

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

**January 26, 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 Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the December 22, 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 December 2020. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for December 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 December 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle 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 for December 2020. There was not an HCAHPS report as no surveys had been submitted for December, 2020.

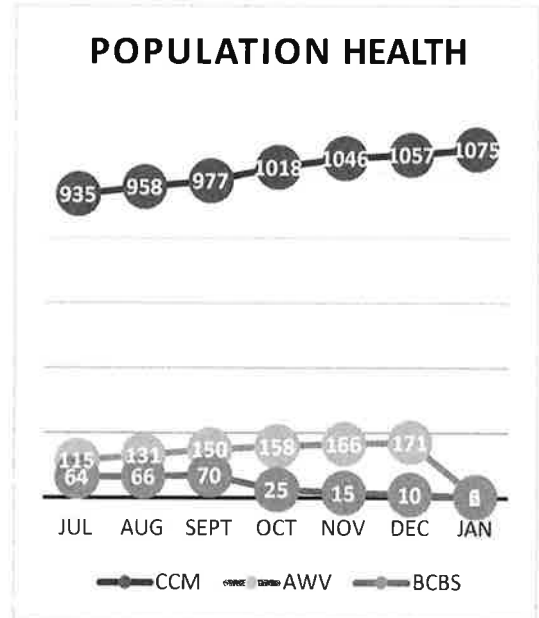
There being no further matters for discussion, the Board adjourned.

**Administrator's Comments – Meeting of January 26, 2021**

**Nursing Home Census** – We have 73 residents in the nursing home, with 12 beds open on the general care side and 13 on the special care side.

**ACO and Population Health Initiatives** –

We continue to see growth in our Population Health/ACO initiatives. We have now enrolled 1,075 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, up from 1,057 last month. We conducted 6 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits in January (the count of AWWs begins again every January). Our Blue Cross/Blue Shield Color Me Healthy participants dropped from 10 to 2. This number will continue to drop until BCBS members resume annual physicals which have been drastically reduced due to COVID.



**TGH Discount Pharmacy** – We filled 4,753 prescriptions in December, up from 4,401 prescriptions in November.



## **COVID-19 –**

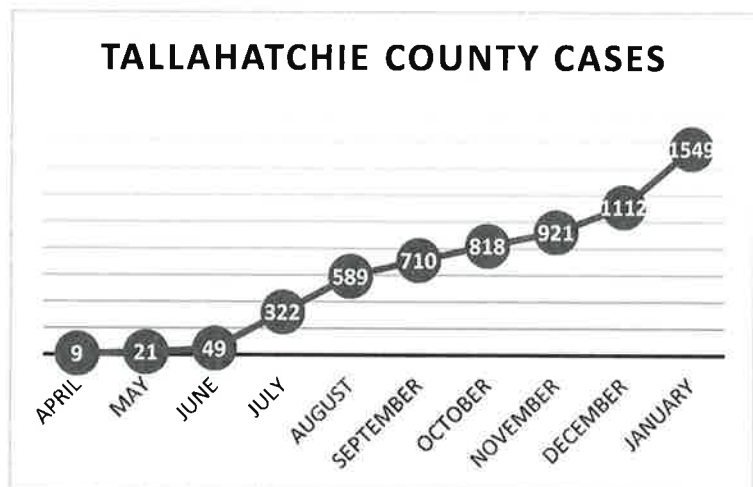
### **Tallahatchie**

County's number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, currently at 1,549 (up from 1,112 last month). There have been 35

County	Incidence Rate	New Cases (7-Day Avg)	2019 Est. Population	Mask Mandate Status	Mask Mandate Started	Mask Mandate Ended
Tallahatchie	185.2	25.6	13,809	None		
Coahoma	158.8	35.1	22,124	None		
Hancock	115.2	54.9	47,632	None		
Jasper	109.0	17.9	16,383	None		
Tishomingo	98.8	19.1	19,383	Active	11/24/20	
Wayne	94.8	19.1	20,183	None		
Jones	92.3	62.9	68,098	Active	11/24/20	
Yalobusha	90.8	11.0	12,108	Active	11/10/20	
Panola	88.2	30.1	34,192	Active	11/24/20	
Marion	87.8	21.6	24,573	None		

deaths of Tallahatchie County residents. Not only is this a marked increase in the rate of infection, but it also earns Tallahatchie County a dubious distinction: as of this writing, the Mississippi Department of Health ranks Tallahatchie County as having the highest incidence rate of Mississippi's 82 counties (defined as new daily cases per 100,000 population).

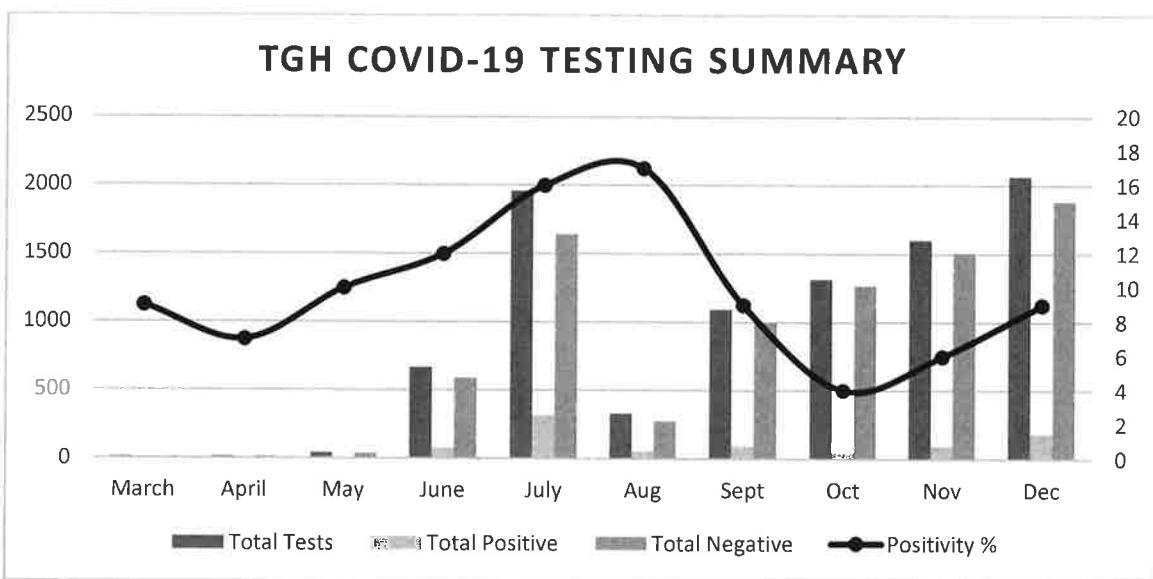
As I have outlined before, Federal and State authorities are using two programs to provide COVID vaccinations to healthcare providers. One program (run by the Mississippi Department of Health) covers our hospital and clinic



employees, and will provide doses for us to make available to the public. The other (run by Walgreen's and CVS) is intended only for ECF residents and employees. We enrolled in both programs some time ago.

On December 21, 2020, we received 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine from MDH for our hospital and clinic employees, and all 100 doses were used. On January 4, 2021, we received another 100 doses, again just for employees of the hospital and clinics; we had approximately 50 employees who signed up to take it. Over the next two weeks, we received many

additional directives from MDH, first allowing us to use any leftover doses on ECF employees, then to make them available to anyone in the public over 75, and later dropping the age to 65. We reserved 10 doses for employees who may later decide to take it, and began to make our remaining 40 or so doses available to family members of TGH employees and others affiliated with TGH. We have now used all of this vaccine supply. We have also received, and have begun administering, supplies of the vaccine's second dose. The latest indication from MDH is that we will not receive additional vaccines (which will be available to the public) until next month; we are already making plans for how we will publicize availability and handle vaccination appointments.



On January 20, Walgreen's came to administer the vaccine to our ECF residents. 48 residents were vaccinated, and another 10 will receive it on Walgreen's next visit in February.

Employee participation has been somewhat disappointing. Approximately 40% of all TGH employees have received the vaccine. The largest trouble spots have been among dietary, housekeeping and ECF staff. We continue to encourage employees to take it, and are hopeful that more will do so as they see their fellow employees take it without any serious side effects.

We currently have 5 COVID-positive ECF residents and no positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among staff have been relatively minor.

The visitation booth was ready the week before Christmas, and was frequently used throughout the holidays.

**Legal Matters:**

No new matters.