Legal Structure, Governance, and Mission
Ownership: Private nonprofit
Governance change:
- In July 1966, two Boston public hospitals (one acute; one long-term care that was closed in 90 days by the agreement) and a private, non-profit hospital (Boston University Medical Center Hospital that was on the campus of but not owned by Boston University) consolidated to form the new, non-profit Boston Medical Center; change required state legislative changes.
- Boston Public Health Commission, a seven-member board, created by the same legislation to provide for public health responsibilities.
Governance: BMC Board of Trustees
Operation: Private nonprofit
Mission:
- Academic medical center and the primary teaching affiliate for Boston University School of Medicine
- Largest safety net hospital in New England and reaches into the community as a founding partner of Boston HealthNet, a network of 15 community health centers through Boston serving more than a quarter million people annually. (In 1997 provided $146 million in free care to vulnerable population)
- Largest 24-hour Level I trauma center in New England
- Boston Medical Center is a recognized leader in groundbreaking medical research. Boston Medical Center
- More than $126 million in sponsored research funding in 2010, and oversees 581 research and service projects separate from research activities at Boston University School of Medicine
- Mission to provide exceptional care, without exception
Beds: 639 (per 2009 Annual Report & BMC website)
Employees: 5,121 (per 2011 AHA Guide)
Clinics: Founding partner of 15 Community Health Centers

Sunshine and Sovereign Immunity
Sunshine: No  Sovereign Immunity: No

Hospital or Health System: Hospital
- Founding partner of Boston HealthNet, a network of 15 community health centers through Boston serving more than a quarter million people annually.

Board and Autonomy:  30 Trustees
- 10 appointed by the mayor of Boston
- 10 were appointed by the board of the nonprofit hospital in the merger
- 6 ex officio members
- 4 senior officials or physicians appointed by neighborhood health centers in Boston HealthNet

Financial Relationship with County/City: Limited; debt service on City of Boston owned property

Budget Approval
- Operating: Trustees.  Capital: ?
Assets
− Some BMC/some City of Boston
− Includes physical plant 90 year lease from City of Boston (Boston Public Health Service Commission)

Teaching Hospital: Yes; primary academic teaching hospital for Boston University School of Medicine

Independence: ?

Medical Staff
− Staffing: 1,300 Physicians
− Physicians’ compensation for indigent care: ?
− Physicians’ compensation for teaching: ?

Unions
− 10 bargaining units, 4 unions
− Labor contracts are not civil service

Unfunded Care
− How funded, percent funded, & limits: ?
− Contract with local government to fund indigent care: ?
− Federal and/or state funding: For indigent care via various mechanisms

Payor Mix
− 50% Low-income – Medicaid/Health Safety Net Pool (compensated uninsured)
− 30% Medicare
− 20% Commercial, self-pay & others

Revenues
BMC fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (per BMC 2009 Annual Report)
− Medicare ?
− Medicaid ?
− Charity Care ?
− Net Patient Revenue $874 million
− Grants & Contract Revenue $82 million
− Other Revenue $37 million
− Total Operating Revenue $993 million

Expenses
BMC fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (per BMC 2009 Annual Report)
− Salaries, Wages and Benefits $440 million
− Total Operating Expenses $1,017 million

Loss from Operations (per BMC 2009 Annual Report): $25 million