

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

MINUTES – June 28, 2023

BY ZOOM: Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Allison Coppage; Courtney Smith; Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Vernita Dore; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.; Dan Barton; William Himmelsbach; Dave House (Chair); Alice Howard; Richardson LaBruce; Eric Billig, M.D.; Carolyn Banner Ph.D.; William Jessee, M.D.; Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Brian Hoffman, Chris Ketchie, Ken Miller, Dee Robinson, Kim Yawn, and Victoria Viventi

Absent: None

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Dr. Banner 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 Ms. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:36 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 May 24, 2023 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Ms. Howard made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig noted a busy month for the credentials grid. He noted MEC has an upcoming vote to change reappointment from every 2 to every 3 years. The Joint Commission Report included departmental monthly TJC compliance checklist completion at 81%. He noted there were many expired products during the tracer rounding by the Quality team. Sustained compliance from previous findings related to consent in the same language has increased to 82%. From the Cardiac Care Report, Dr. Billig noted the numbers looked good. There was a delay to report in March with a transfer in the Hampton. April had a delay due to the Cath Lab being down and another patient was already having a procedure in Interventional Radiology. May had a delay in arrival by EMS from Yemassee. The committee reviewed the Plan for the Provision of Care and noted several new sections have been added and otherwise no major edits. The committee recommends the report to the Board for adoption.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee – Ms. Dore reported a strong month for finances with revenue up and expenses low. Supply costs were down, and Ms. Dore reported BMH is well ahead of budget. FORVIS reviewed the 501r/Charity Policy Comparison with the finance committee and reported BMH is complying with the IRS 501r requirements and comparing generously to like hospitals.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the governance committee met this month and a major topic of discussion was the appointment of a new board member and the types of attributes and qualities that may be fitting for the Board. There were informal discussions around expansion of the board.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton provided an update on the Beaufort Memorial Foundation. The BMH Foundation reached and exceeded its goal for the year with the recent grant award from the Coastal Blood Foundation in the amount of \$730,000. An \$8,000 grant was awarded from Dominion Energy to support workforce development and \$16,000 from Hampton Hall to support Cancer Services. Mr. Barton reminded the board an RFP is out for financial management services and the final proposals will be presented the end of August. A sub-group of the Foundation Board will be meeting with a potential firm to assist with a Capital Campaign. The Foundation continues to support the Partners in Care program.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – Credentials: The following practitioners requested Appointment: Aumiller, Benjamin, MD, Requesting Appointment: Locum Tenens; Department of Surgery; Vascular Surgery; BMH Surgical Specialists-TEMPS; Doyle, Veronica, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Harper, Lyndsey, CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Justice, David, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Kosmatka, Kent, CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; McCollam, Michelle, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Otolaryngology; Charleston ENT & Allergy; Rivera, Sien, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Sciarra, Michael, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Gastroenterology; Low Country Medical Group,; Gastroenterology-EMPLOYED-TEMPS; Smith, Justin, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Wilkinson, Donna, FNP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Gastroenterology; Low Country Medical Group, Gastroenterology EMPLOYED/TEMPS; Wolff, Evan, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Radiology; Radiology; Beaufort Medical Imaging; Yamada, Lidia, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; MUSC Telemedicine Psychiatry;

Reappointment:

Callaghan, Kristin, PA-C, Reappointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Urology; Coastal Carolina Urology Group; Castor, David, MD, Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Medicine; Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health; Dastous, Linh, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Fletcher, Timothy, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Kokinakis, DemetraJane, DO, Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Surgery; Ophthalmology; Beaufort Eye Center; Mandel, Adam, DO, Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Mansker, Deanna, MD, Reappointment Active; Department of Surgery; Surgical Specialists; BMH Surgical Specialists; Marshall, John, CRNA, Reappointment APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; McNair, Cierra, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Mikell, Oswald, MD, Reappointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Dermatology; Dermatology Associates of the Low Country; Nieves, Shacola, CNM, Reappointment: APP; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; BJHCHS-OBGYN Jasper; Pruitt, Megan, FNP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Sanders, Keith, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Sanfrancesco, Joseph, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Surgery; Pathology; Coastal Pathology Laboratories; Scott, Erin, NP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Low Country Medical Group Primary Care; Stein, Lorin, NP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Infectious Disease; Low Country Infectious Disease; Stoddard, Leland, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; Beaufort Memorial Orthopedic Specialist; Strohmeyer, Scott, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; BOSS (Beaufort Orthopedic Spine Specialist); Tweedy, Kristen, CRNA, Requesting Appointment APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Werner, Glenn, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists.

Resignations: Moon, David, MD, vRad Resignation; Anwarulislam, Syed, MD, vRad Resignation; Domzalski, Jerome, MD, vRad Resignation; Jacobson, Richard, MD, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring, Telemedicine.

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla provided an update on the GME initiative. MEC is proposing and voting on amending the bylaws for reappointment from 2 years to 3 years. This change is also supported by The Joint Commission. The Pharmacy team is working on antimicrobial stewardship for TJC and looking into a Congestive Heart Failure pharmacy program. The MAT clinic has hired an Advanced Practice Provider to replace Dr. Cusumano. The sickle cell clinic is exploring new opportunities due to an upcoming change in medical directorship. The infection prevention team is working hard to address and review standards and protocols.

Discussion ensued around GME programming and potential opportunities.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on workforce housing and the Okatie Crossings site, BMH continues to work closely with the City of Hardeeville and the Developer. Currently working towards finalizing the amendment to the planned development district (PDD) to increase the density of residential units by an additional 75 units. Discussions continue around a similar workforce housing development North of the Broad off 170 in Beaufort. Discussion ensued around workforce housing opportunities.

Update on the PATH Scorecard and Nursing School with USCB: BMH and USCB continue to work through processes and requirements for the nursing school and the project is on track and moving forward. The current considerations are around Audio/Visual needs for the classrooms. A career fair for BMH scheduled in the Fall. The Rising Stars program is underway for high school students as a 2-week summer internship. Dr. Billig and Ms. Doran noted it is going very well and well received by the students.

Mr. Baxley provided a construction update:

- Evaluation & Assessment Crisis Stabilization Unit – BMH received the \$1.2M grant from SCDHHS to build an E&A crisis stabilization unit in the ER. BMH is working with Beaufort County to also help fund the project.
- MRI Replacement – expected completion end of September.
- The Cath lab renovation - expected completion date is also the end of September.
- The tower refresh project is underway and projected to be completed the end of the year.
- OR renovations are expected to begin in September.
- Learning Center – the module unit is complete although the project continues to see permit delays.

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

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF CARE AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MARTIN J. COYNE, JR. TO THE BROAD RIVER HEALTHCARE BOARD. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. TOMMY HARMON, JR. TO THE BROAD RIVER HEALTHCARE BOARD. Mrs. Dore made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Barton. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HOLTON (TIM) TIMBERLAKE PEARCE, M.D. TO THE BROAD RIVER HEALTHCARE BOARD. Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore. Unanimous approval.

Supplemental Information: The 2023 Hospital Organization Chart has been updated.

Mr. House made a recommendation to implement a post board meeting evaluation form. The Board is in agreeance.

Mr. Baxley requested feedback from the Board regarding an all-day board retreat in October.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Banner, and was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.