

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

**August 23, 2022**

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 Administrative 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, CEO  
Buddy McRae, COO  
Joey Brunson, CFO  
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Lockett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett 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 2022. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the July 2022 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 Murphey 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 requested that the Board enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to enter into executive session to discuss the personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion. After a discussion of this matter, Trustee Sayle made a motion that the board exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

After exiting executive session, Trustee Murphey made a motion that Mr. Blackwood be authorized to approach Dr. Joseph Kordsmeier with an employment contract as discussed. 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 for July, 2022. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

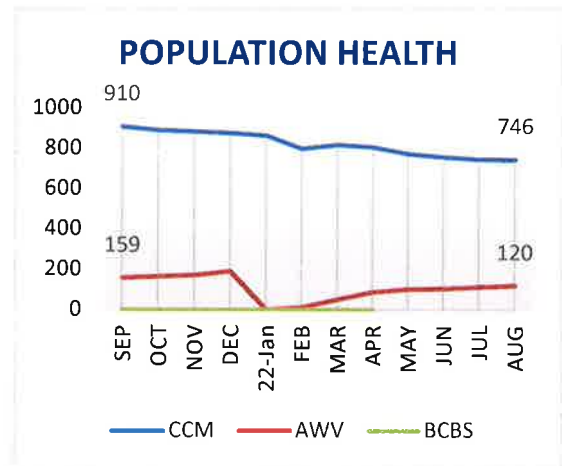
There being no further matters for discussion, the board adjourned.

## Administrator's Comments – Meeting of August 23, 2022

**Nursing Home Census:** We have 74 residents in the nursing home, down two from last month. We have 10 beds open on the general care side and 14 on the special care side.

The ECF census has now been stubbornly low since 2020. While referrals have increased over the last year, our ability to care for a large influx of new residents is hampered by the continuing nursing shortage. We have now put together a special group of administration, ECF and accounting staff to review referrals and attempt to manage staffing issues.

**ACO and Population Health Initiatives:** We have 746 participants enrolled in our Chronic Care Management program, down slightly from 748 last month. We have conducted 120 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits in 2022, up from 112 last month.



**TGH Discount Pharmacy:** We filled 4,776 prescriptions in July, down from 5,203 in June, but higher than the 4,256 filled in the same month last year. We made 273 deliveries in July, down from the 323 deliveries made in June.

**COVID-19:** Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases increased to 3,492, up from 3,345 last month. The county's total number of fatalities increased from 60 to 62.

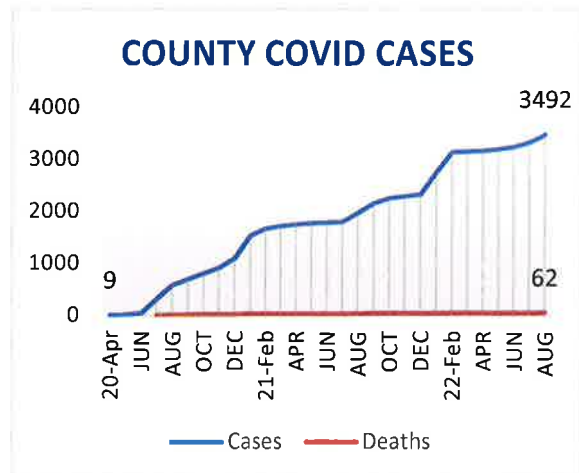


We continue to see a slow, but steady, stream of hospital patients, ECF residents and staff testing positive for Covid, although the

outbreaks are sporadic and symptoms are generally mild, likely owing to high vaccination rates.

**EMTALA Complaint Resolution:** In March, I reported that a team of surveyors from the Mississippi Department of Health, and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), conducted a surprise visit to investigate an EMTALA complaint made by an ED patient’s family member. We have now received CMS’ report, which essentially said that the attending physician could have performed additional tests before discharging the patient. We did not receive any penalties or monetary fines, and our plan of correction was accepted the same day it was submitted, with no onsite follow-up visit. This tends to indicate that CMS did not view the complaint as a serious one.

**ECF Courtyard:** The contractor hired by the Foundation to construct the ECF courtyard is now onsite and beginning to move in equipment to perform dirt work and grading. We have taken “before” pictures of the courtyard and discussed the project with Clay McFerrin, who will run an article in the paper about it to publicize the beginning and completion of the project. We are hopeful that it will be completed in time to have a fall festival as its first major event.

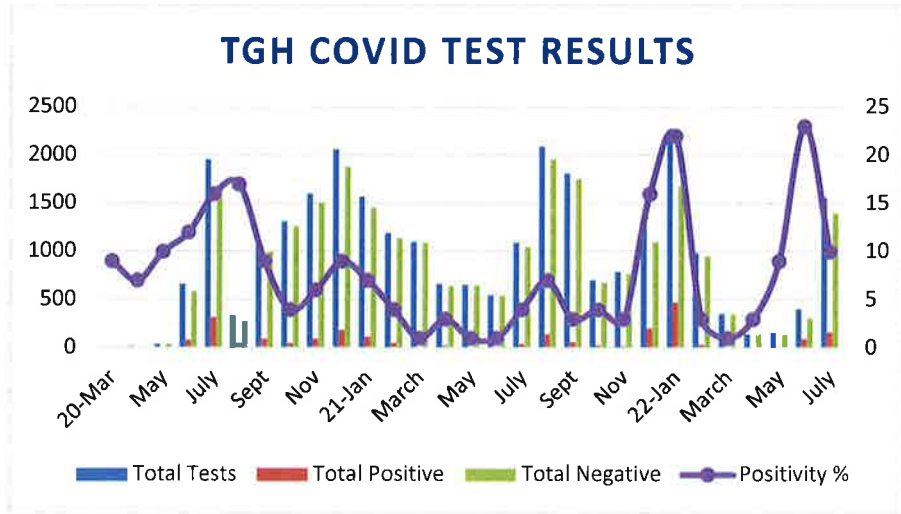


**ECF Surveys:** An MDS survey was done in July. MDS (Minimum Data Set) surveys are done to ensure that nursing homes are accurately recording information related to residents’ health problems and acuity levels. The survey found no deficiencies. An unscheduled survey was also done in the last month related to a complaint from a resident’s family member. The complaint was found to be unsubstantiated, and we are providing additional documentation so that the file can hopefully be closed soon.

**New Provider Recruitment:**

At the time of this writing, we have scheduled an informal opportunity for the Board to meet with Dr. Kordsmeier for breakfast on

Saturday, August 20. Dr. Kordsmeier has now worked a few Saturdays in the Charleston Clinic, and early indications are that he has been capable and personable.



**Tutwiler Clinic:** No updates.

**Legal Matters:** None.