

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

MINUTES – August 28, 2024

BY ZOOM: Richardson LaBruce, Alice, Howard, Allison Coppage, Lynsey Rini

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

Absent: Vernita Dore

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 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. Billig to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig noted joint commission will be returning for a 45 day follow up from the triennial survey. They will also return in 120 days following the survey. DHEC surveyed onsite on behalf on CMS to review a infection control process. Stroke report had one follow up case and all others were in compliance. There was an improvement in the June HCAHPS report compared to prior month. The was a 1% reduction in CMS payments due to the hospital acquired conditions reporting. The readmission report resulted in a 0.43% reduction in payments.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. Harmon reported a good financial month for July, much better than June. The 2024 Audit is underway and the committee received pre-audit communication from Forvis Mazars, the auditing firm. The finance education was on managed care and is available to the board for viewing.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the Governance committee is scheduled for September. The committee will be discussing the consideration of board candidates for upcoming open seats. Mr. LaBruce reminded the board, 2 nominees need to be considered for each board seat to Beaufort County.

Compliance Committee: Nothing to report.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: Dr. Banner thanked the group for a successful first committee meeting in July. The topic of Medicaid expansion was discussed during the meeting and the committee plans to invite other legislative representatives to upcoming meetings.

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

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

Alvarez, Baby Ruth, NP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Elam, Curtis, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Beaufort Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists; Felder, Melissa, DNP, Requesting Appointment: APP/Locums; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health Okatie/Bluffton; Forrester, Peter, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP/Locums; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health-Okatie/Bluffton; Haile, Rozina, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist ; Owen-Sloan, Natalie, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist ; Shaver, Robin, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP/Locums; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health Okatie/Bluffton; Varner, James, PA-C, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Low Country Medical Group Primary Care; Wendell, Richard, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Emergency

Reappointment:

Behan, Ann, CRNA, Requesting Reappointment: Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Blau, Sarah C., PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; Beaufort Memorial Orthopedic Specialists; Bradford, Timothy, DO, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Castro, Bryan A., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Orthopedics/Surgery; Orthopedics; BOSS Orthopedic Spine Specialists; Fedec, Stephen, DO,

Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Cardiology; Beaufort Memorial Heart Specialists; Kiser, Andrew G., MD, Requesting Reappointment; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist ; Lowe, Forrest J., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; May, Austin B., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Rendon Pope, Emi M., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Low Country Medical Group Primary Care; Sardana, Vandit, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Orthopedics/Surgery; Orthopedics; Beaufort Memorial Orthopedic Specialists ; Schreffler, William L., NP, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Orthopedics/Surgery; Orthopedics; Beaufort Memorial Orthopedic Specialists ; Singleton, Jamie A., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active ; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics; BJHCHS; Sprietsma, Paige A., FNP-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Concierge Service; Stacks, Timothy K., CRNA, Requesting Reappointment; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia ; Stevens, Johnna, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Associate Staff; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Bluffton/Okatie Primary Care Vestigo, Kristen, PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health; Walmer, Scott A., DO, Requesting Reappointment; Department of Medicine; Psychiatry; Sea Island Psychiatry; Walz, Alice A., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatric Critical Care; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Webster, James, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Ophthalmology; Beaufort Eye Center

Requesting Modification to Privileges

McClelland, Alyssa, NP, APP/Medicine/Hospitalist, Interventional Radiology

Resignations:

Fowlkes, Carroll, DO, Medicine; Resignation; Mullins, Darren, MD, Medicine; Resignation; Thatcher, James, MD, Medicine; Resignation

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

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton reported the foundation has exceeded its goal of \$2.5M and with a recent notification of a charitable gift from Trust, the foundation has now raised over \$3M for the fiscal year. Mr. Barton reminded the board about the Valentine Ball in February. The foundation board is also recruiting new board members. Mr. Barton noted information on the Vision Campaign is in the board packet and more information will be coming soon. Ms. Yawn indicated the importance of board involvement and shared all proceeds of the Valentine Ball will be going to the Bluffton project. Dr. Billig inquired about the Trust charitable gift and how to cultivate this as an option. Ms. Yawn noted there is a lot of movement around meeting with estate attorneys for awareness and sharing different opportunities for giving.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Workforce Development: Mr. Baxley shared the PATH scorecard and noted the nursing school is open and complete. The accreditation timeline is January 2025 for nursing students to start using the facility. BMH continues to work with BCSD for a dual track enrollment for a CMA/PCT program. This hopes to launch in January as well, the goal would be 12-15 seniors. CMAs are more specific to support the outpatient clinics and the PCTs specifically support the nursing floors in the hospital. BMH is also working with TCL on a lab technician program and potentially a surgical technician program.

Construction Update: The Crisis Stabilization Unit is still on pause as the budget came in more than the grant, and waiting on confirmation from the State whether they would like to increase funding to support the project. OR renovation is progressing, and the surgical/L&D entrance should be open by October. The Learning Center is working through last minute permits and predicted to open in September.

Affordable Housing: The affordable housing project is still being proposed between BMH, Beaufort County, Woda Cooper and the Town of Bluffton. It continues to go through readings at County Council for the land to be used for affordable housing. It would have to be used as affordable housing for 50 years as part of the agreement. The goal would be to expand access to care in the future for a small part of the land dedicated to an MOB. Dr. Jessee inquired if Beaufort Memorial would have preference on the affordable housing, the answer is not hat it is a public project. Ms. Howard noted she appreciates the effort into the South of the Broad location and hope this continues to North of the Broad.

The growth and balanced scorecards are available for review in the board packet.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO PURCHASE 1016 WILLIAM HILTON PARKWAY HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29928 FOR \$2.95 MILLION. Dr. Kokinakis made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon. Dr. Larson abstained, otherwise unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Two articles of interest and the Patient Throughput Report were available to the board for their review. No questions.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee and was seconded by Dr. Banner, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary