

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

MINUTES – December 11, 2024

BY ZOOM: Vernita Dore, Richardson LaBruce, Russell Baxley, Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Chris Ketchie, Ken Miller, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Stephen Larson, MD, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Dan Barton, Jane Kokinakis, DO, Tommy Harmon, Eric Billig, MD, William Jessee, M.D., Carolyn Banner, PhD., Alice Howard, Kurt Gambla, D.O., Karen Carroll, Brian Hoffman, Kim Yawn, and Victoria Tinsley

Absent:

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Himmelsbach called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. The meeting has been posted. Victoria Tinsley took roll call. A quorum of the Board is confirmed.

MOTION: A motion was made Dr. Jessee 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. Kokinakis to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:34 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Banner and unanimously approved. All guests exited the meeting.

Finance Committee Overview (see Finance Committee Minutes December 11, 2024)

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for November 25, 2024 and Special Called Meeting December 4, 2024, Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Dr. Billig 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 will defer to next month as the QIC committee will meet after this meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted a Governance committee meeting was held and potential candidates were discussed. Interviews will be scheduled in early 2025. Mr. LaBruce also noted the committee discussed an all day board retreat for a board education opportunity in the Spring. More information to come.

Compliance Committee: Meeting immediately to follow this board meeting.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: 2025 schedule is being finalized.

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

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

West, Brianna, PA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Surgery; Otolaryngology; Charleston ENT & Allergy-Beaufort; Whynot, James, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Zhadkevich, Alexei, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Opoku, Joseph, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Team Health Hospitalist; Weltz, Martin, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hematology/Oncology; Beaufort Memorial Oncology Specialist; Woodley-Cruz, Audrey, FNP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Infectious Disease; Lowcountry Infectious Disease; Poole, Patricia, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Lowcountry Anesthesia

Reappointment:

Fox, Rachel, H., CRNA, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Chase, Stacey, PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency; Osean, Justin, APRN, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Team Health Emergency; Lindenbaum, Yelena, MD Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Medicine; Intraoperative Neuromonitoring; Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; Ashby, Eve, DO, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Obstetrics; Obstetrics; Beaufort Memorial Low Country Medical Group Specialty Care; Schmitt, Sarah, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Obstetrics; Tele-Obstetrics; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Hshieh, Shenche, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; St. John, David, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad

Requesting Modifications to Privileges

Resignations:

Oglesby, Lauren, Ambulatory Primary Care; Letter of Resignation; Greenberg, Harvey, Virtual Radiology; Letter of Resignation; Remynse III, Louis, MD, Dept of Surgery; Reflex Resignation; Kazie, Nelson, Dept. of Medicine; Reflex Resignation; Hannay, Madison, Dept. of Surgery; Reflex Resignation; Brown, Kenneth, Dept. of Surgery; Reflex Resignation; Fletcher, Lauren, Dept. of Medicine; Reflex Resignation; Price, Erica, Dept. of Ambulatory Primary Care;

Reflex Resignation Dastous, Lin, Department of Medicine; Reflex Resignation; Sheilds, Shannon, Department of Medicine; Reflex Resignation;

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

CMO REPORT: Dr. Gambla reported the Medical Staff team is now fully staffed. Actionable findings program is being implemented as a Joint Commission standard. IV conservation efforts have gone well and have seen availability tick back up from the vendors. Dr. Gambla and Ms. Ogden from Beaufort County met regarding Medical Addiction and she has proposed adding a counseling resource to the MAT clinic to support the program jointly.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton reported on behalf of the Foundation. He noted the fundraising goal for FY25 is \$500k more than the previous year and the team is off to a good start. Russell continues to travel for speaking events in the community and bring awareness to the foundation and different giving opportunities. Mr. Barton thanked the Board for his time as chairman of the Foundation board and all the hard work that goes into the leadership of BMH. He will continue to serve on the Foundation board but will step down as chairman after this month. Mr. Himmelsbach thanked Mr. Barton for his leadership.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Workforce Development: Mr. Baxley shared there is a PATH graduation today and continued success with the program with about a 97% pass rate on certification exams. There are 3 new pathways to include surgical technologist, sterile processing and endoscopy technician that are open for registration. Mr. Baxley continues to work with the SCHA and follow legislation around the use of surgical technologists in the State.

Construction Update: The Crisis Stabilization Unit will break ground in February. OR renovation phase 2 has commenced, and phase 1 is going through final DHEC inspection this month. The Angio suite will also kick off construction in February.

Affordable Housing: The Livewell Terrace project is under review with the Town of Bluffton to review density, as well as providing more detail on the project.

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:

- Autopsy MSZ 02
- ED Communication with Medical Staff MS 27
- EMTALA Medical Screening Examination MS 55
- EMTALA Transfers MS 56

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.

Mr. Harmon made the Motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. DEMETRAJANE KOKINAKIS AND MS. VERNITA DORE TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A SECOND TERM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr.. Jessee. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

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

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Banner and was seconded by Ms. Dore, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary