



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Open Session) MEETING
July 22, 2024**

Boone Health Conference Room C

Trustees Present: Dr. Jerry Kennett, Barry Orscheln, Jan Beckett, Judy Starr, Gary Thompson

Board of Directors: Dr. Charles Bondurant, Mary Beck, Randy Morrow, Stacye Smith

Other Attendees Present: **Executive Team:** Brady Dubois, Ken Woodward, Drew Wilkinson, Dr. Robin Blount, Shannon Kuczynski, Ed Clayton, Chris Jones

Others: Myrl Frevert, Velyn Persaud, and Shelly Rackers.

Guests: Boone County Commissioners: Kip Kendrick, Justin Aldred, and Jane Thompson

The open session meeting of the Boone County Hospital Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Jerry Kennett, Chairman.

The Boone County Commissioners Kip Kendrick, Justin Aldred, and Jane Thompson were present to publicly award ARPA funds to Boone Health in the amount of \$475,390, for the expansion of its Progressive Care Unit (PCU). This expansion will allow Boone Hospital Center to increase its capacity to provide care for high-acuity patients throughout its service area.

- The planned expansion of the PCU includes the following key enhancements:
Increase in Capacity: The unit will expand from 16 to 32 beds, doubling its ability to accommodate patients.
- **Improved Patient Flow:** The expansion will enable the hospital to better manage the flow of acuity-appropriate patients to the Progressive Care Unit.
- **Cardiology Overflow:** The expanded unit will serve as an overflow for cardiology patients, ensuring that specialized care is always available.
- **Updated Monitoring System:** The PCU will be equipped with an updated central cardiac monitoring system, enhancing patient safety and care.

This funding and expansion underscore Boone Health's commitment to providing top-tier medical care and meeting the growing healthcare needs of the community. The enhanced Progressive Care Unit will ensure that Boone Health remains a leader in delivering high-quality, specialized medical services.

Dr. Jerry Kennett directed the Board of Trustees to review the Consent Agenda items:

- Prior Month's Board of Trustee Minutes (May 20, 2024)
- May 2024 Trustee Financial Report

A motion was made by Jan Beckett and seconded by Gary Thompson to approve all consent agenda items as presented. The Trustees unanimously approved said motion.

Brady Dubois, CEO of Boone Health, shared that Boone Hospital Center has received multiple quality achievement awards from the American Heart Association (AHA) recognizing its commitment to high standards of patient care for stroke and NSTEMI heart attacks.

The American Heart Association's **Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke GoldPlus** quality achievement award recognizes our commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

Boone Hospital Center also received the AHA's **Target: StrokeSM Elite Honor Roll** award for meeting specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with thrombolytic therapy, and the **Target: Type 2 DiabetesTM Honor Roll** award for ensuring that patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, and brain cells die. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability, and accelerating recovery times.

Boone Hospital Center received the AHA's **Get With The Guidelines® – Coronary Artery Disease NSTEMI Gold** recognition for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as a non-ST elevation myocardial infarction, or NSTEMI. Each year, more than 546,000 people in the U.S. experience this type of dangerous heart attack, caused by a partial blockage of blood flow to the heart. Like all heart attacks, this requires timely treatment to restore blood flow as quickly as possible. Similar to the Stroke award, this designation is given to hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to treating patients following the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines for NSTEMI care, as outlined by the American Heart Association.

The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines programs help hospitals across the nation ensure their standards for patient care are aligned with the latest research and evidence-based guidelines for better patient outcomes.

Dr. Kennett shared with the Trustees that with the United Way campaign gearing up, the Board of Trustees has been asked by the United Way committee to donate \$1,500 for the Boone Health employee BBQ, to provide a meal with all proceeds going to the campaign.

A motion was made by Judy Starr and seconded by Barry Orscheln to approve the donation of \$1,500 to Boone Health in order to host their employee BBQ during the United Way campaign. The Trustees unanimously approved said motion.

A motion was then made by Jan Beckett and seconded by Gary Thompson to adjourn the Board of Trustees' meeting. The Trustees unanimously approved said motion.

The open session meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned by Dr. Jerry Kennett, Chairman at 5:20 p.m.


Jan Beckett, Secretary