

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

**April 27, 2021**

On this date at the hour of 10:30 a.m., the Board of Trustees and Board of Trustees Executive Committee met in regular session in the boardroom at 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  
Jim Blackwood, Administrator  
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer  
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer  
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett 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 March 2021. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the March 2021 financials. Questions were asked and answered about the report. 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 reported to the Board that notice to bidders for the sale of a 2004 Ford F150 truck was published in The Sun Sentinel on the dates of April 1, 8 and 15, 2021. This truck is no longer in working condition. One bid was received as to said notice and said bid was opened at the meeting. The bid received was the bid of JJ Merchant in the amount of \$379.79. Trustee Speir wanted to check with a local person to see if the truck was worth more than this bid. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to table the matter of the sale of the truck until Mr. Speir could obtain more information. Trustee Murphey seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood also presented to the Board that he had met with representatives of 340B Together, a service that helps facilities participating in the 340B prescription drug program capture more of the charges available through 340B. They submitted a proposal for the fees that are driven with what we usually pay and how effective this program has been for various hospitals. Examples were given as to how we can benefit from this program. After a discuss of this matter, Mr. Blackwood is to get back with the representatives of 340B Together and fine tune a few items before a decision is made. Mr. Blackwood stated that he would contact each Trustee after he has received the information and determine if a decision can be made at that time.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS for March, 2021. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

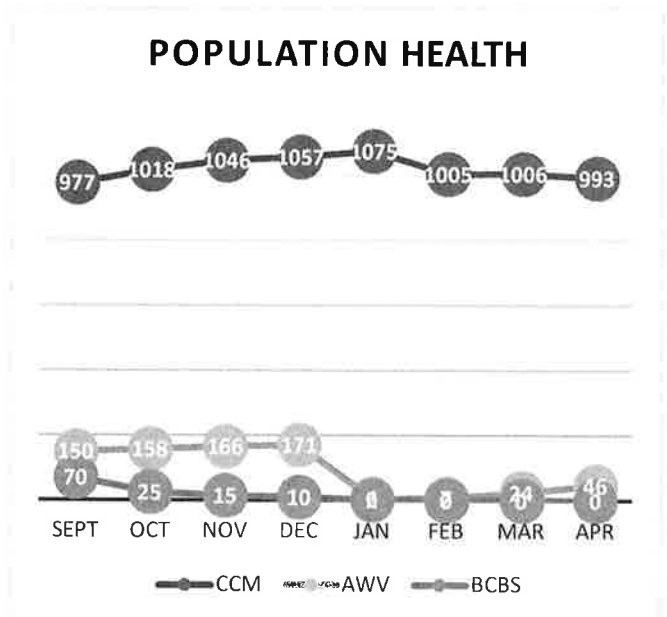
There being no further matters for discussion, the Board adjourned.

**Administrator’s Comments – Meeting of April 27, 2021**

**Nursing Home Census** – We have 72 residents in the nursing home, with 12 beds open on the general care side and 14 on the special care side. We admitted 3 new residents last month. Referrals do appear to be increasing, with 2 new residents we hope to admit this week.

**ACO and Population Health Initiatives** –We have enrolled 993 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, down from 1,006 last month. We have now conducted 46 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits. BCBS Color Me Healthy exams remain flat.

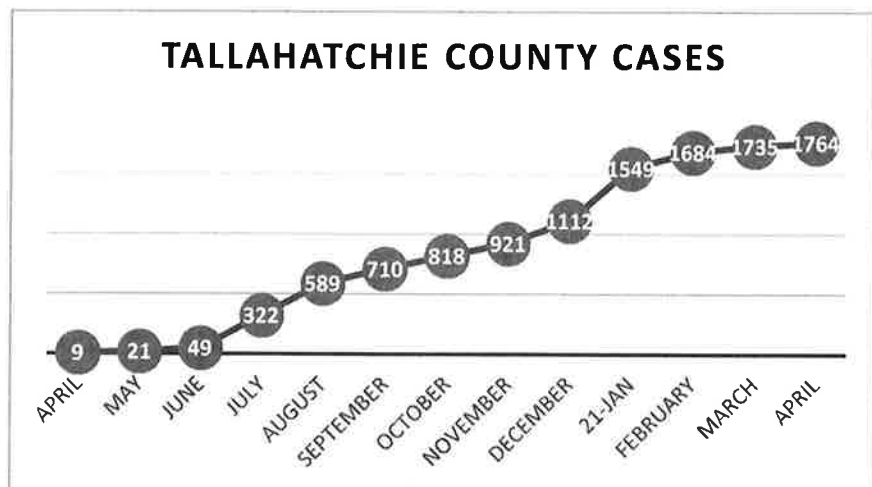
**TGH Discount Pharmacy** – We filled 4,847 prescriptions in March, up from 4,008 prescriptions in February.



**COVID-19** – Tallahatchie County’s number of COVID-19 cases increased slightly last month, currently at 1,764 (up from 1,735 last month). There

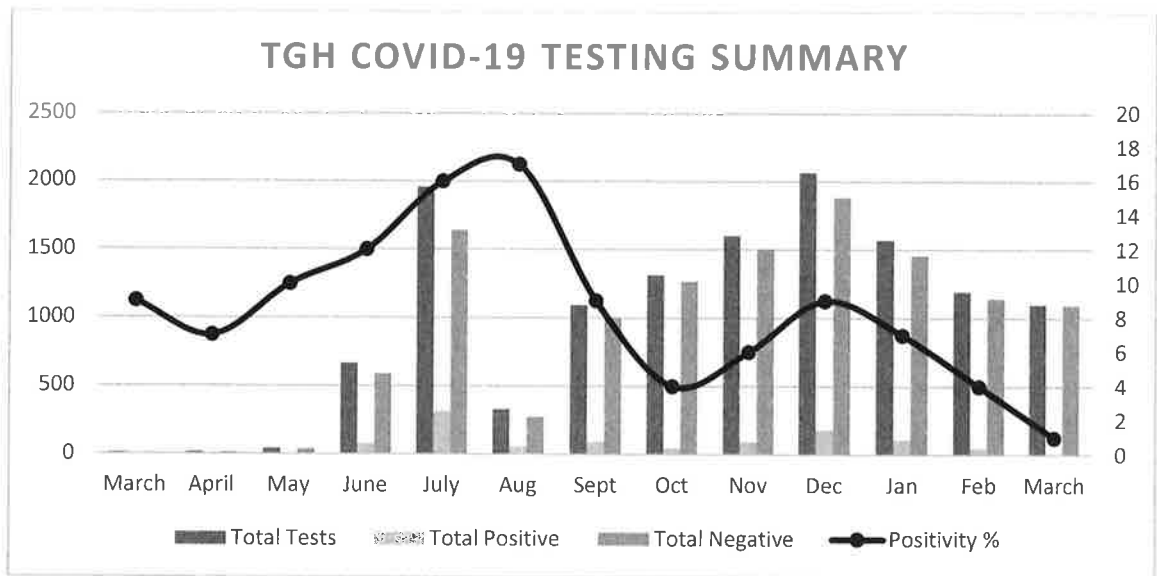
was one additional death last month, bringing the county's total number of COVID-19 deaths to 40.

We currently have no positive ECF residents; we occasionally have positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among TGH staff remain relatively limited and sporadic.



Our program of offering the vaccine to the public every week at the tornado shelter has been successful, although demand has tapered off substantially. To date, we have administered vaccines to 990 members of the public. We currently have 40 Moderna doses on hand, but calls for vaccine appointments have almost completely stopped. This week, the Mississippi Department of Health will be offering the vaccine in Charleston on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, in Tutwiler on Wednesday, and in Sumner on Thursday. Obtaining additional doses from the state has not been difficult lately.

We continue to follow our more-relaxed rules related to visitation in the hospital and ECF. On the advice of our medical staff, we have also stopped mandatory weekly testing of hospital employees (the ECF is governed by another set of regulatory guidelines). Employees are only tested now if they believe they might have been exposed, or if they become symptomatic. We will continue to monitor new infections and revisit these policies as needed.



**Tuwiler Clinic:** As I indicated last month, I have learned that the TGH Foundation is reviewing its options related to renovating the existing clinic building or constructing a new one. I have also learned that it is exploring the possibility of building a new facility in Tutwiler on Highway 49. I will continue to pass along any updates I receive that may affect TGH's interests as the lessee of the building.

**Marketing Initiative:** Our marketing efforts to increase visitors to our hospital, ECF, clinics, wellness center and pharmacy are increasing. This is being done through a mixture of television, internet and billboard advertising. Our plan is to continue this push for approximately 6 months and then evaluate its effectiveness.

**TGH Discount Pharmacy:** In addition to purchasing a vehicle for our home delivery service, we have now identified a delivery driver and worked with the pharmacy's software provider to handle delivery logistics.

The pharmacy's computer management program, QS/1, has merged with Pioneer, another vendor. This has necessitated a switchover to a new software program that was installed last week. This will also require our customers who use our mobile app to install a new one, although the new version will allow customers to view their refill history, request refills and

then choose for pickup or home delivery. Customers will also be able to securely message the pharmacy. We plan to include the new app and delivery service in our ongoing marketing initiative.

We have a call scheduled with one of our vendors to discuss carrying more over-the-counter items in the front of the store.

**340B Proposal:** Last week I was approached by representatives of 340B Together, a service that helps facilities participating in the 340B prescription drug program capture more of those charges. I will briefly outline the proposal in my comments at the meeting.

**Legal Matters:** None.