

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

MINUTES – November 25, 2024

BY ZOOM: Dan Barton, Allison Coppage, Ken Miller, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Vernita Dore; Stephen Larson, MD, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Jane Kokinakis, MD, Richardson LaBruce, Tommy Harmon, Eric Billig, MD, William Jessee, M.D., Carolyn Banner, PhD., 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: Alice Howard

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 Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Billig to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 9:16 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. LaBruce and unanimously approved. All guests exited the meeting.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Finance Committee Overview (see Finance Committee Minutes November 25, 2024)

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for October 30, 2024 Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Dr. Jessee made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Banner to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no opposition.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig reported a new policy for a Physician returning from a leave of absence Joint Commission report was 100% compliant with tracers. The QIC is working through consent form compliance and refrigerator temperature reports. Stroke report metrics for October were all at or near the goal. Leapfrog Hospital Grade increased from a C to a B. BMH also won several SCHA Zero Harm awards including awards for colon, hip, CLABSI, no suicides, workplace violence and social determinants of health. in October.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted there will be a Governance committee meeting tomorrow night to interview and recommend a new Trustee to replace an upcoming open seat in January. Brief

Compliance Committee: Next meeting scheduled 12/11/24

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: Dr. Banner reported the committee will be picking back up with meetings in the new year.

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

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

Bailey, Jason, MD, Requesting Appointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Butler, Kelsey CRNA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Niravel, Angeli DO, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Stephenson, Lenzy DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Low Country Medical; Group Primary Care-Location

Reappointment:

Daniel, John, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Reichel, Marc, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Thompson, Gary, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Burk, Linda, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Thomas, J. Ross, CRNA, Farrell, Kristoffer, APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency Moore, Kasie, DNP, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency; Martin, Jennifer, NP, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care; Johnson, Kristen, PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care; Roper, Erica, PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care; Stokes, Jennifer, APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care; Welcker, Glenn, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; Beaufort Memorial Primary Care; Allison, Scott, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Chartier, Andre, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Hurt, Christopher, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Krystosek, Luke, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting;

Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Mallow, Jason, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Montaser, Anoosh, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Ngo, Jennifer, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Dumars, Karen, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Intraoperative Neuro-Monitoring; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Alkis, Mallory, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Chang, Eugene, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Goodier, Christopher, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Johnson, Donna, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; McElwee, Eliza, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Newman, Roger, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Rittenberg, Charles, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Shea, Sarah, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation

Requesting Modifications to Privileges

Edenfield, Christopher PA-C, Active/Medicine/Hospitalist; Medicine-Infectious Disease; Temp Privileges

Resignations:

Johnston, Stacey, Hospitalist; Reflex Resignation; May, Austin, Hospitalist; Reflex Resignation; Ott, Kara, Primary Care; Reflex Resignation; Pritchard, Catherine, Primary Care; Reflex Resignation; Thatcher, James, Hospitalist; Reflex Resignation; Glasco, Haley, AA-C, Anesthesiology; Reflex Resignation; Miller, Stephen, Surgery; Reflex Resignation

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

OPERATIONS REPORT: Mrs. Smith reported the Island Imaging MRI has been a successful addition, already booking a week in advance out. The Uronav prostate biopsy system was recently launched which is fusion of MRI and Ultrasound guided technology to help better detect prostate cancer. In Q2 there will be an upgrade to the X-Ray room at the Port Royal Medical Pavilion to support Orthopedic Specialty and Express Care. A new Lab Director has accepted the position with BMH. Publix bedside prescription delivery program continues to be successful at about 660 prescriptions delivered each month. The patient transport service just hit 3 years and to date have provided 3,400 patient transports and 40,000 miles in patient transports.

CMO REPORT: Pharmacy has received the Bronze certification with Get with the Guidelines and will now be looking to achieve the Silver and Gold certifications. Palliative Care has been ramping up recruitment with Hospice Care of the Lowcountry. Medical Addiction Treatment

clinic continues community efforts and promoting services to primary care. Sickie Cell providers will be transitioning leadership to Dr. Bergmann now that Dr. Kanter is transitioning away.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mrs. Yawn reported fundraising is up 34% over prior year YTD. The investment portfolio is performing well and seeing growth. The Vision Campaign has a \$250k matching gift that is hoping to be hit by ground breaking early next year. Mrs. Yawn reminded the board if there is a community or organization they would like Russell to come speak to, they are happy to set something up.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Workforce Development: Mr. Baxley shared the PATH scorecard with the board. Continue to see a high success rate for certification tests. Still pressing forward with the CMA program in the high schools. There are 3 new pathways to include surgical technologist, sterile processing and endoscopy technician.

Construction Update: The Crisis Stabilization Unit will break ground in February. OR renovation phase 2 has commenced and phase 1 will fully close out in December.

Affordable Housing: The affordable housing project is still being proposed between BMH, Beaufort County, Woda Cooper and the Town of Bluffton. Once the land is deeded over to BMH, next will be to negotiate a land lease with Woda Cooper. The next round of housing tax credits will be in January to apply for the Okatie housing project. An official request has went to the Town for 60 additional residential units for a total of 120 units. The site design was shared with the board.

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

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AS PRESENTED BY THE QI COMMITTEE:

- o Med Staff Appointment & Reappointment Process
- o Med Staff On-Call Plan
- o Med Staff Services Credentials Verification

Mr. Himmelsbach noted the policies are approved through multiple sources before presented to the Board for approval to include: Medical Staff, Medical Executive Committee, Quality Improvement Committee to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Billig made the Motion, which was seconded by Mr. LaBruce. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CEO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH THE COMPENSATION PLAN TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2024. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

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

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Mrs. Dore and was seconded by Dr. Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary