

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

MINUTES – March 29, 2023

BY ZOOM: Dan Barton; Jane Kokinakis, D.O; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Kim Yawn

PRESENT: David House (Chair); Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Stephen Larson, M.D.; Eric Billig, M.D; Alice Howard; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D; Richardson LaBruce; William Jessee, MD Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Brian Hoffman; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Shawna Doran; Dee Robinson; Courtney Smith; Allison Coppage; Anna Sobiech and Victoria Viventi

Absent: Vernita Dore

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:34 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. Billig and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Jessee to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:49 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. LaBruce and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for February 22, 2023 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Himmelsbach to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

BMH FOUNDATION: Kim Yawn reported the Foundation is ahead of prior year and has met about 60% of the \$2M goal. Ms. Yawn provided an update from the investment committee regarding the RFP for investment services. Ms. Yawn reviewed the financial reports for February and reported approximately \$20M is in the endowment. She indicated anticipating an endowment payout of approximately \$903,000 in April/May after final audit. A grant in the amount of \$23k has been received for the E&A unit. The Valentine’s Ball netted approximately \$221k with profits going to workforce development. An update was given on the Tower refresh project.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig provided an update on infection control. The quality committee reviewed and accepted the Quality and Patient Safety Plan.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Ellenberger indicated that there were no issues on the incoming appointments. He indicated the committee reviewed various policies at the previous meeting.

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Goldsmith, Dawn, Requesting Appointment APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Huntley, Joel, CRNA, Requesting Appointment APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Kaup, Michael, MD, Requesting Appointment: Community Active; Department of Medicine; Family Care; Express Care Locations-EMPLOYED; Norris, Jennette, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active (Locums); Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics Hospitalist; Locum Tenens Staffing; Simon, Lori, LISW, Requesting Appointment: LIP; Department of Medicine; Licensed Social Worker; Sea Island Psychiatry-EMPLOYED;

Reappointment: Chabrier-Rosello, Jorge, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Chahin, Majd, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Medicine; Hematology Oncology; Hematology and Oncology Specialist; Jones, Nathaniel, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department Radiology; Radiology; Beaufort Medical Imaging; Manos, Peter, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Pulmonary Critical Care; Palmetto Pulmonary Medicine; Mazzo, Paul, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Neurology; Coastal Neurology; McElveen, Cecil, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Anderson, Frederick, DO, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Hellfeld, Megan, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Jaindl, Jeffrey, DO, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist vRad; Lerro, Desiree, DO, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Mszyco, Steven, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Shapoval, Anton, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad.

Resignations: Marcus M. Newberry III, MD, Department of Medicine /Oncology

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla indicated that the service excellence program directed towards the providers would begin in April. Dr. Gambla provided an update on the PERT committee working on standardizing practices. An update was provided on the Medical Addiction Clinic with the addition of a PA. He provided an update on communications with Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse in an effort to streamline services. A grant opportunity with the Coastal Blood Foundation in the amount of around \$800,000 is being considered for the Sickle Cell

program. Dr. Gambla indicated the education relationship with MUSC is currently in the infrastructure phase.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Shawna Doran provided an update confirming a legal review of the Risk Management Plan took place as requested by the Board in the previous month's meeting. Ms. Doran indicated the inclusion of the Social Determinants of Health Initiative in the Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Plan. Mr. House asked the BMH Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Plan be added to board training moving forward.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BMH RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2024 AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BMH QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY PLAN 2023-2024 AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on workforce housing. He presented a site plan for a mixed-use development to include primary care and childcare with 1-3 bedroom units. He mentioned the City of Hardeeville is supportive of the project and future discussions are scheduled for April.

A MOU between BMH and USCB is being reviewed regarding the PATH program. The current expectation is for USCB to purchase the nursing equipment through the HRSA grant and BMH will fund the construction with help from the grants from the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County. The expectation is to break ground in the fall for the renovation of the second floor of the BMAC building.

The Learning Center modular facility is built and ready to be placed once the site is prepped. The developer has received permits needed to begin site prep.

Mr. Baxley provided a construction update:

- Architectural renderings for the crisis stabilization evaluation & assessment unit are complete. BMH is confirming the renderings and current service offerings meet the requirements of the Medicaid grant opportunity to help fund the project. A discussion ensued about the future of Medicaid payment models. Mr. Miller made note that Medicaid redeterminations are starting April 1st and are expected to affect anywhere from 5 to 17 Million current Medicaid participants.
- Mr. Baxley gave an update on the MRI project and indicated the projected the expected completion be in July.
- The Cath lab renovation is projected to begin end of May or early June.
- The tower refresh project is projected to begin in 4-5 weeks.
- Phase 1A is projected to begin in May for the OR renovation. There are a total of 5 phases with expected completion of June 2026. Mr. Baxley reiterated the hospital will

only be down any amount of OR rooms during phase 4 with an expected duration of about 8 months.

Mr. House and the Board thanked Anna Sobiech for her hard work and commitment to the BMH Board of Trustees over the years and the Board wishes her well in her retirement.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee, and was seconded by Mr. LaBruce, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen Larson".

Stephen Larson, M.D.