

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

**February 25, 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 board room at the Administration House with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One  
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three  
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four  
Jim Blackwood, Administrator  
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer  
Rani Richard – Finance Department  
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett 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 2020. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for January 2020 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about this report. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the report of the Finance Committee for January 2020. 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 also reported to the Board that hospital has received the new Medicaid Rate letter for the fourth quarter of 2019. Mr. Blackwood requested that the private room rate for the extended care facility be raised due to the new rate increase. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to raise the nursing home private room rate to \$244.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for January, 2020. 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 25, 2020**

**Nursing Home Census** – We have 92 residents in the nursing home, with three beds open on the general care side and three on the special care side.

**ACO and Population Health Initiatives** – Growth continues in our Accountable Care Organization and Population Health programs. We currently have 350 active Chronic Care Management patients (up from 330 in January), and we have conducted 55 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits (up from 40 in January). We have also conducted 88 Blue Cross Color Me Healthy exams (unchanged since last month).

**TGH Discount Pharmacy** – We filled 6,484 prescriptions in January, up from 5,886 filled in December. We also set a new record for most prescriptions filled in a single day (503). Our software provider is now installing the software to sync our prescriptions and employee training is underway.

**340B Program Audit** – An auditor conducted an on-site audit of our 340B program on February 17, 2020. The audit went well, and was concluded in one day instead of the scheduled time of two days. The auditor indicated that we would receive a final report later, but that she had not seen anything of concern.

**CMS Desk Review** – I have previously briefed the board regarding ongoing discussions with CMS related to a desk review being conducted of our allocation of time and expenses of ED providers. Neither we nor our auditors have heard anything further from CMS. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise the board as necessary.

**Preliminary Medicare Cost Report Results** – Since we initiated cost-cutting measures, TGH's annual loss shrank significantly last year. As we maintained those measures over the last year, we have seen mostly small monthly profits, and so we were hopeful that this year's loss would be even smaller. We have also been anticipating that we would have a payback to

Medicare, and so we have budgeted and saved over \$900,000 for that purpose throughout the year.

The first draft of our Medicare cost report indicated that our payback may be significantly higher than the \$900,000 we have saved. Let me stress that these are early indications based on preliminary figures, and our accounting staff (along with Watkins, Ward & Stafford) have already found some items that needed to be reclassified, which have lowered the figure.

We will not have a final number on what our payback to Medicare will be, which will in turn affect our final profit or loss for the year, for a few more weeks, but we wanted to advise you as early as possible. We will update you as soon as we receive more information.

**Meeting Time Reminder** – As a reminder, our finance committee meeting will begin at 10:00. Our regular board meeting will begin at 10:30.

**Legal Matters:**

**Network Services Solutions** – No new developments.

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