

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

February 23, 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
Isaac W. Sayle, Trustee District Two
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer
Rani Richard, Finance Department

Trustee Lockett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the January 26, 2021 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, 2021. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for January, 2021 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, 2021. 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 presented to the Board that we are ready to proceed with the purchase of a vehicle for the pharmacy delivery service. Mr. Blackwood advised the Board that the Medical Foundation has agreed to pay for the purchase of this vehicle. Also, Mr. Blackwood reported that one of the maintenance vehicles had suffered engine failure and was declared a total loss. Mr. Blackwood requested permission to purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle for the maintenance department in the price range of \$20,000 - \$25,000. Trustee Murphey made the motion that Mr. Blackwood be authorized to purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle for the maintenance department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the purchase.

Further, Mr. Blackwood discussed the water issues that arose during the winter storm that Tallahatchie County recently experienced along with other issues that the hospital has experienced over the years with the local water supply. Mr. Blackwood requested permission to consult with a civil engineer as to our options for a water source other than the local water supply. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle authorizing Mr. Blackwood to consult with a civil engineer as to our options for a water source. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all members voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report for January, 2021. There was not an HCAHPS report as no surveys had been submitted for January, 2021.

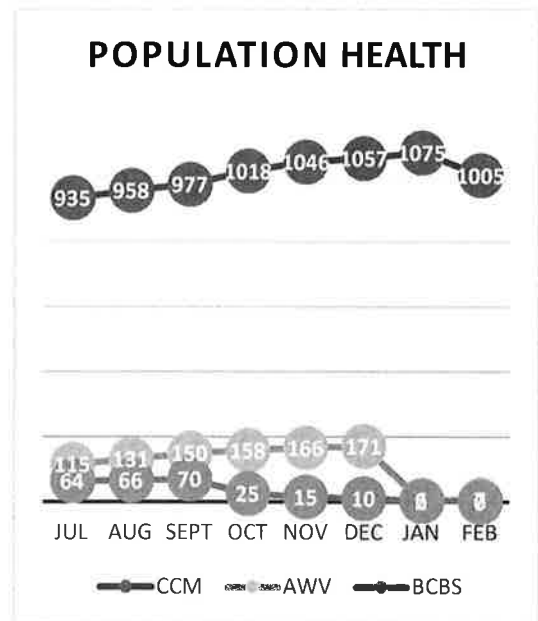
There being no further matters for discussion, the Board adjourned.

Administrator's Comments – Meeting of February 23, 2021

Nursing Home Census – We have 70 residents in the nursing home, with 14 beds open on the general care side and 14 on the special care side.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives –

We currently have enrolled 1,005 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, down from 1,075 last month. The decrease is attributable to COVID-related decreased clinic visits, as well as some participants enrolling in Medicare plans, although many have already called to inquire about switching back. We conducted 1 Medicare Annual Wellness Visit in February (the count of AWWs begins again every January). Our Blue Cross/Blue Shield Color Me Healthy participants dropped from 2 to 0, again because of lack of BCBS insureds visiting the clinic.

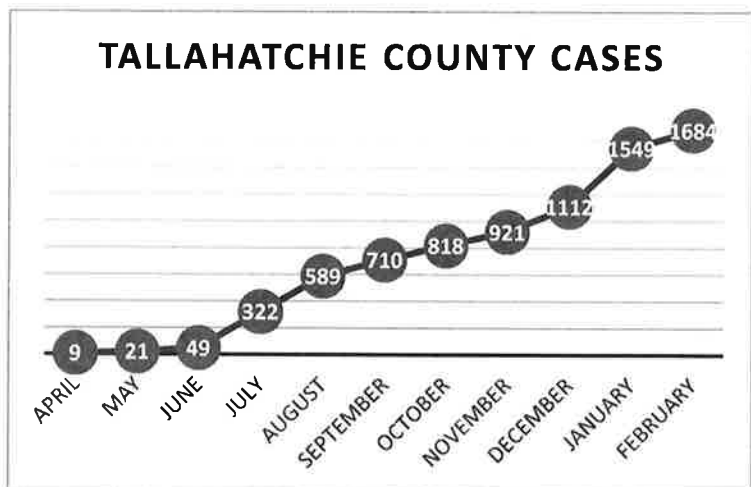


TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 4,529 prescriptions in January, down from 4,753 prescriptions in December.



COVID-19 – Tallahatchie County’s number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, currently at 1,684 (up from 1,549 last month). There have been 39 COVID-19 related deaths of Tallahatchie County residents. Although Tallahatchie County’s infection rate continues to increase, this month’s increase is much smaller (approximately 4%) than last month’s. Last month, Tallahatchie County had the highest new infection rate of Mississippi’s 82 counties, while this month’s increase places it closer to the median. It bears mentioning that Yalobusha County now has one of the state’s highest rates of new cases.

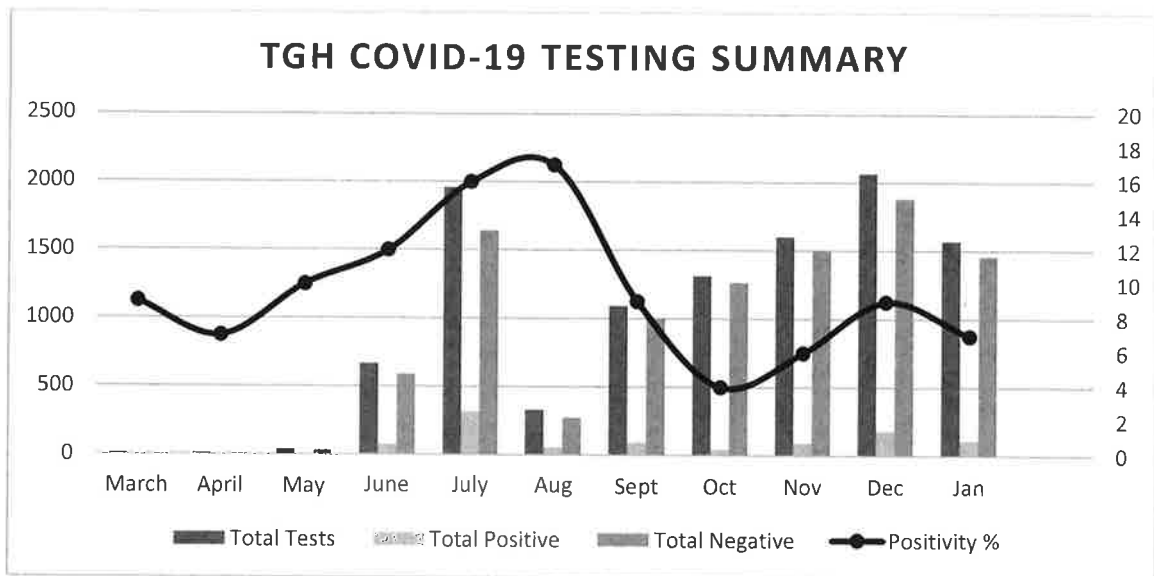
Before last week’s winter storm arrived, we were notified that we have been allocated new 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine. We were also contacted by Rep. Tommy Reynolds and told that the new county emergency storm shelter (located



approximately one block north of TGH) would be made available as a vaccine site. As soon as we receive the vaccine, we will notify the public through all available channels as to the availability of the vaccine, who is eligible to receive it, and how they may go about making an appointment to receive it.

Walgreen’s returned last week to administer the second dose of the vaccine to ECF residents, and to provide a first shot to those who were unavailable on their first visit. They will return in approximately 3 weeks to give the second dose to those who recently received the first. Participation among residents has been very good.

Thankfully, we have no active COVID cases among ECF residents or staff, and no positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among other staff have also been minimal.



Winter Storm: At the time of this writing, we are still experiencing the effects of the winter weather that passed through the area the week of February 15. We experienced no significant issues transporting our staff to and from work.

We did, however, experience an interruption of our water supply when the city's water system failed on the morning of February 18. Our emergency operations plan ensured that we had a 3-day supply of drinking water on hand, which was later supplemented by Tallahatchie County's Emergency Management Agency, but the failure still caused a disruption to other essential functions including the lab, kitchen and restrooms.

For years now we have experienced other issues related to the local water supply, including the need to frequently change filters attached to laboratory, medical and food preparation equipment. I will outline for the board some possible options to address these issues.

Maintenance and Pharmacy Vehicles: We are now ready to begin the delivery service for the pharmacy, which will require the purchase of a delivery vehicle. Additionally, one of the vehicles used by our maintenance department (which was donated years ago and had been driven for over 200,000 miles) suffered an engine failure that rendered it a total loss. We have been shopping for used vehicles to fill both of these needs, and it

appears that both vehicles will cost approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 each. I will be asking the board for authority to make these purchases, subject to all applicable bidding and procurement laws.

Legal Matters: None.