

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

MINUTES – May 21, 2025

BY ZOOM: Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Carolyn Banner, PhD., Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Vernita Dore, Tommy Harmon, Jane Kokinakis, DO, Richrdson LaBruce, Eric Billig, MD, William Jessee, MD, Alice Howard, Doug Folzenlogen, MD, Russell Baxley, Kurt Gambla, D.O., Karen Carroll, Dee Robinson, Courtney Smith, Chris Ketchie, Kim Yawn, Cindy Gibson and Victoria Tinsley

Absent:

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Himmelsbach called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Personnel matters, 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. Kokinakis to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:05a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for April 30, 2025. 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 opposition.

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

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

Hatmaker, David, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Emergency Medicine; Hendley, Angela, ACNP, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Hospitalist Group; James, Nicholas, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Hospitalist Group; Jan, Solomon, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Hospitalist Group; Jandura-Cessna, Halina, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Emergency Medicine; Johnston, Conor, PA, Requesting Appointment: APP; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Emergency Medicine; Larson,

Eric, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locum; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Emergency Medicine; Mandel, Adam, DO, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Wound Care/Hyperbaric Therapy; Beaufort Memorial Wound Care Center; Mauriello, Mark, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Hospitalist Group; Oldson, Teresa, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Emergency Medicine; Emergency Medicine; BMH Emergency Medicine; Sprague, Amy, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active/Locums; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; BMH Hospitalist Group

Reappointment:

Bean, Kimberly A., FNP-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Primary Care; BMH Bluffton/Okatie Primary Care; Garcia Salas, Alejandro J., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Medicine; BMH Primary Care; Laffitte Jr, Henry L., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Concierge; Newman, Nikki L., PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care;; Primary Care BMH LCMG Primary Care; Norton, Julien A., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Surgery; Otolaryngology; Charleston ENT & Allergy; Sonners, Adina, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiology; vRad; Schilling, Amie, AA, Requesting Reappointment: Anesthesia Support Staff; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia; Vyge, Robert G., MD, Requesting Reappointment: Community Active; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Medicine; BMH Lady's Island Internal Medicine

Requesting Modifications to Privileges

Resignations:

Cuff, Jaime, NP; BMH Preoperative Assessment Clinic; Reflex Resignation, 5/8/25, Doyle Ortiz, Veronica MD; Hospitalist; Letter of Resignation, 4/16/25, DuRant, Mary Elizabeth, CNM; Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comp Health; Retired; Kanter-Washko, Julie, MD; Sickie Cell Clinic; Letter of Resignation, 4/30/25, Moore, Pamela, NP; Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comp Health; BMH Breast Health Center; Reflex Resignation, 3/31/25, Remyse, Susanne, FNP; Resigned 1/14/25, Swofford, Rebecca, PA; Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comp Health; Reflex Resignation, 3/31/25.

MOTION: 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.

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

- Clinical Nutrition Protocols, MS 53

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

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

- Annual Review of Emergency Operations Plan, EM.03.01.01EP1-3 BMH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
- Emergency Operation Plan Exercises, EM.03.01.03EP1-5
- Emergency Operation Plan Response Procedures, EM.02.01.01EP2
- Appendix IV: Traffic Control Plan, EM.02.02.05EP9
- BMH EC.01.01.01.6 Hazmat Management Plan
- BMH EC.01.01.01.7 - Fire Safety Management Plan
- Security & Safety, EM 02.02.07 EP2-4
- Interim Life Safety Measures (ILSM)

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

Dr. Billig 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.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: See Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2025.

Quality Improvement Committee: Dr. Billig noted it was a busy month for the quality team. The Joint Commission report continues to be at 100% for compliance on department tracers. Continued progress with sustained compliance review, need to be 100% compliant with those action plans for the citation to be removed. There was a 45 day revisit from the Joint Commission that went well and cleared of the issue they were following up on. There is another follow up survey happening this week of the CMS find of the infection prevention education. Stroke report was slightly below goal, which the team believes some of it has to do with order sets. Infection Control Risk and Appraisal plan is under review.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted the committee met yesterday and have scheduled 3 interviews for potential candidates next Thursday, May 29th. There are 4 interested candidates, with differing backgrounds, to fill 2 open spots on the board.

Compliance Committee: Dr. Jessee reported no concerns from the compliance committee.

Legislative and Community Outreach Committee: No updates to report.

CMO REPORT: Dr. Gambla noted the Medical Staff services team has been leveraging MD staff, a tool to assist with credentialing and creating efficiencies. Pharmacy has been looking for opportunities to maximize reimbursement with the loss of 340B, specifically around infusions and chemotherapy. The medical staff is monitoring the Bird Flu and any potential impacts.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mrs. Yawn shared the Foundation fundraising goal is just shy of \$3M. The Foundation board approved the endowment payout to BMH in the amount of \$907k. The Foundation received notice they received a \$100k grant from the Community Foundation of the

Lowcountry for the Crisis Stabilization Unit. Bringing the total for the CSU to \$181k of the \$300k goal. Mrs. Yawn noted a Housing Fair for employees, where all proceeds will be going toward workforce development. An announcement was made of a gift for \$2.5M towards the Vision Campaign for naming rights of the new ER, with more information to come.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Workforce Development: Graduated 13 high school students, with 5 starting with BMH (3 CMAs, 2 PCTs). The surgery technology lab in conjunction with TCL was put on hold from their end, although BMH could move forward with a smaller scale lab for the PATH program. BMH continues to work with legislators to allow other surgical technology certifications, to fall in line with our neighboring states like Georgia.

Construction Update: The Crisis Stabilization Unit construction is underway. Nearing completion of phase 2 of the OR project, upon completion there will be 1.5 new ORs (the .5 is upgrading an existing Cysto room to an OR/Cysto). BMH will be filing a no cost extension to the \$18M HRSA grant, which was anticipated that this project would last longer than the grant period, with about \$4M remaining to pull down.

Affordable Housing Update: Continue to make progress with an anticipated break ground date of December.

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

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Allison Coppage sent the board annual Conflict of Interest Statements to complete for 2025.

Mr. Baxley provided the SCHA Economic Impact Report 2025 for the board to review.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary