

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

**February 26, 2019**

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 in the board room at the Administration House with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One  
Isaac W. 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

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett 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 January 2019. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for January 2019 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about this report. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the report of the Finance Committee for January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett 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 Report for January, 2019. 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 February 26, 2019**

**ACO Implementation** – The ACO implementation is underway. We have assigned coordination responsibilities for the first-year ACO requirements to an existing staff member, Christy Knighton. Currently, we are in the process of ensuring that we are capturing HCC codes and transmitting our data electronically to the central database to determine our initial Medicare attribution.

**Population Health Initiatives** – We have had a personnel change in our CCM programming. We are seeing progress in the areas that previously appeared bottlenecked. Additional staff at Holcomb and Tutwiler are contributing and patients from those markets are participating in the program. We are also seeing increased usage of the Annual Wellness Visit, which is a driver of the CCM programming and a point of capture for the HCC codes referenced above.

**TGH Discount Pharmacy** – We have received notification from CVS/Caremark that they have denied our application to be included in their network. The reason stated is “the current pharmacy staff are the same individuals who were employed by [Southern Discount Drugs], which was terminated from the CVS Caremark networks due to significant audit findings.” I am enclosing a copy of the letter for your review. Pursuant to the letter, we are permitted to reapply after April 9, 2019, which will be the one-year mark subsequent to Southern's exclusion from the network.

We have prepared a letter in response to CVS Caremark stating why we believe their decision is ill-founded. However, because the date for reapplication is not far away, we think it unlikely that they will reverse their decision, and simply tell us to submit a new application. Nonetheless, we are submitting the letter to establish a record in the event it is needed in the future.

We filled 3,889 prescriptions in January, up from 3,550 in December.

**Cost Report and Audit** – Mr. Brunson is very close to having our cost report ready for submission. The cost report will be filed by the deadline of February 28, 2019. Subsequent to the cost report filing, the auditors will finalize our annual audit report. As in years past, we anticipate the audit will be presented at our April board meeting.

**Tutwiler Clinic and Sister Cora Lee** – The retirement party for Sister Cora Lee Middleton has been set for March 22, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Tutwiler Community Center. We invite you all to attend.

**Holcomb Clinic** – Monica Carter will begin seeing patients at the Holcomb Clinic on February 25.

**Legal Matters:**

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