

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

MINUTES – June 26, 2024

BY ZOOM: Richardson LaBruce, Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Ashley Hildreth, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Vernita Dore, Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Stephen Larson, M.D., Dan Barton, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Tommy Harmon, William Jessee, M.D., Alice Howard, M.D., 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, Jane Kokinakis, D.O.

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. Harmon and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Larson to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:38 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 May 22, 2024 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Mr. LaBruce made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Billig to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The committee reviewed the joint commission report with 83% compliance on department tracers. DHEC came onsite to inspect the cafeteria, which went well and received an A grade. Chest pain report May numbers were 100% with one slight delay to catheterization due to a transfer from a neighboring hospital. The HCAPS report is still at 3 stars yet the willingness to recommend the hospital moved up to 4 stars. The induction rate for OB was slightly elevated at 4% and reviewing interventions to get it down to 3%. No issues reported for the pastoral care and patient advocate report. Reviewed the Plan for Provision of Care and the Quality Committee recommends to the board for approval. The committee reviewed the staffing effectiveness report, in summary, staffing runs below budget outside of ICU. Despite being below budget, the committee did not find any correlation to poor patient outcomes.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. Harmon noted May was a very strong month. The finance committee continues to provide monthly education, this month being accounting & budgeting and long term debt. Mr. Harmon strongly encouraged the board members to review the PowerPoints available.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the Governance committee continues the search for potential new BMH board members. The next scheduled meeting is in August, with the intent to have multiple names to present and begin interviewing in the fall. Discussion ensued around the annual board retreat and educational opportunities close to home.

Compliance Committee: Dr. Jessee advised the hospital is in compliance based off the recent report put together by the corporate compliance team.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: First meeting went well with introductions to the committee and the representatives from SCHA joined to give a macro level overview of healthcare legislation in South Carolina. They provided insight into what our local representatives are focusing on. The next meeting will be held July 11th with Senator Tom Davis attending.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Folzenlogen noted the board will not be voting on credentialing Dr. Heidi Harrington who is on the grid due to delays in licensure for South Carolina. Once received, she will be presented for approval next month. Dr. Scott Cummings will be voted on separately from the credentials grid and discussed later in the meeting.

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

Goethie, Jessie, DNP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Community Health/Direct Primary Care; Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Plastics Surgery; Beaufort Memorial Plastic Surgery and Aesthetics; Mcinerny, Francis, CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Riopel, Maureen, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Pathology; Coastal Pathology Laboratories; Toulson, Bailey, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Surgery; General Surgery; Beaufort Memorial Surgical Specialists;

Reappointment:

Al Kasab, Sami, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Andrews, Charles M., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Bohannon, Kevin D., CRNA, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Carroll, Paul J., PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency; Chalela, Julio A., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Cummings, Scott W., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Associate Staff; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Medicine;

Beaufort Memorial Palmetto Medical Group; Dryzer, Scott R., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active/Locum; Department of Medicine; Pulmonary Critical Care; Beaufort Memorial Pulmonary Specialist; Feng, Wuwei, MD, Requesting Reappointment: MUSC Affiliate; Department of Medicine; Neuro-Critical Care; MUSC Affiliation; Folzenlogen, Douglas J., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist Frame, Kevin C., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Garner, John R., PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Lady's Island Internal Medicine; Grahovac, Tara L., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Breast Surgery; Beaufort Memorial Breast Health Center; Hollinger, Laura E., MD, Requesting Reappointment: MUSC Affiliate; Department of Surgery; Pediatric Surgery; MUSC Pediatric Surgery Okatie Medical Pavilion; Holmstedt, Christine A., DO, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Jimenez, Guillermo R., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Lawton, Christopher, MD, Lovato, Stephanie L., PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Palmetto Medical Group; Ngo, Lawrence, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Ozark, Shelly D., MD, Rossi, Tiffany W, APRN, FNP-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Neurology; Coastal Neurology; Stoddard, Anna G., PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Surgery; General Surgery; Beaufort Memorial Surgical Specialist; Streck, Jr, Christian J., MD, Requesting Reappointment: MUSC Affiliate; Department of Surgery; Pediatric Surgery; MUSC Affiliate

Resignations:

Kimberly Stockstill, FNP, Medicine, Resignation; Goetze, Lynn M., MD, Ambulatory Primary Care, Reflex Resignation

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

Dr. Gambla explained to the board the request is to reappoint Dr. Cummings to the BMH medical staff with a specific waiver of the board certification requirement. This waiver is outlined in the bylaws and previously discussed and supported by the credentials committee, the medical executive committee, and physician members of the Board of Directors. Dr. Cummings has been practicing for over 3 decades, has been previously board certified, a clean national practitioner database, no state license actions, no peer review actions, has strong patient satisfaction scores and will be on a modified schedule working some in primary care and some with express care. Lastly, Dr. Cummings will not be seeking subsequent reappointment after this 3-year cycle. With these exceptional circumstances, it is the recommendation to reappoint Dr. Cummings under the specific board certification waiver.

After discussion of Dr. Cummings, a motion was made by Dr. Billig, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon to approve the reappointment of Dr. Cummings for the 3 year period as presented by the credentials committee. Unanimous approval.

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla noted the medical staff is reviewing policies to ensure alignment with the Joint Commission. Dr. Gambla and Dr. Folzenlogen have begun discussions with legal counsel regarding the south of broad medical staff structure. PERT committee is implemented a new algorithm and policy that will streamline intervention. Pharmacy is working with anesthesia for opportunities on quality improvement. Palliative care continues to be under review. Kathy Sams with the MAT clinic continues to expand her panel and will be rounding in the community with primary care providers. Dr. Bergmann has been onboarding assisting with the sickle cell clinic and is able to see pediatric sickle cell patients in addition to adults.

MARKETING REPORT: Orthopedics was testing new messaging to the community. May is a MDsave month for \$99 mammograms and Dee mentioned the BMH team is not able to track who all visited the website but did indicate May was the best month so far for MDsave vouchers.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton reported on behalf of the Foundation noting the fundraising goal has been surpassed by over \$100k in June. The foundation received notice of approval for 2 grants totaling \$155k not included in the total fundraising goal. The foundation team launched a quarterly newsletter called “Giving Well” to update the community on ongoings of the hospital and the foundation. Russell continues on his speaking tours, speaking with community groups across the county.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley noted the BMH and the education team is working diligently with Beaufort County School District and the high schools to put together a dual enrollment program for CMAA certifications for high school seniors. Final inspection for the nursing school is today and the open house is set for July 22nd. OR construction has been going well and on track, moving into phase B soon, the crisis stabilization unit is in pricing and the learning center is underway with considerations for the playground and greenspace but on track for an August occupancy. The newest hospital project will be the renovation of the new angiography suite with new equipment to expand services. The MRI installation in Hilton Head is on track. Growth and Balanced scorecards are available for review.

ACTION ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR PROVISION OF CARE AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE. Dr. Billig made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

The BMH organizational chart was provided for the board to review.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mrs. Dore and was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary