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

## **December 22, 2020**

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 in the James C. Kennedy Wellness Center with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One (via telephone)
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer
Rani Richard, Finance Department

Trustee Sayle opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Lockett to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle 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 November 2020. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered with the Board requesting that the clinic visits be broken down by telehealth, chronic care management, and wellness visits.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for November 2020 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the report of the Finance Committee as presented for November, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

The Administrator's comments were circulated, a copy of which appears as Exhibit 1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. After presentation by Mr. Blackwood, questions were asked and answered concerning the Administrator's comments. Mr. Blackwood reported to the Board that he had received information from the Circuit Clerk's office that the Brewer matter is being dismissed.

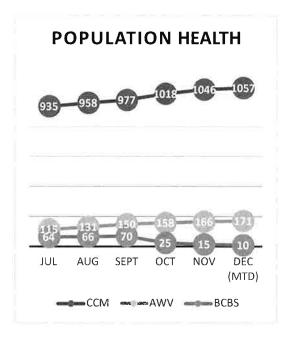
Mr. Blackwood circulated the Quality Report and HCAPHS Report for November, 2020. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

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

## <u>Administrator's Comments – Meeting of December 22, 2020</u>

Nursing Home Census – We have 78 residents in the nursing home, with 12 beds open on the general care side and 8 on the special care side.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives – Our Population Health/ACO initiatives continue to grow. We have now enrolled 1,057 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, up from 1,046 last month. We have now conducted 171 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, up from 166 last month. Our Blue Cross/Blue Shield Color Me Healthy participants dropped from 15 to 10, since CMH participants are automatically removed from the program if they do not receive regular physicals. COVID disrupted many of those regular physicals, leading to a decline in the number of CMH participants.

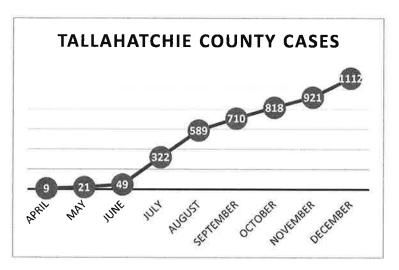


<u>TGH Discount Pharmacy</u> – We filled 4,401 prescriptions in November, down from 4,987 prescriptions in October.

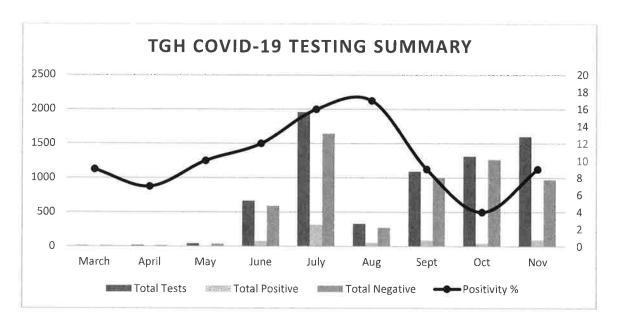


<u>COVID-19</u> – Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, currently at 1,112 (up from 921 last month). There have been 29 COVID-19 related deaths of Tallahatchie County residents.

In the past month, the ECF experienced an increase of positive cases, with 12 residents and 7 employees testing positive. Fortunately, there have not yet been any resident deaths and, while some infected residents' health is questionable, most have



already recovered. All of the infected ECF employees have either already recovered or are expected to recover without issue. All ECF residents are tested once per week, and all ECF staff are tested twice per week.



Last week, the Mississippi Department of Health conducted a surprise inspection of the ECF to review our infection control procedures, and found no deficiencies. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> one of these inspections we have had since

the pandemic began, all of which have resulted in no deficiencies being found.

In the hospital, there were 2 cases of hospital-acquired infection; both patients have been discharged and we believe are recovering. We have admitted and cared for a handful of patients with COVID and either discharged them or transferred them to other facilities. We have had 6 members of our hospital staff test positive, all of whom have recovered. All hospital staff are currently being tested once per week.

Two vaccines are about to be available, one from Pfizer and the other from Moderna. Last week, the Food and Drug Administration approved an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer vaccine, authorizing its release. We expect that an EUA will be granted for the Moderna vaccine any day now.

Approximately 2 weeks ago, we were notified by the Mississippi Department of Health that our hospital and clinics had been allocated 167 doses of the Pfizer vaccine that we would receive once the EUA was granted (the ECF's vaccine supply will come through another program via Walgreen's and CVS). We asked our medical leadership to prioritize which employee groups would receive it first, since 167 doses would not be enough. We were then notified that, instead of receiving 167 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, we were being allocated 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine. We have tentatively been told that we will receive these doses on Monday, December 21, subject to Moderna being granted an EUA. Whichever vaccine arrives and in whatever quantity, we have made preparations to distribute it as quickly as possible, with a priority for doctors, nurses and staff involved in direct patient care.

Construction of the visitation booth facility is complete, and the ECF plans to use it beginning this week for Christmas visitors.

**2020 Employee Christmas Party**: In lieu of an annual employee Christmas party, we are distributing gift bags to all TGH employees with gift cards totaling approximately \$240. These are being paid for with a gift

from the Kennedy Foundation, which is being supplemented by the management company.

## **Legal Matters**:

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