

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

MINUTES – September 27, 2023

BY ZOOM: Vernita Dore, Dan Barton, Alice Howard, Jane Kokinakis, D.O., Richardson LaBruce, Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Kim Yawn, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Kurt Ellenberger, M.D., Stephen Larson, M.D., Bill Himmelsbach, Dave House (Chair), 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, Courtney Smith, Victoria Viventi

Absent:

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. 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 Dr. Banner and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Jessee 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 August 30, 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.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig reviewed new appointments on the Credentials grid. Reported no issues on the MEC report. Dr. Billig reviewed the HAC (Hospital Acquired Infections) Report and noted the C-Section rate is high and being addressed with the OBGYNs. Dr. Billig noted higher C-Section rates are common right now throughout the State and Nation. BMH received a 1% penalty from 2022 events that will take effect October 1 for FY2024 mainly due to Hospital Acquired Infections. Action plans have been put in place and the data is better than previous year. There is also an action plan in place for post-op deep vein thrombosis. The sustained compliance report of consent in the same language is at 100% for the second month in a row. Department level tracer completion is at 87%, being the highest month reported.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. House noted surgical volumes and physician practice volumes were ahead of budget, revenue was slightly under budget and above the prior year, uncompensated decreased from the previous month. From an operating standpoint, BMH saw a profit compared to a budgeted loss for the month and days cash dropped 4 days due to a 3rd payroll.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce and Mr. House provided an update from the September Governance Committee meeting. Mr. House reminded the Board his last meeting will be February 2024 and will need to present two candidates to Beaufort County by early next year. The Governance Committee discussed changes to the Board Committees and will have information to present at the October board meeting.

Compliance Committee: Dr. Banner noted hospital compliance is doing well and on track and the new policies presented to the committee were approved.

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

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*: The following practitioners requested Appointment:
Behera, Vikram, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Evans, Misty, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; George, Ayodeji, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Kohli, Disha, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Medberry, Robena, MD, Requesting Appointment: Locum; Department of Medicine; Radiation Oncology; BMH Radiation Oncology; Okeke, Okechukwu, MD, Requesting Appointment: Locums; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics; BMH Pediatrics; Vincent, Bruce, MD, Requesting Appointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Family Practice; Beaufort Memorial May River Primary Care

Reappointment:

Arenth, Joshua, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Pediatrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Aumiller, Benjamin, MD, Reappointment: Locums; Department of Surgery; Vascular Surgery; MUSC Vascular Affiliation; Cusumano, Philip, MD, Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Medication Addiction Treatment; Beaufort Memorial MAT Clinic; Eden, Amanda, NP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Palliative Care; South Carolina House Calls; Kessler, Amanda, PA-C, Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Kingston, Carlene, MD, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; McClelland, Alyssa, NP, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Novikov, Mikhail, MD, Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Medicine; Nephrology; Nephrology and Hypertension; Thorpe, Kimberly, PA-C, Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Gastroenterology; Beaufort Memorial LCMG Specialty Care; Veeraswamy, Ravi,

MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Vascular Surgery; MUSC Vascular Affiliation, Wooster, Mathew, MD, Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Vascular Surgery; MUSC Vascular Affiliation; Yung, Jeffery, DPM, Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Podiatry; Island Foot and Ankle Surgery; Head, Barbara, MD**, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Zhao, Jun, MD**, Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Intraoperative Neuromonitoring; Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians

Resignations: Bennett, John MD, Reflex Resignation; Ezeihuaku, Christopher MD, Reflex Resignation; Gulick, Jeffrey, MD, Reflex Resignation; Kinnard, Randy, MD, Reflex Resignation; Johnson, Ryan Law, NP, Reflex Resignation; Nowell, Nathan, PA-C, Reflex Resignation; Poling, Jeff, MD, Reflex Resignation; Rivera, Sean, MD, Reflex Resignation; Saunders, Gregory AA, Reflex Resignation; Singleton, Rodmond MD, Reflex Resignation

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla noted the GME feasibility study is underway and will have the outcomes to report to the board by the end of the year. The on-call plan revision has gone to a special panel review regarding delineation of privileges for non-physician surgical first assists. The MEC slate of officers will be voted on in the annual Med Staff Meeting in October. The Pharmacy team is developing antimicrobial stewardship competency modules for providers per Joint Commission standards. Heart failure multidisciplinary committee is making good progress. Pharmacy is also working on developing standardized protocols for joint committee review around VTE prophylaxis and antimicrobial prophylaxis. MAT clinic is underway with a new APP, Scott Walmer, M.D. is the new collaborating physician. Palliative Care and South Carolina House Calls are recruiting additional providers to pursue 7 day inpatient coverage. The palliative care team is also performing a gap analysis to pursue Joint Commission disease specific certification. Sickie Cell is joining the National Network of Clinics currently in development. Shayla Bergman, MD is joining as an additional supervising physician. Infection Prevention continues to follow TB screening guidelines, blood culture contamination, C-Diff reporting, MRSA treatment and isolation.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton reported the foundation fundraising will come in more than 25% above the annual goal. The foundation board accepted the investment committee's recommendation of Truist Bank as investment advisors from the RFP process. Mr. Barton and Ms. Yawn provided an update on the capital campaign feasibility study underway managed by the Winkler Group. Focus of this campaign is South of the Broad in the Bluffton/Hilton Head communities.

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. North of the Broad River, BMH continues to look at opportunities

by TCL for townhomes and single-family homes. working closely with architects and the City of Beaufort in regard to permitting and re-zoning.

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. Drawings have been finalized and now working on phasing. Expected to start in January or February.
- MRI Replacement – completed.
- The Cath lab renovation – completed. BMH is the first location in the US to adopt the Shimadzu equipment.
- The tower refresh project is underway and projected to be completed the end of the year. The project is on schedule.
- OR renovation groundbreaking went very well, and Mr. Baxley thanked Senator Lindsey Graham, Mr. House and the BMH Marketing/PR team for a wonderful event.
- Learning Center – the module unit is complete and looking into an unwind agreement with the developers on Allison Rd as BMH looks for a different location for the learning center.

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

ACTION ITEMS, POLICIES, DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

MOTION TO ADOPT THE FY 2024 BUDGET AND FY 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REFERENCE LABS AS PRESENTED. Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Himmelsbach. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REFERRAL SERVICES IMAGING AS PRESENTED. Dr. Banner made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Larson. Unanimous approval

Supplemental Information:

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce, and was seconded by Dr. Jessee, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.