

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

August 24, 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 multipurpose room at the James C. Kennedy Wellness Center 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, CEO
Buddy McRae, COO
Joey Brunson, CFO
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Lockett 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 July 2021. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the July 2021 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. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS for Ju37, 2021. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae presented the policies and procedures for the clinics. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve these policies and procedures. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae also presented the QAPI plan for the hospital and nursing home. Upon review of the plan, Trustee Lockett made a motion that the plan be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood presented to the Board the matter of a pay increase for those staff members who had not received any increase in benefits since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Blackwood asked the Board to award these employees a pay increase of 5% across the Board effective with the first payroll of the new fiscal year. Mr. Blackwood also included that the employees hired after July 1, 2021, be excluded. After a brief discussion as to this pay increase, a motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve a 5% pay increase across the Board for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2021 and who had not received any pay increase during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

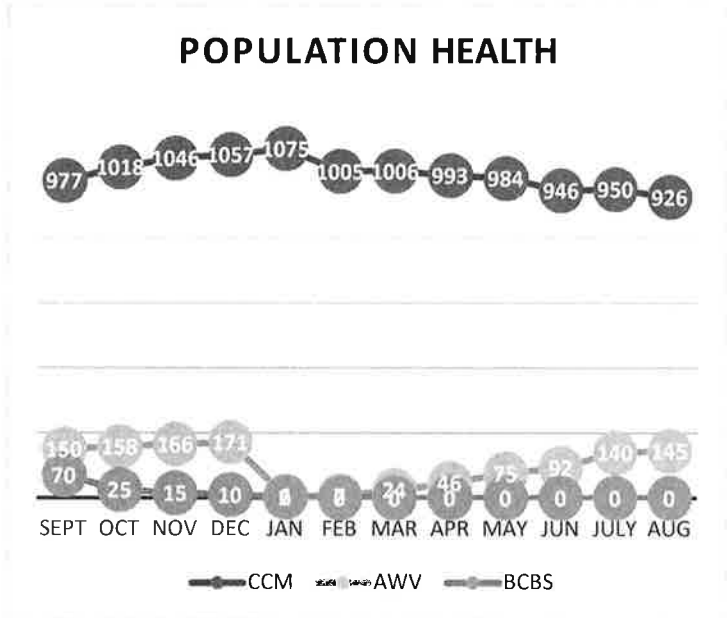
There being no further matters for discussion, the board adjourned.

Administrator's Comments – Meeting of August 24, 2021

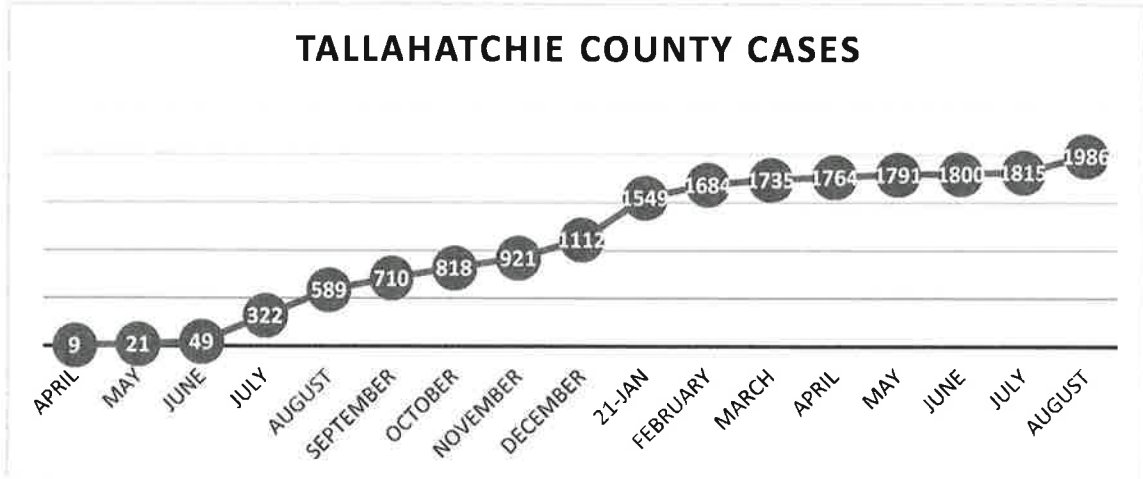
Nursing Home Census – Our census is down two from last month, with 70 residents in the nursing home. We had two deaths over the previous month from natural causes. We have 14 beds open on the general care side and 14 on the special care side. Since the beginning of the year, we have had 9 admissions and 14 deaths.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives –We have enrolled 926 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, down from 950 last month. We have now conducted 145 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, up from 140 last month. BCBS Color Me Healthy exams remain flat.

TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 4,256 prescriptions in June, down from 4,725 prescriptions in June.

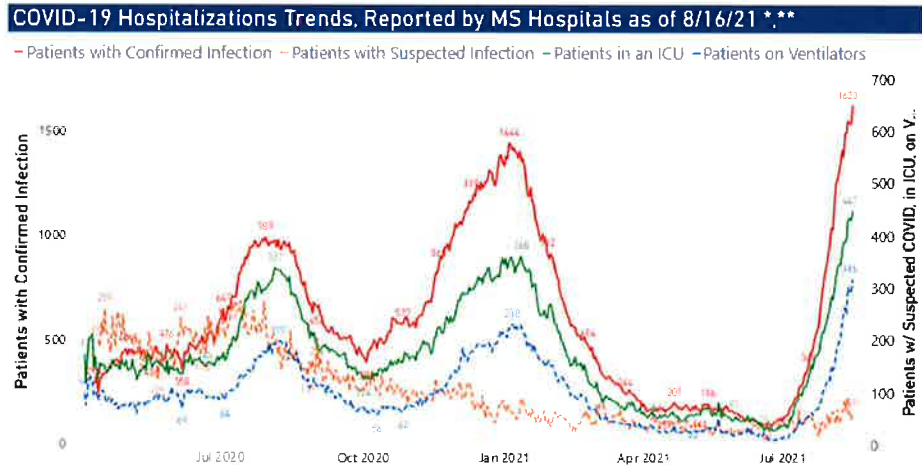


COVID-19 – Tallahatchie County’s number of COVID-19 cases increased to 1,986, up from 1,815 last month. There were three additional deaths last month, bringing the county’s total number of COVID-19 deaths to 45.



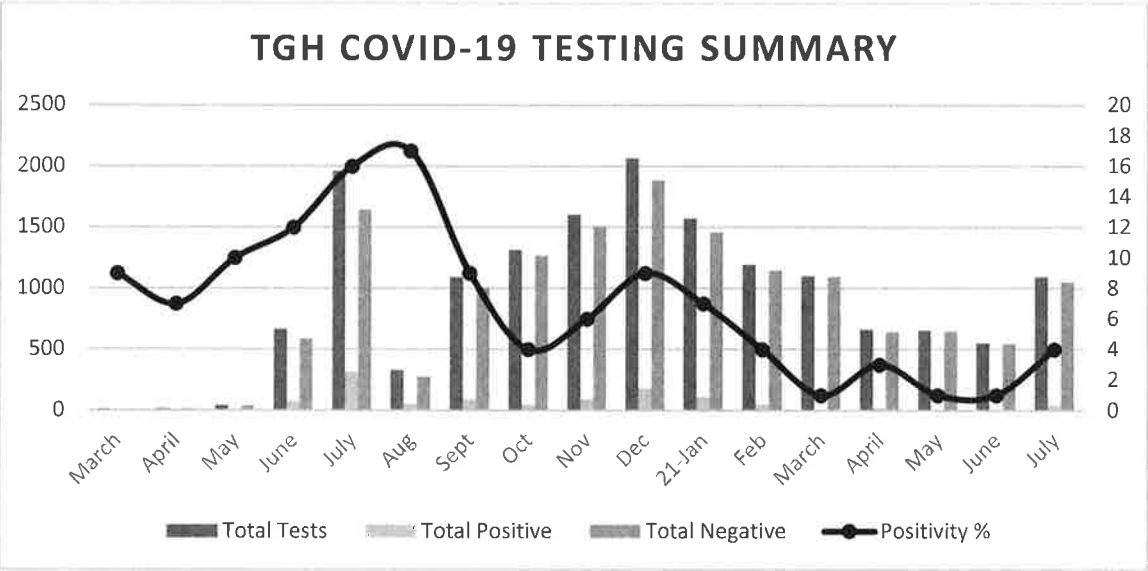
We currently have no positive ECF residents, and no positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among staff, which had increased last month, seem to have become more sporadic.

As has been widely reported, the Delta variant has come to Mississippi in full force. As this chart from the Mississippi



Department of Health shows, we are now experiencing a surge of new infections surpassing the spike in January. The number of COVID tests performed at TGH doubled from June to July, with a corresponding increase in the positivity rate.

Demand for COVID vaccinations has markedly increased in the last several weeks. Before the Delta variant emerged, our clinics were performing approximately 20 vaccinations a week; the past three weeks we have done a minimum of 60 per week. We have been contacted by Tallahatchie school superintendents about offering the vaccine on-site to students and their families, and are coordinating with them to perform this service in the next few weeks.



Storm Damage: Work is now underway on replacing the fire alarm, nurse call and door control systems. The fire alarm system will take the longest to replace, hopefully being completed in the next six weeks. The other two systems should already be installed before the fire alarm system is complete.

ECF Courtyard Project: Chairman Spier and I recently met with potential donors who may help fund construction of the ECF courtyard. We had already received two conceptual plans for the project, but these donors requested that we get a complete set of plans and pricing drawn up. Our architect is now working on the plans, and we have made the donors aware that this information will be available soon.

DNV Site Visit: DNV has now notified us that, due to the nationwide spread of the Delta variant, our survey will again be virtual this year. We have been asked if there are any dates in September and October when key personnel will be out, obviously indicating that our survey window will be sometime in those two months.

ACO Shared Savings: Last week I participated in a conference call with the managers of our Accountable Care Organization. Our ACO has achieved enough savings as a group to be eligible for a shared savings payment. Calculations will be performed over the next few weeks to determine what, if any, payments we and the other members will be eligible for.

Tutwiler Clinic: The latest word I have received is that the TGH Foundation is still actively in discussions with several landowners about procuring a site for a new clinic building. I will pass along any new information as I receive it.

Legal Matters: None.