

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
TALLAHATCHIE GENERAL HOSPITAL**

**January 24, 2017**

On this date at the hour of 11:30 a.m., the Board of Trustees and Board of Trustees Executive Committee met in regular session at the hospital training room with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One  
Isaac W. Sayle, Trustee District Two  
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three  
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four  
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five (joined via Skype)  
Jim Blackwood, Administrator  
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer

Trustee Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the December 27, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Brunson gave the Board copies of the statistics for the providers showing their production in the hospital and the clinic for the month of December 2016. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for December 2016 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about this report. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the report of the Finance Committee for December 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Jan Maddux, the administrator for the Extended Care Facility, appeared before the Board and reported that she would like to discontinue outside hospice services

and that Dr. Carter, the pharmacy department and visiting pastors have agreed to provide the necessary care and services needed for our residents in this final stage of care. Ms. Maddux stated that we would like to continue to honor any existing hospice contracts in place. After a discussion of this matter, Trustee Lockett made a motion that the Extended Care Facility will provide all hospice services for our present residents not previously under hospice contract and any new admissions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood circulated the Administrator's comments, a copy of which appears as Exhibit 1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. Questions were asked and answered concerning the Administrator's comments. The Board entered executive session to discuss outstanding legal matters. Upon conclusion of that discussion, the Board adjourned executive session and resumed the general meeting.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for December 2016. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae also present the annual review for Tallahatchie General Hospital and Extended Care Facility, all clinics and the Wellness Center.

There being no further matters for discussion, the Board adjourned.

## **Administrator's Comments – Meeting of January 24, 2017**

**Nursing Home** – We have 98 patients and at 100% occupancy on both the general and special side. There are no expected discharges in the immediate future.

**New Physician Recruitment** – Dr. Cornelius Mayfield joined TGH as an employee physician the week of January 9. Dr. Mayfield had a very good first week. He was well received by patients and staff alike and had no difficulties in learning our electronic health record. Dr. Mayfield's arrival was timely as Dr. Wilde was extremely busy in the ED and otherwise would have been later than usual rounding on our hospital patients.

**Tutwiler Clinic** – We have not yet received notification from Medicare that our Form 855's have been approved. We are confident that they have received all the information they require. We are simply waiting for the paperwork to be processed.

**SRHT Grant** – I am pleased to report that TGH has been selected as one of nine (9) rural hospitals across the country to participate in a Quality Improvement project funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health. Specifically our project will relate to transitions in care which is primarily a function of our case management and discharge planning office. The kickoff call will take place Tuesday afternoon. The onsite consultation for this work will take place in the following weeks.

**DNV Annual Survey** – We have received notification that DNV has accepted our proposed plan of corrections. We may receive some follow up visits to insure that the POC is being implemented. If not, we will not expect to have surveyors upon site until this time next year.

**2016 Audit and Cost Report** – The auditors have completed all their field work, and Joey is currently assembling the information necessary for the cost report. I anticipate the cost report will be filed this time next month.

**IOP Consultant and Telehealth** – We are considering retaining Mr. Ben Bloom to assist us with our IOP programming and to potentially help us develop a process by which the psychiatric care can be delivered through telemedicine. This programming would be through a different type of telemedicine equipment which we saw a demonstration of last month. This is a new cutting edge technology that may greatly improve how these services are delivered in rural setting.

**Medicaid Rate Letter for First Quarter 2017** -We recently received a revised Medicaid rate letter. Our new rate per day is 228.98. A copy of the rate letter is enclosed.

**Legal Matters:**

**The Estate of William Brewer, Sr.** – Our attorney took the deposition of William and Ramona Brewer yesterday (January 19). I will provide an update of the case at our meeting in executive session.