

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

MINUTES – September 25, 2024

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

PRESENT: Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Dan Barton, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Tommy Harmon, Jane Kokinakis, MD., Vernita Dore, William Jessee, M.D., Alex Dorobantu, 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: Carolyn Banner, PhD. Stephen Larson, MD, Eric Billig, MD

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 Mr. Harmon to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:57 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

ACTION ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for August 28, 2024 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Dr. Jessee made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no opposition.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Himmelsbach reported on behalf of Dr. Billig. The joint commission returned for the 30 day follow up to conditional findings. All findings were cleared. The action plan needs to be typed and submitted in 14 days. Once accepted, can expect them to return in 120 days to re-assess. The hospital compare report was provided to the board review. Currently at 3 stars overall, close to 4. BMH is comparable to state and national scores.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mr. Harmon reported the finance committee met and reviewed the FY25 budget and has recommended the budget for approval to the board.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the Governance committee met in early September and reviewed CVs for potential candidates. Mr. LaBruce will be scheduling interviews in the upcoming months and welcomed the board members to attend. Mr. LaBruce reminded Mrs. Dore and Dr. Kokinakis their terms are expiring in February 2025, and they are eligible for renewal if they so choose.

Compliance Committee: Dr. Jessee provided an update, the committee met and reviewed processes for compliance. Mr. Himmelsbach inquired about the board doing a HIPAA education module as a refresher.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: Nothing to report.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Gambla reported no issues on the credentials report withholding Dr. Elkins pending further documentation.

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

Barr, Nathan, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency
Doscher, Ashley, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency
Freeark, Jordan, DDS, Requesting Appointment: Military Practitioner; Department of Surgery; Oral/Maxillofacial; Naval Hospital
Keith, Shannon, APRN, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist
Perry, Kenneth, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency
Zavell, Peter, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency
Hogan, John, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency
Sullivan, Lisa, CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia
Anusewicz, Candice, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency;

Reappointment:

Alkis, Andrew R., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation
Campbell, TaCorey, C-PNP, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Pediatrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation
Casey, William B., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Radiation Oncology; Beaufort Memorial Radiation Oncology
Chang, John K., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad
Floyd, John C., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Lowcountry Medical Group Primary Care
Gwozdz, Christina S., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Otolaryngology
Palmetto Ear, Nose and Throat
Hagood, Marianne M., FNP, Requesting

Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care & Occupational Health; Harshman, David M., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Cardiology; Beaufort Memorial Heart Specialists; Heckert, Reed, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; Naval Hospital; Houston, Lynda J., APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Hucks, Andrea D., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care; Jacobs, Leigh C., APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Palliative Care; South Carolina House Calls; Jones, Howell K., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Orthopedics; Orthopedics; Beaufort Memorial Orthopedics Specialist Beaufort; Kane, Evan D., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency; Kazie, Nelson, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Meiers, Patricia A., APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Pediatrics; Pediatrics Critical Care; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Meister, Rustin, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Pediatrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Mohamed, Ghada A., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation Pelic, Christopher G., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation ; Piolata, Amanda, PA-C, BS, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Express Care and Occupational Health-Okatie; Porrazzo, Michael S., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Radiation Oncology; Beaufort Memorial Radiation Oncology; Quasney, Charles, DMD, Requesting Reappointment: Military Practitioner ; Department of Surgery; Oral/Maxillofacial; Naval Hospital; Rooks, Christina L., APRN, FNP-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Neurology; Coastal Neurology; Rose, Katherine M., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Sennewald, Karen, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Locums Tenens; Department of Radiology; Radiology; Beaufort Memorial Imaging Department; Short, Sara R., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Pediatrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Smith, Robert L., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Family Medicine; Beaufort Memorial Palmetto Medical Group; Stoermann, Mary, DO, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Tolbert, Christina F., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Wabnitz, Ashley, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Psych; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Wheeler, William E., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Surgery; Healogics; Beaufort Memorial Wound Care Center; Zeccola, James R., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Associate Staff; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Zwerdinger, Steven C., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad

Cullen, Kevin, Active/Medicine/Hospitalist; Emergency Medicine; Rehman, Saeed, MD, Active/Emergency/Emergency; Medicine-Palliative Care;

Resignations:

Miller, Greg, MD, Obstetrics; Reflex Resignation; Vigil, Allison, NP, Ambulatory Primary Care; Reflex Resignation;

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

CMO REPORT: Dr. Gambla provided an update on the medical staff team welcoming a new team member. Medical staff did well during the joint commission survey with no findings. Pharmacy continues to work on Get with the Guidelines bronze recognition. Palliative care is in final negotiations and should be finalized in the next week to work with Hospice Care of the Lowcountry. Medical Addiction Treatment is going well and expanding hours to target patients that come through the ED. Sickie Cell continues to be busy, with the onboarding of Dr. Bergmann. MUSC will be sending some adult Sickie Cell patients to BMH that no longer can receive treatment in the pediatric practice there.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton reported fundraising exceeded \$3M, well above the \$2.5M goal for the year. An investment update was provided. Mr. Barton shared some exciting upcoming events for the foundation such as the Tree of Hope, Giving Tuesday, and Valentines Ball. Mrs. Yawn provided an overview of the five candidates recommended by the Foundation board to the BMH board for appointment to the Foundation board.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Workforce Development: Mr. Baxley shared the PATH scorecard with the board. 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. Another priority is a surgical technologist PATH.

Construction Update: The surgical renovation is on track and will be closing out phase 1A in the next month and re-opening the surgical/birthing center entrance. The Crisis Stabilization Unit is still in discussion with the state, Mr. Baxley has a meeting with the state in the middle of October to review. Learning Center has a few punch list items and anticipating a ribbon cutting soon.

Affordable Housing: The affordable housing project is still being proposed between BMH, Beaufort County, Woda Cooper and the Town of Bluffton. The County has moved forward with resolutions deeding the land over to Beaufort Memorial with restrictions. Once under control by BMH, will work with Woda Cooper to put under a long-term land lease with similar restrictions such as keeping this affordable housing for 50 years.

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

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION TO ADOPT THE FY 2025 BUDGET AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Harmon made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO ADOPT THE FY 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Dr. Kokinakis made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REIMBURSING BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR CERTAIN COSTS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING EMERGENCY ROOM FACILITIES RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS. Mr. Harmon made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REFERENCE LABS AS PRESENTED. Dr. Kokinakis made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REFERRAL SERVICES IMAGING AS PRESENTED. Dr. Kokinakis made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore. Unanimous approval

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025 BEAUFORT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION BOARD:

- **Katie Phifer**
- **Mark Piegza**
- **John Welling**
- **Steve Wexler**
- **Sheila Wilson**

Dr. Jessee made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore. Unanimous approval

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Three articles of interest were included in the board packet for review.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee and was seconded by Mr. Harmon, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary