

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

**November 28, 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 in the TGH Training Room with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One  
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two  
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three  
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four  
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five (via Skype)  
Jim Blackwood, Administrator  
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer  
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer  
Rani Richard, Finance Department

Trustee Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett 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 October 2017. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for October 2017 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the report of the Finance Committee as presented for October, 2017, but Mr. Hargett expressed that he is very concerned about the losses for the year and hopefully with the plans

## **Administrator's Comments – Meeting of November 27, 2017**

**Nursing Home** – We have 97 residents in the nursing home with one empty bed on the general care side. The vacant bed is a semi-private room that is currently being occupied by another male resident. We are looking for another male resident who is willing to share a semi-private room.

**New Services** -- We have identified a nurse currently on staff who is willing to serve as our CCM nurse. The nurse is currently on our school screening team. We have training for the new software scheduled in the next couple of weeks. We are reevaluating the location for infusion services. Recently, we made the decision to combine the activities and dining space in the nursing home to make room for an expanded physical/occupational therapy space. The space vacated by the therapy department may be more appropriate for infusion as it is closer to the ER. We have contracts in place with two LCSWs who will begin therapy sessions in our nursing home after Thanksgiving.

**New Administrative Space** – Administration has moved its offices to the Shankerman house. However, our Board meeting will remain in the training room across the hall from the former administrative space.

**New 340B Pharmacy Participant** – Last month, I informed you that we had retained a former 340B consultants, Rob Nahoppi, to get his take on the new fee structure proposed by Fred's. Mr. Nahoppi said the fee structure was similar to other successful programs he is familiar with in the Northeast. We will evaluate the new fee structure for 90 days. If we see a reduction in 340B fees to the point it exceeds the costs that would be incurred with creating our own retail pharmacy, we will come back to you to discuss the merits of that concept.

**Screen Team** – North Sunflower has participated in a hearing before the Mississippi Division of Medicaid concerning the suspension of payments for its dental and school screening program, but has not yet received a decision. In the meantime, we have identified a possible new service that

some of our staff could provide. CMS recently created two new services for Medicare beneficiaries. The two services are the Initial Preventive Physical Examinations and Annual Wellness Exams. We should have our research on this possibility shortly after Thanksgiving. If we conclude that this move is financially viable, it will complement our new CCM service as well as our Diabetes Self-Management Education program.

**Corporate Compliance Program** – The policies and procedures for our new corporate compliance program are complete and initial training with department heads has been scheduled. Additional in-services with staff will be scheduled between now and the end of the calendar year.

**New Activity Space** – We have completed the transition combining activities and dining in the nursing home. Historically, there have been 10 or fewer residents who regularly attended the old activity space. Of those residents, there have been two resident family members who have expressed very vocal disapproval of the move from the old space. However, since the move to a more central location, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of other residents who are now attending activities who previously simply did not. We believe that long term, this move will have a greater positive impact on the number of residents participating in activities as a whole.

**Audit Field Work** – Our auditors have completed their field work for the audit of our last fiscal year. There were no significant in-field reclassifications, which is a direct result of the excellent work our accounting staff performed throughout the year and immediately following the close of our fiscal year.

**Annual Incentives** – We distributed incentive checks last Friday for our 2017 incentive program. As in years past, this was extremely well received by staff.

**Christmas Party** – Our annual Christmas party will be held in the Wellness Center on Friday, December 8, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We invite you and your spouses to celebrate this time with us.

**Legal Matters:**

**The Estate of William Brewer, Sr.** – No new developments.

that have been suggested that this situation will improve. 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.

Mr. McRae presented the Emergency Operation Plans for the Hospital and Clinics. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for October 2017. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

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