

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

**MINUTES – August 30, 2023**

**BY ZOOM:** Dan Barton, Bill Himmelsbach, Alice Howard, Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Chris Ketchie, Courtney Smith, Lynsey Rini

**PRESENT:** Stephen Larson, M.D.; Dave House (Chair); Richardson LaBruce; Eric Billig, M.D.; William Jessee, M.D.; Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Kurt Gambla, D.O.; Ken Miller, Kim Yawn, Dee Robinson; and Victoria Viventi

Absent: Vernita Dore; Kurt Ellenberger, M.D.; Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.

**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. 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 Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

**Public/Open Session MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:38 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 July 26, 2023, Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports** – Mr. LaBruce 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 made note there is a new slate of officers coming up for election for the Medical Executive Committee in October. The Joint Commission report is at 85% compliance. The correct pain score reached 100% and can roll off monthly reporting. Stroke report had a few numbers below goal in June and have continuously improved over July and August. Total joint reporting launched a new tool called the Patient Report of Outcomes Measures (PROM) to better track and monitor patient outcomes. There was a slight bump in readmission but still low overall. Knee and shoulder numbers are within goal. Hospital compare and clinical outcomes continue to be on par with state and national levels. Readmission report had a slight penalty.

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**COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:**

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce reminded the Board the Governance Committee meeting scheduled in August has been pushed to September.

**BMH FOUNDATION:** Mr. Barton provided an update on the Beaufort Memorial Foundation. The BMH Foundation is well above the annual target for fundraising. The Winkler Group feasibility study and the RFP process for a new investment management group is underway. Mr. Barton reminded the Board of upcoming dates with the Annual Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> and Valentine's Ball on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

**MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*:** The following practitioners requested Appointment:  
Hinson, Kevin, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Sams, Kathryn, DNP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Pain Management; Beaufort Memorial MAT Clinic-Employed; Waynette-Primus, Ashley, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Williams Joseph, MD, Requesting Appointment: Community Active; Department of Medicine; Internal Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care-Employed

Reappointment:

Bacon, William, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Baxley, Luke, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Bersani, Tiffany, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists; Coleman, Jessica, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Nephrology; Nephrology and Hypertension; Cuff, Jamie, NP, Reappointment APP; Department of Medicine; Preoperative Assessment; Beaufort Memorial Preoperative Assessment Clinic; Fowlkes, Carroll, DO, Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Medicine; Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health; Glenn, William, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Hughes, Douglas, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Kapoor, Niren, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Klein, Jerome, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Levelle, Jonathan, MD, Reappointment Active; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Masavage, Marlana, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists; Mercier, Denise, PA-C, Mercier, Mark, MD, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Oglesby, Lauren, MD, Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Medicine; Internal Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Harrison Peoples Health Care Center; Potter, Benjamin, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Sweet, Nicholas, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Uniejewski, Darla, CRNA, Reappointment APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology;

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Low Country Anesthesia; Zhang, Jeanie, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad

Resignations: Gregory Wright, PA-C, Reflex Resignation, Emergency Department; Reflex Resignation, Primary Care; Amy Wagner, NP, Klenke, Audrey, MD, Cuff, Ryan, MD, Not Renewing, Plastics; Reflex Resignation, Maternal Fetal Medicine; Batson, John, MD, Not Renewing, Sports Orthopedics

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 made note the Heart Failure Committee is underway with the Pharmacy team. The new MAT nurse practitioner will start next month working under Dr. Walmer from Sea Island Psychology. BMH is exploring additional Palliative Care opportunities. Sickle Cell and Anemia are working on expanding thanks to the grant from the Coastal Blood Foundation.

#### **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 on a master plan amendment to the property.

Update on the PATH Scorecard and Nursing School with USCB: Finalizing the MOU with USCB and then can begin breaking ground. Will not be moving forward with the testing center from the original scope of the project.

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 – Passed the DHEC inspection and will begin moving back into the suite with a go live date in early September.
- The tower refresh project is underway and projected to be completed the end of the year. The project is in its second phase and has been on schedule.
- OR renovation groundbreaking will be the end of September.
- Learning Center – the module unit is complete pending placement on the land set for Allison Rd.

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

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

Supplemental Information: The Board was provided with a proposed meeting schedule for 2024. Conversation ensued around the organization of the board packet.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Dr. Billig, and was seconded by Dr. Jessee, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:09a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.