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

June 28, 2022

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
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Murphey 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 May, 2022. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the May, 2022 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 Hargett 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 and HCAHPS for May, 2022. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

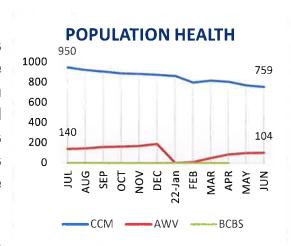
Mr. Blackwood reported to the Board that Medicaid private room rate had increased for the nursing home. Mr. Blackwood suggested that the private room rate be increased to \$267. Trustee Sayle made the motion that the private room rate for the nursing home be increased to \$267 per day. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

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

Administrator's Comments - Meeting of June 28, 2022

Nursing Home Census: We have 76 residents in the nursing home, unchanged from last month. We have 8 beds open on the general care side and 13 on the special care side. We continue to see slow growth in the number of referrals.

ACO and **Population** Health **Initiatives**: We have 759 participants enrolled in our Chronic Care Management program, down from 775 last month. We have conducted 104 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits in 2022, up from 101 last month. (this number resets at zero the at beginning of every year).



TGH Discount Pharmacy: We filled

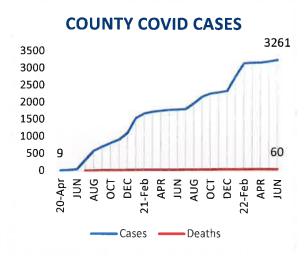
4,850 prescriptions in May, up from 4,831 prescriptions in April. We made 265 deliveries in May (up from 243 in April). This would seem to continue

the trend of having approximately 5% of our prescriptions delivered.

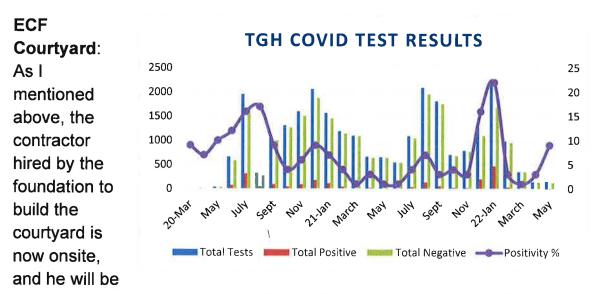
COVID-19: Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases increased to 3,261, up from 3,185 last month. The county's total number of fatalities remained at 60.



We had 5 swingbed patients test positive for Covid last week. All experienced mild symptoms, and have either fully recovered, or are expected to fully recover. As a precaution, we temporarily stopped all visitation to the hospital. We have also seen a slight uptick in the number of staff members testing positive for Covid. We currently have no positive residents in the nursing home.



March 30 Storm Damage: Workers arrived last Tuesday to begin repairs. The contractor who will be performing the repairs is the same contractor who the foundation had already hired to build the ECF courtyard. We continue to negotiate with our insurance carrier as to the final amount that will be paid.



performing repairs related to the March 30 storm, as well as building the ECF courtyard. We will be meeting with him to discuss timelines for both of these projects, and I hope to have more information related to timing that I will relay to you in person.

DSH Audit Results: We recently received a notice from the Mississippi Division of Medicaid that an audit has been completed regarding our 2018 Disproportionate Share Hospital ("DSH") payment. To our surprise, and likely owing to the hard work of CFO Joey Brunson and everyone else in our accounting office, we were notified that we will be receiving an additional payment of \$565,786 for 2018. This news is as rare as it is welcome.

New Provider Recruitment: Buddy and I had dinner last week with a possible replacement for Dr. Carter. He is currently doing his residency in Oxford, and would be available for permanent work less than two years from now. He is young, with a young family, and wants to stay in this area. As part of his residency program, he will soon be allowed to work at other locations; this is commonly used as a physician recruitment tool, where a potential employer offers a prospective employee shifts, so that the student can earn money and the facility can assess his or her skills. We will likely begin to offer these shifts when he can take them.

We have also signed an extension with Dr. Carter to continue serving as clinic and ECF medical director, and Dr. Carter has expressed a willingness to continue this interim arrangement. Though we are obviously early in the process, there may be a possibility that we could retain Dr. Carter as interim clinical director until the new provider finishes his residency. I will keep you updated on these developments.

ACO Membership: We continue to evaluate whether it is in TGH's long-term interests to be a member of our Accountable Care Organization. We have spoken to an ACO representative about our concerns, and have another meeting scheduled. At this time, our inclination is to continue participating for one more year, after which we can reevaluate our membership going forward.

New Ultrasound Machine Purchase: As I reported last month, we purchased a new ultrasound machine to replace our old unit, which completely stopped working. We were able to purchase a new unit through our GPO, so that public advertising of bids was not necessary.