

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

July 27, 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 (via telephone)
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five
Jim Blackwood, CEO (via Zoom)
Buddy McRae, COO
Joey Brunson, CFO
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Sayle opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all trustees voting "Aye" approving the minutes of the meeting.

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 June 2021. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the June 2021 financials. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the summary report of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Brunson also presented the budget for FY2021. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to approve this budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae 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 for June, 2021. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae advised the Board that our insurance company's adjustor had determined that the damage to our nurse call lights, access doors and fire alarm was caused by the recent power outage and the quotes that were submitted were approved at 100%. Since the emergency purchases were made for new nurse call lights, access doors and fire alarms based on the quotes submitted, Mr. McRae requested that the Board approve these purchases, even though insurance money was used to purchase these items. Trustee Lockett made a motion to approve these emergency purchases as listed below:

Access Control – Delta Technology Solutions, Inc. -\$54,547.86
Nurse Call (Wing B) – Delta Technology Solutions, Inc. - \$45,387.00
Nurse Call (Wing A) – Delta Technology Solutions, Inc. - \$34,882.00
Nurse Call (Hospital) – Delta Technology Solutions, Inc. – \$27,298.00
Fire Alarm – Siemens - \$163,726.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

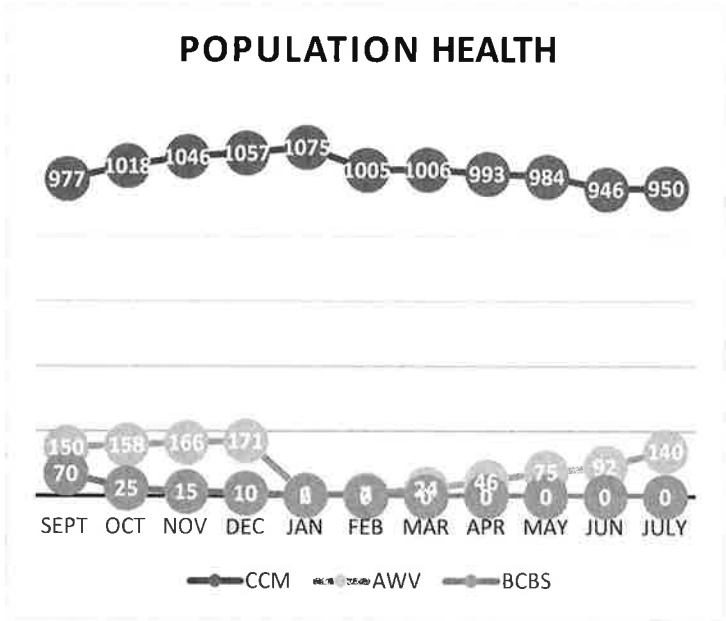
Mr. Blackwood requested that the Board enter into executive session to discuss concurring litigation. Trustee Hargett made the motion that the Board enter into executive session to discuss concurring litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle. After a discussion of this matter, Trustee Sayle made a motion that the Board exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey to exit executive session.

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

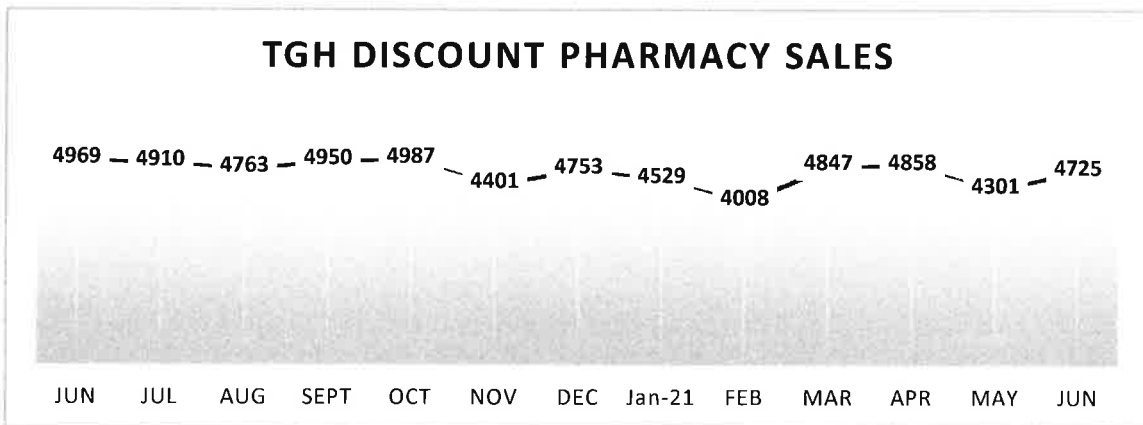
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Nursing Home Census – Our census is unchanged from last month, with 72 residents in the nursing home. We have 12 beds open on the general care side and 14 on the special care side.

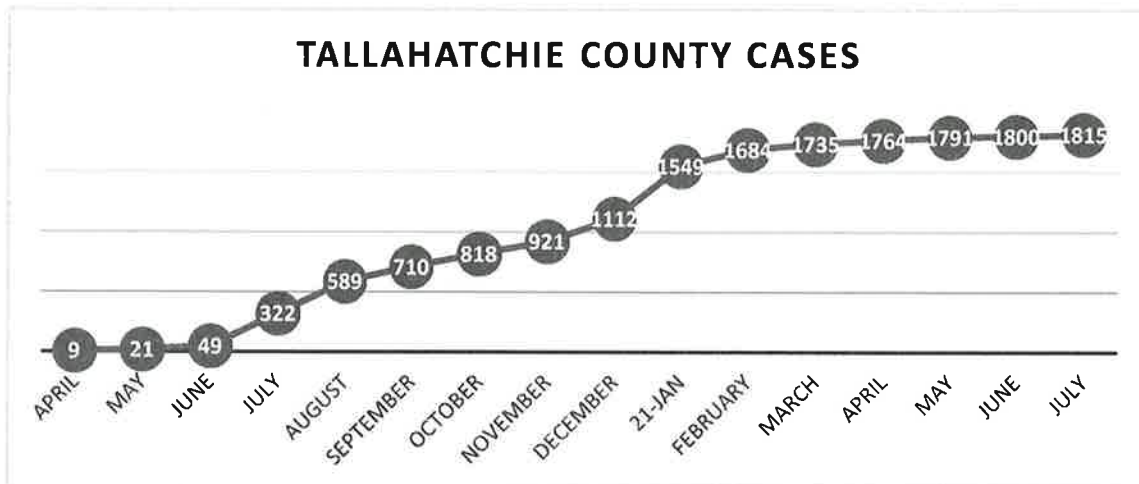
ACO and Population Health Initiatives –We have enrolled 950 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, up from 946 last month. We have now conducted 140 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, up from 92 last month. BCBS Color Me Healthy exams remain flat.



TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 4,725 prescriptions in June, up from 4,301 prescriptions in May.



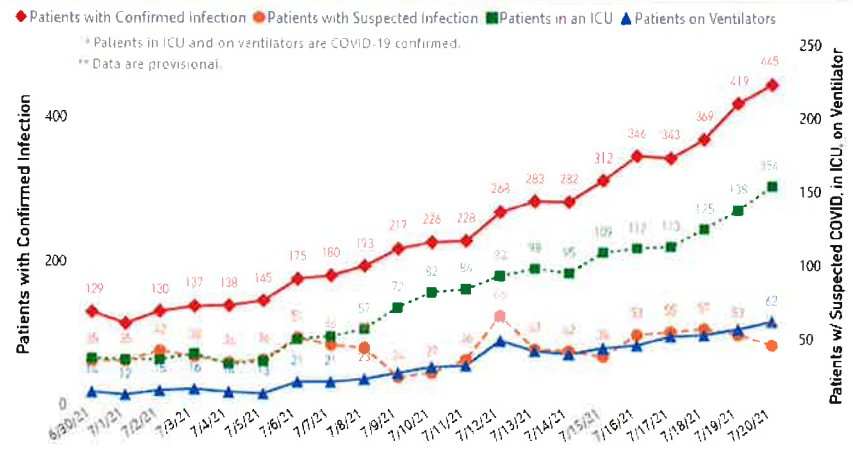
COVID-19 – Tallahatchie County’s number of COVID-19 cases increased to 1,815, up from 1,800 last month. There was one additional death last month, bringing the county’s total number of COVID-19 deaths to 42.



We currently have no positive ECF residents, and no positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among staff, however, have seen a slight uptick in the past week; we now have 5 positive employees, ranging from CNAs in the ECF to staff members in the billing office.

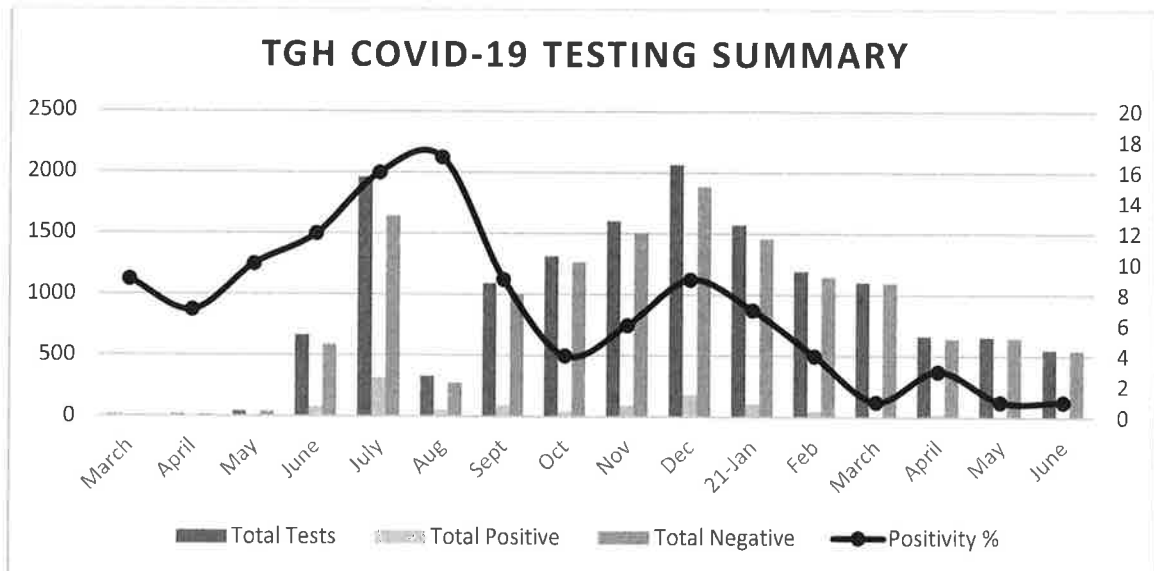
We are actively monitoring data from the Mississippi Department of Health and neighboring states regarding the Delta variant of the virus. As this chart from

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 6/30/21-7/20/21 **



MDH shows, the number of COVID hospitalizations in the state has risen from 129 to 445 in less than three weeks; the number of COVID patients in ICUs also rose from 37 to 154. Very early estimates from MDH are that, of the 445 people hospitalized with COVID, over 80% of them had not received the vaccine.

We have a meeting of our providers scheduled for Monday, July 26 where we will discuss modifying our rules on visitation, vaccination and masking requirements of TGH employees. I anticipate that we will adopt a policy requiring non-vaccinated employees to wear N95 masks at all times inside the facility, but will provide an update to the board in person.



Storm Damage: We have reached an agreement with Chubb regarding damage done to our fire alarm, nurse call and automatic door systems by the storms in June. Chubb has agreed to pay for 100% of the costs of replacing these systems, for a total of \$334,387.07. They have issued payment to us for \$324,387.07, which reflects our \$10,000 deductible. Work has already begun on replacing the door system, and we expect work to begin later this week on the nurse call system. Siemens hopes to begin work on the fire alarm system in the next two to three weeks. I will be asking the Board to approve these as emergency purchases today.

HRSA Grant: We applied for a grant from HRSA to encourage COVID vaccinations in the community. We proposed using grant funds to defray the salaries of some existing staff members, so that they could be reallocated to vaccine promotion efforts, and to conduct marketing and

health fairs. We have been notified that we have been awarded \$148,000 to help with these efforts.

DNV Site Visit: DNV has now indicated that on-site visits will not begin again until late this summer or early this fall. Our belief is that our survey may now take place in our traditional pre-COVID window, sometime in September or October.

Tutwiler Clinic: I have learned that the town of Tutwiler sold the lot that the TGH Foundation was interested in for a new clinic site to another party. My understanding is that the Foundation is now exploring its options for another site in Tutwiler.

Legal Matters: None.