

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

**March 26, 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 in the boardroom at the Administration House with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One  
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three  
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four  
Jim Blackwood, Administrator  
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer  
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer  
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Speir opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett 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 February 2019. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the February 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 suggested that the Board enter into executive session to discuss certain matters involving the Nursing Home. Trustee Murphey made a motion that the Board enter into executive session to discuss these matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion. Upon conclusion of this discussion, Trustee Lockett made a motion that the Board exit executive session. The motion to exit executive session 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. Blackwood reported to the Board that we are required to attest to Meaningful Use Stage 3 at the end of this calendar year or we will have to pay a penalty on our Medicare reimbursement for every year that we failed to satisfactorily attest. In order for TGH to attest to Meaningful Use State 3, an update will be required to our current electronic health record platform. The cost for this upgrade with CPSI is \$134,000 and CPSI has agreed to finance this cost over a period of one year. Mr. Blackwood requested authority to upgrade our electronic health care platform with CPSI. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to authorize Mr. Blackwood to upgrade this platform. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS for February, 2019. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

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

## Administrator's Comments – Meeting of March 26, 2019

**Nursing Home** – We received our updated rate letter for the second quarter of the fiscal year. Our new rate is \$231.95 up from \$227.65. A copy of the rate letter is enclosed. On a related note, our case mix survey by the Department of Health took place this week. Nursing home leadership reported a few minor corrections. We should know in the next couple of weeks the impact this will have on our reimbursement, if any. We also have an incident to discuss relating to patient care and the visiting nursing students from Holmes Community College. I will be requesting that this matter be discussed in executive session.

**Population Health Initiatives** – Our bottle neck for CCM patients continues to clear, and we are experiencing increased AWV in all clinics. We have been receiving weekly reporting on this progress. I am attaching last week's report as an example.

**TGH Discount Pharmacy** – We filled 3,613 prescriptions in the month of February which is a slight decrease from the 3,889 filled in January, however, February was a short month and January was the beginning of the calendar year.

We will be eligible to submit a new application with CVS/Caremark in mid-April. We have already begun meeting to discuss the content of our application.

**Cost Report and Audit** – TGH filed its cost report in advance of the February 28, 2019 deadline. We showed a cost report receivable from Medicare in the amount of \$130,443. As I said last month, we anticipate the annual audit to be completed soon. We are awaiting confirmation from Watkins, Ward and Stafford as to whether they can present audit findings at our April meeting.

**Meaningful Use Stage 3** – We will be required to attest for Meaningful Use Stage 3 at the end of this calendar year. Pursuant to current law, if we do not satisfy the Stage 3 attestation requirements, we will incur a one

percent penalty on our Medicare reimbursement for every year that we failed to satisfactorily attest. Attestation will require an update to our current electronic health record platform. The cost for the upgrade is \$134,000, which CPSI has agreed to finance for us over a period of one year. The cost of the upgrade is much less than the penalty in succeeding years if we do not satisfy attestation requirements. Further, CPSI has indicated it is discontinuing the financing option after March of this year. I will be requesting the Board to authorize this expenditure at our meeting.

**Fire Door Upgrade** – In recent visits by our life safety surveyors, we have been told that changes to regulations on both the hospital and nursing home are requiring us to make upgrades to our current fire doors. The upgrade will be necessary over a period of the next two to three years. We are working on a plan to do these upgrades in stages to mitigate the out of pocket expenditure, but in any event, will likely require multiple bids and/or a public request for proposal. We are investigating the proximate costs in order to determine how best to proceed with these capital improvements.

**Holcomb Clinic** – Monica Carter has begun seeing patients at the Holcomb Clinic in Grenada. We are already seeing modest increases in census at this location. Only 25 to 30% increase in volume is attributed to patients who regularly saw Monica in the Charleston Clinic. The remaining increase is attributed to patients in the Grenada market.

**Employee Appreciation Day** - Our employee appreciation day is scheduled for May 15. You are all invited to attend. The employee luncheon will take place outside, weather permitting, in the picnic area on the west side of the nursing home.

**Legal Matters:**

**Network Services Solutions** – We recently received a notice of demand for \$19,000 from the trustee of a bankruptcy case that is pending in the Nevada bankruptcy court. The bankruptcy relates to an internet service provider that we used in 2015 and 2016. The amount in controversy is a matter that we disputed with Network Services at the time, and is the reason we discontinued our relationship with this vendor. It appears that

Network Services included this disputed amount on the schedule of amounts that it wished to discharge in bankruptcy. We have submitted a response to the trustee, disputing the amounts claimed. No further action is required at this time but we will continue to track the case and update you going forward.

**The Estate of William Brewer, Sr.** – No new developments.



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Mr. Jim Blackwood  
Tallahatchie General Hospital ECF  
P.O. Box 230  
Charleston, MS 38921

RE: Tallahatchie General Hospital ECF  
Provider Number: 00023141

Dear Mr. Blackwood:

Enclosed please find the Medicaid rate calculation for your facility effective April 1, 2019, through June 30, 2019. The rate is \$231.95. The nursing facility quarter final roster for the fourth quarter of 2018 may be found on the Case Mix Roster website at <https://mscasemixreports.mslic.com/>.

By copy of this letter, we are instructing our fiscal agent, CONDUENT Government Healthcare Solutions, to enter the rate of \$231.95, for Tallahatchie General Hospital ECF, provider number 00023141, as referenced above.

In accordance with the Medicaid State Plan, Section 4.19-D Guidelines for the Reimbursement for Medical Assistance Recipients of Long Term Facilities, subsection 1-7(A), you may request a reconsideration of the calculation of this reimbursement rate. *The reconsideration request must be in writing, must include the reason for the reconsideration and any supporting documentation, and must be made within thirty (30) calendar days after notification of the rate. The Division of Medicaid will respond within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the reconsideration request (emphasis added).* Should you have any questions or wish to request a reconsideration of the rate computation or methodology, please submit correspondence identifying (a) the specific calculation on the rate (or its property) sheet, (b) reason for disagreement with such, and (c) documentation to support your reasoning to the Division of Medicaid, Office of Reimbursement, Attn: Office Director.

The information will be reviewed and a response sent to you within 30 days of receipt of the information. Additionally, you will be given an opportunity to request an administrative hearing at the conclusion of this reconsideration. If the provider does not request a reconsideration, the Division of Medicaid will consider the provider's nonresponse as acceptance of the rate. Therefore, no administrative hearing request will be considered.

Within 30 days after the reconsideration request response has been received, should you wish to request an administrative hearing appeal, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 300, you may do so. Any request for a hearing must be made in accordance with the Medicaid Administrative Code, Part 300, which is available on the Division of Medicaid website at [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov). Please contact Ms. Shirley Liberto, Division of Medicaid Office of Appeals, with any questions you may have regarding the hearing process. You may contact Ms. Liberto via telephone at (601) 359-9152 or via e-mail at [Shirley.liberto@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Shirley.liberto@medicaid.ms.gov)

Should you have any questions regarding the rate calculation, please call Robert Carter at (601) 359-4006. For questions regarding the case mix rosters, please call Myers and Stauffer Help Desk

Exhibit A to Comments

Mr. Jim Blackwood  
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at (800) 773-8609, or e-mail at [mshelpdesk@mslc.com](mailto:mshelpdesk@mslc.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Drew L. Snyder', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Drew L. Snyder  
Executive Director

DLS/rc: April 2019 rates

cc: CONDUENT Government Healthcare Solutions

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DIVISION OF MEDICAID  
NURSING FACILITY RATE**

<b>Facility Name:</b>	<b>Tallahatchie General Hospital ECF</b>
<b>Medicaid Number:</b>	<b>00023141</b>
<b>Rate Period:</b>	<b>April 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019</b>
<b>Direct Care Component of Per Diem Standard Rate</b>	<b>\$102.56</b>
<b>Case Mix Score for Period: October 1, 2018- December 31, 2018</b>	<b>1.078</b>
<b>Direct Care Per Diem Payment</b>	<b>110.56</b>
<b>Care Related Per Diem Rate</b>	<b>19.13</b>
<b>Total Direct Care &amp; Care Related Per Diem Payment</b>	<b>\$129.69</b>
<b>Administrative &amp; Operating Rate</b>	<b>82.18</b>
<b>Property Payment</b>	<b>19.27</b>
<b>Return on Equity Capital (Non-Property Equity)</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Total Per Diem Rate: April 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019</b>	<b>\$231.95</b>