

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

MINUTES – February 22, 2023

BY ZOOM: Richardson LaBruce

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.; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.; Dan Barton (BMH Foundation); Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Allison Coppage; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Brian Hoffman; Shawna Doran; Chris Ketchie; Dee Robinson; Courtney Smith; Kim Yawn; and Anna Sobiech

Absent: Alice Howard

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. Billig 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 Mrs. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:06 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for January 25, 2023, Committee Reports & Minutes, Patient Flow, and Staff Reports. Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore to adopt the agenda, amendment to the minutes and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce reminded the board members of the continuing education requirements. The Governance Committee discussed having a board retreat scheduled for a full day in the future with speakers and discussions addressing issues. The committee also discussed board assessment and chairperson assessment and came to a consensus to send out 2023 assessments (the prior assessment took place in 2021) in order to continue to analyze and evaluate the board.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Dan Barton reviewed the year-to-date [YTD] Foundation results, tracking on the five pillars. The goal for the year is just over \$2M (\$1M targeted from grants). YTD fundraising is \$1.167M (58% of the goal). The Annual Appeal raised \$467K on a goal of

\$375K (25% increase over the goal). Mr. Barton spoke about strategy versus results and provided an update on upcoming events. Kim Yawn provided an update on the results of the Valentine Ball. She provided an overall overview on the management of the Foundation's investments. Mr. House explained that the Foundation has an investment committee with highly qualified members who have voted to engage a consulting firm to assist in a RFP [request for proposal] process (this process is undertaken every five years). Mr. House spoke of the Kate Gleason Endowment and strongly encouraged board members to participate.

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig indicated that BMH is in the process of rectifying three items from The Joint Commission's report. BMH continues to work on getting consents in the same language, correcting the use of pain scale and instituting new patient safety goal to focus on patient disparities. BMH had a site visit by DHEC, which went well. BMH continues to focus on ED time. Stroke experienced good numbers. He indicated that the committee reviewed the HCAHP numbers (patient surveys). Dr. Billig provided stats on some of the measures.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Ellenberger indicated that there were no issues to report. He indicated that the Medical Staff Committee reviewed some policies with no fundamental changes made.

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Ackley, Lauren, PA-C, Requesting Appointment APP, Department of Surgery, Surgical Specialists, BMH Surgical Specialists Employed-TEMPS; Anwarulislam, Syed, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Ebner, Colleen, CRNA, Requesting Appointment APP, Department of Anesthesia, Anesthesiology, Low Country Anesthesia-TEMPS; Haro, Tyah Jo, NP, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Hospitalist, Team Health Hospitalist; Keisler, Nikki, MD, Requesting Appointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Family Care, Palmetto Medical Group Employed; Ligon, Mary Catherine, PA, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health Emergency; Moon, David, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting, Department of Radiology, Virtual Radiologist, vRad; Robinson, Cindy, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP, Department of Emergency, Emergency Medicine, Team Health Emergency; Tenwolde, Bobbi, MD, Requesting Appointment: Community Active, Department of Medicine, Family Care, Express Care Okatie Employed;

Reappointment: Donovan, Mary, NP, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Primary Care, Beaufort Memorial Primary Care Employed; Evans, Melissa, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Pediatrics, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Gault, Anne Marie, NP, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Sickie Cell, Beaufort Sickie Cell Clinic; Grewal, Parnett, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Stroke, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Jacobson, Richard, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring, Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; Mack, Elizabeth, MD, Reappointment: Active, Department of Surgery, Otolaryngology, Charleston ENT & Allergy-Hilton Head Island; Mittal, Saraswati, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring, Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; Schaefer, Paul, PA-C, Reappointment: APP, Department of Orthopedics, Orthopedics, BMH Orthopedic Specialists; Soriano, Jason, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring, Remote

Neuromonitoring Physicians; Taylor, Anne, APRIN, Reappointment: APP, Department of Medicine, Neurology, Coastal Neurology; Webb, Sally, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine, Department of Medicine, Tele-Pediatrics, MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation.
Requesting Modifications to Privileges: NONE.

Resignations: NONE.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla provided a few highlights. He provided an update on GME. Pharmacy continues to review the new Joint Commission standards for 2024 on anti-microbial stewardship. Dr. Gambla explained that opioids overdoses are increasing by 10% year over year. He provided an update on the succession plan for Dr. Cusumano. Palliative care, in year four, is breaking records in volume (looking at the future with discussions). Dr. Gambla provided an update on the COVID-tridemic. A discussion ensued regarding medical students.

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

Allison Coppage provided an update on the corporate compliance report that was included in the board packet.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the PATH scorecard. He provided a brief update on the nursing school, indicating that the expectation is to finalize the construction by the end of this year with the first nursing students starting the spring semester. BMH is working in collaboration with USCB making sure adjunct faculty are secured, etc. The future goal is to expand the enrollment capacity. With funds secure, the project is tracking well (working with architects, engineers and contractor). BMH is anticipating another job fair in Bluffton. Mr. Baxley explained the Bluffton Self Help Program and how this program could be a pipeline to BMH's PATH program (externally).

Mr. Baxley asked Allison Coppage to provide an update on the Learning Center. She indicated that the steps that need to be taken have placed a delay on the project. She also indicated that the playground equipment are incredibly expensive. Mr. Baxley provided a brief update on the development of the land next to the Learning Center location.

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the construction project of the Evaluation and Assessment Unit in the ER.

Mr. Baxley provided an update on the MRI replacement project and made reference to the mobile unit located in front of the hospital. He indicated that the Tower refresh project is anticipated to begin in the next two months. He indicated that the OR renovations are in the final stages of the design process with finishes and furniture.

Mr. Baxley referenced the Balanced Scorecard.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.