

Bartlett Regional Hospital

AGENDA

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

February 9, 2021; 5:00 p.m.

Bartlett Regional Hospital – Zoom Teleconference

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [September 15, 2020](#) (Pg. 2)

IV. PEDIATRICIAN IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM
A. [Community Child Services Letter](#) (Pg. 4)

V. UPDATES

- A. General Surgery
- B. Medical Oncology
- C. Urology
- D. Pediatric Recruitment

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Committee Deliberation

Motion by XX, to move into Executive Session to discuss information that may tend to prejudice the reputation or character of any person and may impact future partnerships between BRH and other health care organizations, specifically to deliberate pediatrician services.

VII. COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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September 15, 2020 12:00 pm Minutes

Mission Statement

Bartlett Regional Hospital provides its community with quality, patient-centered care in a sustainable manner.

Members Present: Mark Johnson, Chair, Steve Strickler, DO, Lindy Jones, MD, John Raster, MD Chuck Bill, CEO, Kathy Callahan, Dir. Physician Services,

I. **Called to Order 12:02 pm via Zoom**

II. **Public Participation Invitation- None**

III. Mark Johnson called the meeting to order. Mr. Johnson asked Members to review the minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting. A **motion** to approve was made by Lindy Jones, MD and seconded by Steve Strickler, DO and approved.

IV. **Committee Make-Up** A discussion of the committee having a lack of Primary Care representation with Lindy Jones' move to JEMA and an agreement to have the group represented. A motion to add a Primary Care Member and an additional BOD member was made by Lindy Jones, MD and seconded by John Raster, MD and was approved.

V. **Updates:**

- a. **Medical Oncology:** Chuck reported that we are in the early stages of our medical oncologist search. We anticipate the 2 NP's hired will be starting soon and work through credentialing while providing care in the outpatient clinic.
- b. **Urology:** Chuck provided a summary of activity related to Dr. Saltzman again leaving Juneau until COVID ends and the BOD in the last meeting approving the search for a full time provider. BRH has started the search. Chuck has been communicating with Dr. Saltzman who supports BRH recruiting but has been talking with locums and possible part time providers. Robotics will be discussed at the strategic planning meeting this weekend. Drs. Strickler, Jones and Raster encouraged Administration to work with Dr. Saltzman in the transition and to have any candidates have the opportunity to speak with Dr. Saltzman. Also to reach out to any candidates that Dr. Saltzman has been communicating with about practice in Juneau. Lindy Jones, MD presented a motion to approve recruitment of a urologist if possible integrate them with Dr. Saltzman's practice. Dr. Raster seconded. Motion passed. Dr. Jones expressed the urgency to move on this as they are the hardest patients to medivac from the ED.
- c. **Anesthesia:** Chuck provided the committee with an update on his discussion with the Anesthesia providers and the assurance that they are forming a group by the first of the year and will begin the process of insurance contracting. Chuck also informed the

committee that two anesthesia providers, Drs. Powers and Chang are moving to Juneau fulltime. Members asked if Dr. Banyas was joining the group and Chuck did not think so. Dr. Raster will reach out to Dr. Banyas and Chuck was asked to contact him directly as well due to his 25-year history as an anesthesia provider at BRH.

- d. **General Surgery:** Kathy provided a report that BRH will be hosting a site visit the end of the month for a female general surgeon and her husband. A short discussion of the candidate occurred.
- e. **Psychiatry:** Chuck provided a report that we are continuing to recruit and that things are going amazingly well in Behavioral Health with adding providers to the group. Dr. Sonkiss is interested in returning and has achieved a variance with the state on the barrier crime. BRH will not consider his return until all court proceedings are completed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40

We wanted to update you on the development of our child psychiatry services at Bartlett Outpatient Psychiatry (BOPS).

As you know, the behavioral health needs of children and families continue to increase, more so in the face of the COVID pandemic. We're seeing more crisis visits to the ED, suicide attempts, and referrals for outpatient services. In addition to serving Juneau, we've been providing services to other communities in Southeast Alaska, most recently responding with on-site teams to the crises in Haines. BOPS is working hard to meet these needs. We have a full time child psychiatrist on-site, and another part-time child psychiatrist doing telepsychiatry in Anchorage; we have hired a number of therapists who are skilled with children and families, and we are developing a community-based Crisis Program. We are looking to contract with a neuropsychologist who would be available for testing and to consult with our treatment team. And of course, we are still on track to build our Crisis Stabilization Unit which we hope to have open in summer of 2022.

We have determined that adding a behavioral health pediatrician to our staff would be helpful to the development of this service line. We have been talking with Dr. Marna Schwartz for several months about this possibility and are delighted that she will soon be joining our team. She will consult with our other behavioral health providers to develop comprehensive treatment plans for our children and families, provide developmental assessments and recommend specialized evaluations when needed, and will address the complex interplay of medical and behavioral factors as well as medication side effects in this population. She will not be providing ongoing pediatric primary care services but will facilitate referrals to and coordination of care with pediatric primary care providers in the community. In addition, she will help us to meet the needs of the growing population of adults with developmental disabilities that we find ourselves serving.

We are honored to be able to provide a robust array of psychiatric services to the children and families of Southeast Alaska. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you have about our programs.

With warm regards,

Joanne Gartenberg, MD

Behavioral Health Medical Director

Bartlett Regional Hospital

Bradley Grigg, MA

Chief Behavioral Health Officer

Bartlett Regional Hospital