE

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Resignations: NONE.

Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Himmelsbach to accept the Credentials Committee recommendations as presented. Unanimous approval.

**CMO Report:** Dr. Gambla provided a few highlights. He indicated that the PERT committee is up and running with three meetings held to date. Dr. Gambla provided an explanation of the goals of the committee. Pharmacy is reviewing the new Joint Commission standards for 2024 on anti-microbial stewardship. Dr. Gambla provided an update on the MAT clinic for opiates and the discussions for succession planning. Dr. Gambla explained the new tool for cycle cell. Dr. Gambla provided an update on the COVID-tridemic: a triple threat from spread of covid, flu and RSV.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN HOFFMAN AND MR. LARRY PITTS TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD.** Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ERIC BILLIG, M.D. AND CAROLYN BANNER, PH.D.** Mrs. Dore made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE.** Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore. Unanimous approval.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Baxley indicated that the scorecard for the PATH initiatives will continue to be updated. He provided a brief update on the nursing school. Meetings will be held with all partners of this particular project and will start the process of reviewing the architectural renderings. (On track with nursing school.)

Mr. Baxley referenced the balanced scorecard.

*Dr. Banner asked to have it noted that the Risk Management Plan was pending the review by legal counsel prior to approval. The Risk Management Plan will be re-submitted for approval to the Board after the review by legal counsel.*

**BOARD EDUCATION commenced at 10:09 a.m.** (as part of the board requirements) presented by Sg2. Presentation made by Jeff Moser, Principal and Rebecca Segel, Senior Director; entitled, "The Year Ahead – If Everyone Is Heads-Down, Who Is looking Ahead?"

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**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Mrs. Dore, and was seconded by Dr. Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.