

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

MINUTES – April 24, 2024

BY ZOOM: Vernita Dore, Dan Barton, Jane Kokinakis, D.O., Richardson LaBruce, Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.

PRESENT: Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Stephen Larson, M.D., Bill Himmelsbach (chair), William Jessee, M.D., Tommy Harmon, Alice Howard, Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Kurt Gambla, D.O., Shawna Doran, Brian Hoffman, Chris Ketchie, Ken Miller, Dee Robinson, Kim Yawn, Courtney Smith, Victoria Viventi

Absent: Eric Billig M.D.

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 Mr. Harmon 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. Jessee and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Jessee to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:36 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harmon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

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CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for March 27, 2024 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Dr. Banner made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Joint commission report is at 85% compliance with tracers. The Joint Commission was onsite April 18th for a disease specific visit for the cardiac program. Overall minor findings and the team is working on action plans for the findings. DHEC was onsite for a for-cause visit based on a patient complaint regarding staffing ratios and had no findings based off the complaint. Total joint report is looking strong.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. Harmon noted volumes were strong in March, and the hospital is profitable. Days cash continue to fluctuate due to the hospital license tax. Mr. Harmon and Mr. Miller have started a healthcare finance educational series and Mr. Harmon welcomed any board members not on the Finance Committee to participate in the series.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the Governance committee will start aggressively looking for Board of Trustees members.

Compliance Committee: Nothing to report.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: Nothing to report.

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

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

Baker, Matthew, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Urology; Beaufort Memorial Urology Specialists; Cullen, Kevin, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Davidson, Michael, CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP ; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia ; Elias-Ausi, Samuel, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Nivens, Charles, MD, Requesting Appointment: Community Active; Department of Medicine; Pain Management; Charles J. Nivens, MD Spine Medicine; Ozden, Nuri, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Medicine; Gastroenterology; Beaufort Memorial Low Country Medical Group Specialty Care; Remyne III, Louis, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Urology; Beaufort Memorial Urology Specialists; Siddiui, Adeel, MD Requesting Appointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Sullivan, Brittany, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist

Reappointment:

Allen, Michael, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Boden, Thomas, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Briggs, Jonathan, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Radiation Oncology; Beaufort Memorial Radiation Oncology; Clarke, Delphia, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Court, Angela, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Medicine; Psychiatry; Beaufort VA Primary Care Clinic; Engbretson, Jon, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Kay, Tara, PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Cardiology; Beaufort Memorial Heart Specialists; Knudsen, Michael W., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active/Locums; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatric Hospitalist; BMH Pediatric Hospitalist; Madey, Jason, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Salzer, Ralph, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; BOSS Orthopedic Spine

Specialists; Smith, Marlo, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics; BJHCHS Pediatrics; Turner, James, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Viles, Nathan, AA, Requesting Reappointment: Anesthesia Support Staff ; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia

Resignations:

Sealy, Jennifer, CRNA Anesthesiology; Resignation; Simon, Lori, LISW, Medicine; Resignation

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla noted there is still discussion with Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services discussing partnership on a GME program. BJHCHS is doing their due diligence and will get back to BMH. Pharmacy is one step away for the highest recognition for Get with the Guidelines for Heart Failure. Palliative Care continues to explore opportunities with a new partner. Discussion around maternal and infant mortality and how these metrics can be improved. There is a multidisciplinary team in place reviewing these standards.

BEAUFORT PHYSICIAN PARTNERS: Telemedicine is doing about 12,000-14,000 visits a year, specifically out of Primary Care. AI scribe (DAX) has about half the group using it and has received positive feedback of saving time on documentation and helping with provider burnout. It has given time to even add open slots back into the schedule. Appointment accelerator has also been well received and moving patients through quicker. Occupational health will ramp up this summer with Firefighter physicals and community health events continue to be a priority. The orthopedic consolidation is complete and looking for an additional APP.

BMH FOUNDATION: Ms. Yawn reported on behalf of the foundation. Fundraising for the fiscal year is just shy of the goal at \$2.4M. The annual endowment payout was approved for \$897k. A signature gift was received for the Angio suite replacement. Another is the Marmo Family Nursing Scholarship. A grant to support workforce development from the Truist Foundation for \$40k was received.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley reviewed the PATH scorecard. Discussions with Beaufort County School District to enhance the partnership and find innovative ways to develop a health science workforce. Crisis Stabilization Unit has been approved by DHEC and just awaiting pricing and then permits. OR renovations are ongoing and on track. Learning Center is onsite and in progress for a anticipated opening in August. Nursing School is on schedule for summer completion. Balanced and Growth scorecards were provided for review. Mr. Baxley presented to SOLOCO and felt it was well received and good to get in front of all local municipalities and counties, Ms. Howard confirmed those testaments.

ACTION ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INFECTION CONTROL PLAN AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Dr. Larson made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Mr. Himmelsbach noted there were a few articles provided for general information.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and was seconded by Dr. Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary