

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

**July 24, 2018**

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 boardroom in the Administration House 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, CEO  
Buddy McRae, COO  
Joey Brunson, CFO

Trustee Sayle opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all trustees voting "Aye" approving the minutes of the meeting.

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 June 2018. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the June 2018 financials. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the summary report of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett 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. Blackwood gave a report as to TGH Discount Pharmacy and the various steps that have been completed with the various commercial insurance companies. Also, Mr. Blackwood requested that the Board authorize him to implement an employee incentive to allow up to 50% of the co-pay and deductibles to TGH employees that have BCBS insurance which will increase the utilization of the pharmacy and allow reimbursement of the cost on the cost report. Trustee Hargett made the motion that Mr. Blackwood be allowed to implement this employee incentive to employees with BCBS insurance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS for June, 2018. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae also presented the policy entitled "Patient's Signed Consent to Treat – Electronic and/or Paper (Holcomb Clinic)". After review of the policy, a motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey, with all Trustees voting "Aye" approving the policy.

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

## **Administrator's Comments – Meeting of July 24, 2018**

**Population Health Initiatives** – We continue to enroll patients in our Chronic Care Management (“CCM”) program. We currently have a census of 72 patients, an increase of 8 patients from last month. We have begun the roll-out for this service in Tutwiler. We had to reschedule the roll-out for Holcomb, which will take place in the next two weeks.

**Infusion Service** – Our volume decreased slightly in June. We performed 19 infusions in the month of June. However, the bulk of these services are and have been Medicare patients. Therefore, we have covered our costs in performing the service. We are making inquiries with Community Infusion Services, a company that specializes in setting hospital based infusion centers to determine whether they have any resources to help us with this program.

**Acquisition of Southern Discount Drugs** – We closed on the acquisition of Southern Discount Drugs on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. We have assembled our transition team, which is meeting weekly. We are in the process of converting all accounts over to TGH Discount Pharmacy and have begun the process of applying for in-network status with CVS Caremark.

**Nursing Home Survey** – The state survey team appeared on Sunday, July 8, 2018. I am very proud to report that the survey did not cite the facility with a single deficiency. The staff worked extremely well together and was a tremendous team effort. This falls on the heels of being recognized my Nursing Home Compare for receiving 4 out of 5 stars for quality, a significant increase in our prior scores. Our nursing home administration and nursing leadership are already working on issues to work towards achieving a 5-star rating.

**Hospital Compare** – We have also received recognition from CMS as a 5-star rated HCAHPS facility. We have placed a banner at the front entrance advertising this accomplishment.

**SRHT Recognition** – As you may recall, we participated in the Small Rural Hospital Transition Project, a program administered by the National Rural Health Resource Center. The intent of this program is to prepare rural hospitals to transition into Value Based Purchasing reimbursement models. We participated in our final reporting call last week, during which the SRHT team informed us they intended to highlight our hospital in their next newsletter for successfully implementing their recommendations.

**Quality Assurance** – Our quality committee will be meeting more frequently as we approach the window for DNV to evaluate our ISO certification. As we have discussed previously, the ISO component is a quality management system for addressing quality issues once they are identified.

**Legal Matters:**

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