

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

MINUTES – February 28, 2024

BY ZOOM: Dave House, Richardson LaBruce, Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Vernita Dore, Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Stephen Larson, M.D., Dan Barton, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Alice Howard, Eric Billig, M.D., Carolyn Banner, Ph.D., William Jessee, M.D., Tommy Harmon, Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Kurt Gambla, D.O., Brian Hoffman, Chris Ketchie, Ken Miller, Dee Robinson, Kim Yawn, Courtney Smith, Victoria Viventi

Absent:

Guest: Brian Ackerman, David Meyer, Patricia Dowbiggin (Ascendient)

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Himmelsbach 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 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. LaBruce and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Larson to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:59 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for January 31, 2024 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig reviewed the credentials report. Joint commission visit could be any day as the Hospital is within their survey year and have been preparing. Numbers look good overall on the quality scorecard. Items that are being worked on are decreasing the C-Section rate, decreasing ER bed wait time, decreasing pressure ulcer rate and initial documentation and decreasing falls. The stroke scorecard and the HCAPS survey were reviewed.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. Himmelsbach thanked Mrs. Dore for her leadership of the Finance Committee, and welcomed Mr. Harmon as the new committee chair. Mrs. Dore noted it was a wonderful month for volumes but expenses were also high. Mrs. Dore noted one day of cash increased from \$847k to \$869k, driving a decrease in days cash. Mr. Miller noted the primary driver is the changes in the hospital license tax. There was also a draft audit presentation by FORVIS to the finance committee. The audit is pending the pension plan numbers and there were no findings to report. Once final, there will be a report the full board.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted a governance committee meeting was held to discuss the slate of officers for the board of trustees. Education requirements were discussed for the upcoming year. Discussion ensued around the availability of practicing independent physicians to serve on the board.

Compliance Committee: Dr. Banner noted Allison Coppage and team have done a great job keeping the hospital in compliance. The next meeting will be held in March, with Dr. Jessee as the new committee chair.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Gambla reported no issues on the credentials report.

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*: The following practitioners requested Appointment:

Benn, James, NP- TEMPS, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Psychiatry; Sea Island Psychiatry; Dastous, Linh, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Davis, Demetric, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Grooms, Raymond, CRNA-TEMPS, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Gwynn, Eric, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Surgery; Urology; Beaufort Memorial Urology Specialists; Place, Aubrey, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Surgery; General Surgery; Beaufort Memorial Surgical Specialist; Salkind, Edward, CRNA-TEMPS, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Schrift, David, MD TEMPS, Requesting Appointment: Active/ Locums; Department of Medicine; Critical Care; Beaufort Memorial Pulmonary Specialists

Reappointment:

Bechtel, Mark, DO, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health; Blau, Kevin, DO, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; BJHCHS Obstetrics; Clare, William, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Copeland, Lucyle, CRNA, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Drakeley, Matthew, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Anesthesia; Pain Management; Pain Specialists of Beaufort; Evec, Kenneth, CRNA, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Hines, James, CRNA, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Kasireddy, UMA, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Linford, Risa, APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Pulmonary Critical Care; Beaufort Memorial Pulmonary Specialists; Schuyler III, Walter, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Anesthesia; Pain Management; Southern Coast Pain

Management Specialists; Wright, Jarrod, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency

Resignations:

Davis, David CRNA, Anesthesiology; Reflex Resignation; Hughes Jr., Douglas MD, VRAD Radiology; Reflex Resignation; Baxter, QuaNeicey MD, Locums Pediatric Hospitalist; Reflex Resignation; Snow, Timothy MD, Team Health Hospitalist; Reflex Resignation; Kaufmann, Christoph, MD, Locums Pulmonary Critical Care; Reflex Resignation; Nechtman, Charles, MD, BMH Surgical Specialists; Resignation

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla noted the GME feasibility study is completed and the two take homes are if the hospital were to do a GME program, it would be internal medicine and it would be not be financially feasible to do it solely through BMH but is feasible to be sponsored through a FQHC. The group is in discussion with BJHCHS to understand how a partnership would work. Pharmacy has been proactive with education and Get with Guidelines for Heart Failure and posed to apply for Bronze recognition (highest level). There are new rules for MAT patients with lowering the benchmark to receive services. MAT team is analyzing resources in the area to ensure there are not duplication of efforts between the County, Hospital and BJHCHS. Palliative care is still being evaluated. MRSA study was completed for preventative antibiotics for high risk MRSA patients.

Operations Report: Mrs. Smith noted the MRI installation project kickoff was this week for the Island Imaging location with Revels. Open interviews for Food & Nutrition and EVS have been success, with 11 employees starting positions. Mrs. Smith shared new opportunities for onsite services in partnership with local communities.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton provided an update on the Foundation, which is above the fundraising goal to date and 10.21% ahead of prior year. The unofficial net proceeds from Valentine's Ball were \$215,000 and the annual appeal for 2023 topped \$450,000 in January. The Foundation has two action items for the board to recommend Dave House to the BMH Foundation Board and to accept the bylaw revisions as outlined in the board packet.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley reviewed the PATH scorecard with 6 PCT students and 6 CMA students who graduated in November all passed their certification exams resulting in a 100% pass rate. Nursing school is currently under construction and moving forward, on schedule. Mr. Baxley noted due to accreditation, they do not anticipate accepting the first round of students until the Spring semester 2025. Current PATH program cohort to graduate in April. A nurse intern program is also in the works to help retain new nurses. BMH continues to work on any and all opportunities for workforce development including partnerships with TCL, USCB, BCSD and more. Construction project updates include a site visit from DHEC and DMH in March for the Crisis Stabilization Unit in the ED. OR renovations are going well, still in phase 1A and 1B of

the project. Learning center is still waiting to pull permits, a fun ground breaking is scheduled with the students of the learning center. Balanced and Growth scorecards are available for review. The Community and Legislative Outreach Committee is being formed with input from the Governance Committee and leadership. Once formed, the committee will invite the SCHA and other legislators and elected officials to meet with the committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Himmelsbach presented the slate of board officers as identified at the last Governance Committee Meeting:

- Stephen Larson, MD, Vice Chair
- Vernita Dore, Secretary

MOTION TO ADOPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adopt the slate of officers as presented. With two exclusions, unanimous approval.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVE HOUSE TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD.

Dr. Banner made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig, to accept the appointment as presented. With one exclusion, unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BYLAW REVISIONS AS PRESENTED.

Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis, to approve the revisions as presented. Unanimous approval.

A resolution to allow South of the Broad Hospital to reimburse BMH for any expenses incurred for the hospital prior to securing the financing. Soft costs such as architect fees can be reimbursed as set forth in this resolution.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION RELATED TO REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS RELATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE BROAD HOSPITAL.

Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis, to adopt the resolution as presented. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mrs. Dore and was seconded by Dr. Jessee, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.