

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

MINUTES – May 22, 2024

BY ZOOM: Dan Barton, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Vernita Dore, Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Stephen Larson, M.D., William Jessee, M.D., Tommy Harmon, Alice Howard, Jane Kokinakis, M.D., Richardson LaBruce, Eric Billig, M.D., Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Kurt Gambla, D.O., Brian Hoffman, Chris Ketchie, Ken Miller, Dee Robinson, Kim Yawn, Courtney Smith, Victoria Viventi

Absent: Carolyn Banner, Ph.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. LaBruce 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. Harmon and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Jessee to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:32 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harmon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for April 24, 2024 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The committee discussed the possibility of an alternative licensing board for MEC. Dr. Billig noted there have been 6 site visits in the past 6 weeks from the Joint Commission and DHEC, all did well with just minor findings that are being addressed. Leapfrog report has moved up from a C grade to a B grade. HCAPS report has improved from January and March.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. Harmon noted volumes were strong in April and it was a profitable month. Cash is down due to the hospital tax and no HAWQ money coming in.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the Governance committee will begin recruitment for upcoming Board of Trustees members. The Governance committee will also discuss open seats on BMH affiliated board.

Compliance Committee: Nothing to report.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: First meeting is scheduled for the summer.

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

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

Bradshaw, Melissa, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Briggman, Dillon, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; DMH Telemedicine Psychiatry; Parramore, Herman, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Urology; Beaufort Memorial Urology Specialists; Remyse, Susanne, FNP-C, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Breast Surgery; Beaufort Memorial Breast Health Center; Turner, James, E., MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Oncology; Beaufort Memorial Oncology Specialist; Wright, Daniel, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia

Reappointment:

Bisceglia, Margaret, APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists; Cargill, Brett, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency; Flatt, Steven, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Fogartie, James, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active/Locum; Department of Surgery; Vascular Surgery; MUSC Health Vascular Surgery, Beaufort; Huntley, Elizabeth, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Pediatrics; Hospitalist; Beaufort Memorial Hospital; Levin, Julian, MD, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health; McDonnell, Kevin, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Swofford, Rebecca PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Harrison Peebles Health Care Center; Tambroni-Parker, Catherine CNM, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists; Wilson, Addison, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; Naval Hospital

Resignations:

Sweet, Nicholas, MD, Radiology, VRad; Resignation; Jewett, Benjamin, MD, Telemedicine; Resignation; Marflak, Carmen, CRNA, Anesthesia; Resignation; Shepard, Michelle, MD, Medicine; Resignation

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

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla noted the hospital is on pause in moving forward with a GME program while BJHCHS does their due diligence in the feasibility of partnering on a study. Medical Staff is thoroughly reviewing policies in preparation for Joint Commission triannual survey. Pharmacy has a focus on anesthesia education. Palliative care continues to be evaluated. Medical Addiction Treatment Clinic is well on its way and the provider has been educating the primary care offices. Dr. Bergmann is on board with the Sickie Cell clinic which will allow the panel to expand. Infection prevention is collecting data around hand washing and focusing on 100% compliance.

PATIENT CARE SERVICES REPORT: Mrs. Carroll gave an overview of the clinical ladder program to recognize opportunities for growth among the nurses. IV pumps have been approved for replacement this fiscal year (FY24), and the team continues to evaluate as it is a long-term purchase. International recruitment continues to be a valuable program for nurse staffing. Mrs. Carroll noted applications are at a high and contract labor continues to go down. Nurses Kevin Kreme and Jaime Cuff were recognized as the top 100 nurses in South Carolina at the Palmetto Gold Gala. Lisa Terwilliger was recognized for a Daisy Award.

OPERATIONS REPORT: New installation of the MRI at Island Imaging is on track to be completed in September. MRI techs on the main hospital campus switched to 12-hour shifts and they have seen a 20% increase in outpatient MRI services. Mrs. Smith provided an update on the Laboratory leadership, with Sharon Anderson retiring as the lab director after 42 years. The BMH Pathologist, Dr. Collins, is also retiring after a long career and his replacement is Dr. Evelyn Bruner. This partnership with Charleston Pathology will be implementing digital pathology in place of having to send certain specimens out of the hospital to the Charleston lab. Discussions around a new strategy for outpatient lab collection in partnership with Publix where BMH still has the BMH Care Anywhere kiosks. Patient transport continues to average about 6 transports a day with 3 drivers and 2 vehicles and spans 26 zip codes. For reference, transportation has the highest positive screening rate for Health Related Social Needs on the inpatient screenings with about 7% of patients reporting difficulties accessing transportation.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton reported on behalf of the Foundation noting the fundraising goal was met in May and hope to far exceed the goal by the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Barton noted the BMH Board Chair, Bill Himmelsbach, has joined the foundation board. The foundation paid out the annual endowment to BMH in the amount of \$897,227.97 on May 3rd. The foundation has applied for 14 grants, with 6 grants awarded and 6 awaiting announcement. The foundation has been working with community groups to engage Mr. Baxley in speaking events, there were 3 in the past month with a few more on the horizon as this continues to be a initiative for the foundation.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley noted the nursing education suite construction is well on its way and will be scheduling a ribbon cutting ceremony in late July. He noted the BMH education team is working closely with Beaufort County School District to overlay some of the PATH program offerings in some of the high schools with implementing the CMA or PCT programs so they graduate with a certificate. A meeting is also lined up with TCL to try and partner and align on some program offerings. The E&A Crisis Stabilization unit should break ground in late summer and OR renovations are on track, with the surgical center entrance planning on re-opening in August. The learning center ribbon cutting will be in August. Replacement of the Angio Suite in the main hospital is in the design phase and the new equipment is in production. The balanced and growth scorecards were provided for review.

ACTION ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. KENDALL ERICKSON TO THE BROAD RIVER HEALTHCARE BOARD. Mr. Harmon made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

The March 2024 Corporate Compliance Report was provided to board for review.

Annual Conflict of Interest statements were provided for completion by the Board Members.

Mr. Himmelsbach presented two informational articles to the Board, “Pros and Cons of Academic Medicine” and “Walmart Health to Close all 51 Health Clinics”.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Larson and was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary