

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

MINUTES – April 26, 2023

BY ZOOM: Dave House (Chair); Richardson LaBruce; Carolyn Banner Ph.D.; Dan Barton; Lynsey Rini; Shawna Doran; Courtney Smith; Kim Yawn

PRESENT: Bill Himmelsbach (Vice-Chair); Stephen Larson, M.D.; Vernita Dore; Eric Billig, M.D; Alice Howard; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D; William Jessee, MD; Russell Baxley; Ken Miller; Karen Carroll; Brian Hoffman; Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Chris Ketchie; Dee Robinson; Allison Coppage; and Victoria Viventi

Absent: Jane Kokinakis, DO

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. The meeting has been posted. Victoria Viventi 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 Mr. Himmelsbach and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:11 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jessee and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for March 29, 2023 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee Meeting: Mrs. Dore indicated March was a very strong month financially. The committee received reassurance with TD Bank and Regions Bank around the concerns from the Silicon Valley Bank issues.

Governance Committee: Mr. House reminded the board of upcoming interviews for board member replacements. Mr. Richardson confirmed the timeline for new appointments.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mrs. Yawn reported the Foundation Board met on March 28th and reviewed financials, with this month being the first month to drop below prior year. There will be a \$50K distribution from a request coming in May. Mrs. Yawn gave an update on the status of multiple grant applications that have been submitted. The RFP for investment services

management went out on April 20th and should expect to start seeing responses around the June timeframe. Mrs. Yawn presented a check to the Board for the endowment payout in the amount of \$903,221.37. The Dataw community hosted a fundraising event with the BMH Foundation as the beneficiary, with preliminary estimates the event raised over \$30K.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig noted from credentialing there is a locum's provider for critical care. The quality committee reviewed the Joint Commission report and continue sustained compliance. There was one pre-eclampsia training completed resulting in 100% compliance. The quality team continues to do drug scan rates for leapfrog which are currently at 97% and expanding to the ER, Cath lab and Angio. The total joint report card had some trouble with getting patients to complete the form. There was a slight bump in readmissions after 2 hip replacements were readmitted. Dr. Billig reported the total joint numbers are great and quality is seeing good outcomes. The committee reviewed and approved the Environment of Care report and recommend for approval. The committee also reviewed the infection control and appraisal plan and discussed the continued focus on prevention of CLABSI and CAUTI for infection control. BMH is adhering to AHRQ program for infection prevention.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Dukes, Devin, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; BOSS (Beaufort Orthopedic Spine Specialist)-Temp Privileges; Hall, Katherine, NP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Primary Care; BMH Primary Care-Employed; Kaufmann, Christoph, MD, Requesting Appointment: Locum Tenens; Department of Medicine; Pulmonary/Critical Care; Weatherby Healthcare Locum Tenens Staffing; Keen, Christopher, MD, Requesting Appointment: Locum Tenens; Department of Medicine; Pulmonary/Critical Care; Comphealth.com Locum Tenens Staffing; Chiowanich, Peerapod, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad;

Reappointment: Benton, Margaret, NP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Psychiatry; Sea Island Psychiatry; Caglayan, Emre, PA-C, Reappointment: APP; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; BOSS (Beaufort Orthopedic Spine Specialist); Coleman, Lawrence, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics; Beaufort Memorial Hospital; Crisologo, John, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Gastroenterology; Beaufort Memorial Low Country Medical; Group Specialty Care; Floyd, Joseph, MD, Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics; Beaufort Pediatrics; Fontana, John, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists; Knapp, Carrie, FNP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health-Employed; Meehan, Patrick, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Miller, Natalie, PA-C, Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Robinson, Ronald, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Radiology; Beaufort Medical Imaging; Rudman, Larri, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine;

Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Simmons, George, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Snow, Timothy, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Vigil, Allison, NP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health-Employed; Zahra, Khalil, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad

Resignations: Daniel Ripley, MD, Reflex Resignation; Samuel Hall, FNP-C, Reflex Resignation; Bobbi Tenwolde, MD, Reflex Resignation; Baby Ruth Alvarez, NP, Reflex Resignation

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla provided an update on the GME initiative. He indicated MUSC has formalized a GME department and explained their relationship with BMH is a little different than other partners. BMH has received approval to move forward with an application. MAT clinic is still considering a succession plan. There are continued talks with BCADAD around the opiate abatement funds the county received. The county is still moving forward with hiring a peer counselor in the ED. Dr. Gambla provided an update on the coastal blood foundation, they will be liquidating assets and doing a one-time payout for a final \$734K. The BMH Foundation will work on setting up an endowment with the funds for sickle cell and related efforts.

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT OF CARE AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

BMH Board and Chairperson Performance Assessment 2023: The board reviewed and discussed the recent evaluation assessments. Feedback included comments on board orientation and continuing education, financial skills, board member participation and board packet presentation.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on workforce housing and the Okatie Crossings site. A tenet has been selected for the Elliott St home BMH purchased from Beaufort County and is renting to qualifying employees. Mrs. Coppage briefly shared the selected tenet's situation and expressed their gratitude for the opportunity.

Update on the Nursing School with USCB: Mr. Baxley advised the project is moving forward and expected completion is by the end of the year. BMH continues to apply for grants to help fund the project. Mr. Baxley mentioned this education suite could also serve the GME [graduate medical education] program and assist with establishing a family medicine residency program with the intent to recruit out of the program and increase access to primary care in the community.

Beaufort County Budget Request & Presentation: Mr. Baxley provided the Board with a copy of the presentation given to Beaufort County as a request for funds. The requests include an increase in funds for indigent psychiatric care, a one-time capital request for childcare, and a request for a 3-year pilot program the state would grant for a crisis stabilization and would serve both mental health and substance abuse patients.

Mr. Baxley provided a construction update:

- Evaluation & Assessment Crisis Stabilization Unit – the grant has been submitted to the State.
- MRI Replacement – BMH is experiencing some construction delays and expect additional costs not in the original budget.
- The Cath lab renovation is projected to begin middle of June, the mobile unit for the Cath lab will be onsite the second week in June.
- The tower refresh project is projected to begin the middle of May and projected to be completed at the end of October.
- OR renovations are expected to begin in September.
- Learning Center – the module unit is complete and land permits are being worked through.

The 2023 Balance and Growth scorecards were provided to the Board as an informational update.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Dr. Jessee, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.