

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

June 25, 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 at the hospital boardroom with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Joey Brunson, CFO
Buddy McRae, COO
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes of this 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 May 2019. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the May 2019 financials. Questions were asked and answered about the report. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the summary report of the Finance Committee. 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 gave an update to the Board as to the proposed pharmacy purchase and that all the documents have been prepared, but due to an issue with the current wholesaler Amerisource Bergen, we cannot complete the purchase until this matter is resolved.

Mr. Blackwood presented to the Board information as to an emergency purchase of a tube for the CT scan machine in the amount of \$52,286.29 and requested approval from the Board for this emergency purchase. A motion was made by Trustee Lockett to approve this emergency purchase. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood presented to the Board the need to replace our x-ray machine due to the age of the equipment and the poor quality of the films and requested authority from the Board to begin the process of securing quotes for the replacement of this machine. After a discuss on this matter, a motion was made by Trustee Hargett to give Mr. Blackwood the authority to begin the process of replacing this machine. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality and HCAHPS reports for the month of May, 2019. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae presented a new policy to the Board for approval. The policy is Administration of Cathflo Activace (Alteplase). A motion was made by Trustee Lockett to approve this policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphrey voting "

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

Administrator's Comments – Meeting of June 25, 2019

Nursing Home Census – We have 93 residents in the nursing home with two beds open on the general care side and three beds open on the special care side. We have two candidates under consideration, one for general care and one for special care. We have received our new rate letter for the quarter. Our per diem for the third quarter of this fiscal year is \$231.95, which is the same rate as our second quarter. For reference, our rate was \$227.65 in the first quarter.

Population Health Initiatives – Our population health initiatives continue to grow. We are currently at 139 active CCM patients, and we have conducted 299 AWVs this year. 46 patients have been enrolled in CCM just since May 7. Mike Chandler is doing an excellent job spearheading this effort.

ACO Steering Committee – We continue to make progress on all of our benchmarks for the ACO. We are on track to meet or exceed all benchmarks by the end of the year. Dr. Carter has taken an active role with our providers to ensure that we are capturing our HCC codes. We have also been able to identify a few system set-up issues (e.g., flu vaccines) to make sure all data is accurately uploaded to Lightbeam.

TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 3,471 prescriptions in the month of May, down from 3,717 in the month of April. I have spoken with a staffer in Senator Hyde-Smith's office, who has reached out to a CVS lobbyist. That prompted a call to me from a CVS representative, who stated that our application is going back before the committee for consideration sometime this month. We have also engaged the law firm Frier Levitt to work on our behalf. Frier Levitt is reaching out to their contacts at CVS.

Group Health Insurance Renewal – We are currently in open enrollment for our health insurance and other benefits. Mrs. Linda Rowland is experiencing good participation.

Annual Rate Review – We have received the results of an interim rate review from our MAC, Novitas. Pursuant to that review, Novitas has concluded we have been underpaid year-to-date in the amount of \$132,029. This will result in an additional payment from Medicare in that amount, which we should receive in the next few days. Of the net receivable, Novitas indicates we were underpaid in the amount of \$176,520 for acute care and swing bed, but overpaid in the amount of \$44,491 in our clinics, primarily in the Holcomb and Tutwiler Clinics.

Grant Opportunity – Catherine Woodyard is in the process of preparing an application for a state funded infrastructure grant. If awarded, we will use those funds to add an awning at the north side entrance of the Wellness Center so that our patients can access the building in bad weather. Those funds will also be used to pave the gravel parking lots on the north side of the hospital.

Emergency Purchase – On May 25, 2019, the tube to our CT went out requiring emergency replacement. The repair was made on May 31, 2019. The replacement cost was \$52,826.29. We will be asking the board to approve this emergency purchase at the meeting.

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.