

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

March 23, 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
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the February 23, 2021 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 Lockett 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 2021. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the February 2021 financials. Questions were asked and answered about the report. A motion was made by Trustee Lockett 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 discussed with the Board the change to the participation savings account as well as the participation services agreement as to the ACO contract. Mr. Blackwood requested approval authorizing him to enter into the new services agreement with Myriad. Following the discussion, Trustee Hargett made a motion to give Mr. Blackwood authority to enter into the agreement with Myriad. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett, with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS for February, 2021. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae also presented the following Annual Reports for review by the Board: Annual CAH Program Evaluation for 2020, 2020 Annual Infection Control Report, Infection Control Plan, Surveillance Plan, and Physical Environment Management Plan (December 2020). After a discussion of these reports and plans, a motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve all of the reports and plans. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all Trustees voting "Aye" as to the motion.

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

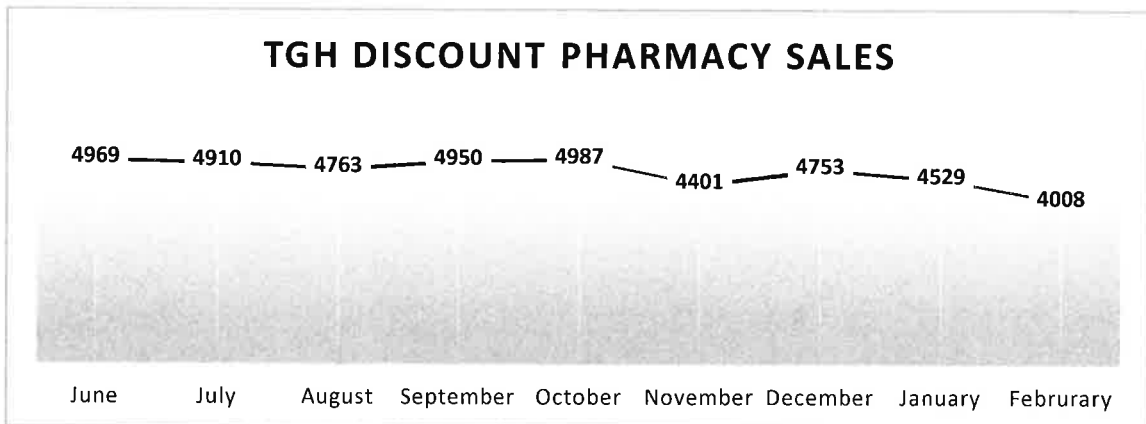
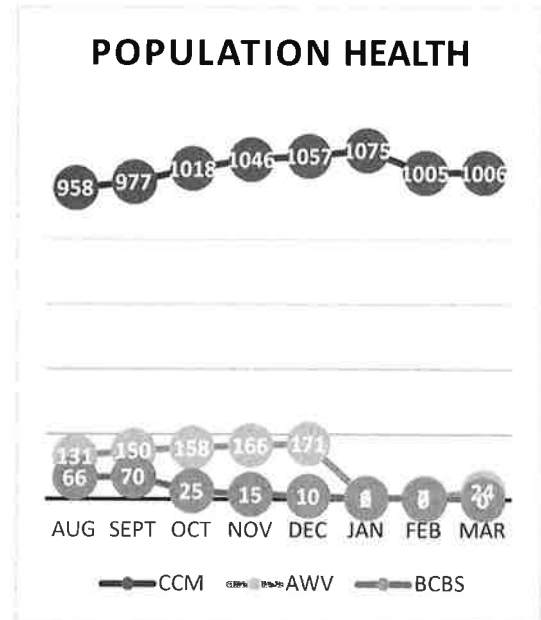
Administrator's Comments – Meeting of March 23, 2021

Nursing Home Census – We have 70 residents in the nursing home, with 13 beds open on the general care side and 15 on the special care side.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives –

We currently have enrolled 1,006 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, up from 1,005 last month. We have now conducted 24 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits. We have yet to conduct a BCBS Color Me Healthy exam.

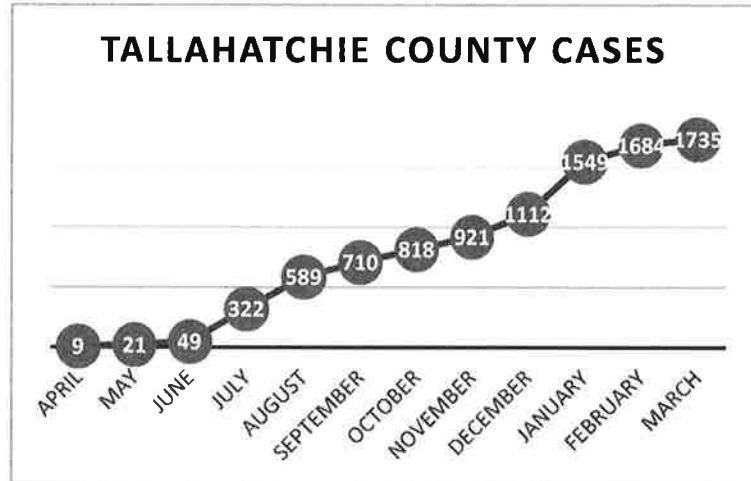
TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 4,008 prescriptions in February, down from 4,529 prescriptions in January. We attribute most of this drop to the winter storm we experienced last month.



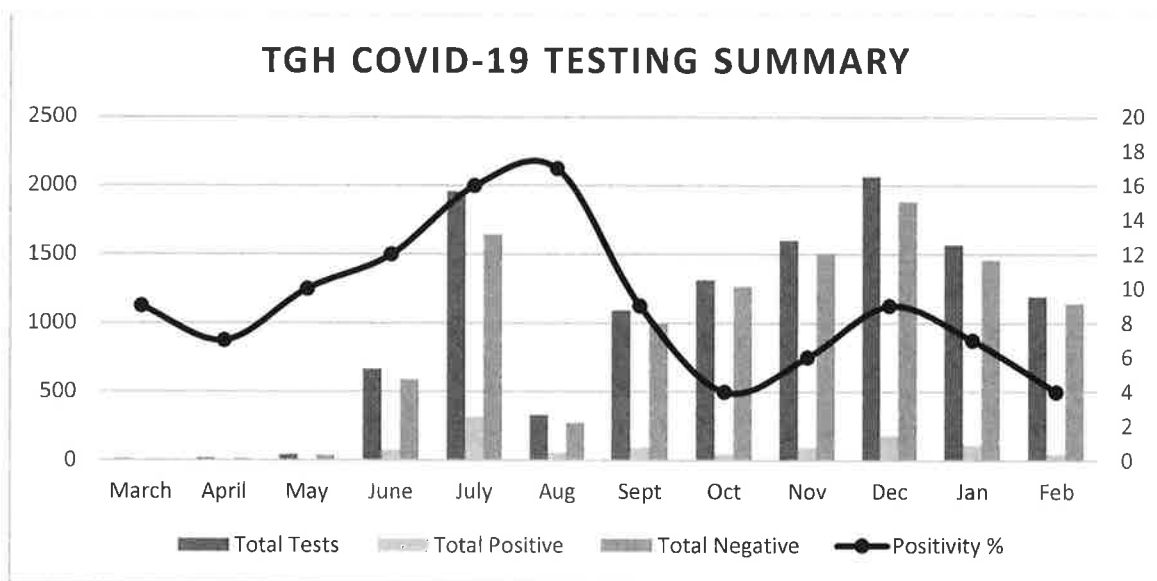
COVID-19 – Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, currently at 1,735 (up from 1,684 last month). There have been 39 COVID-19 related deaths of Tallahatchie County residents, though it is noteworthy that there were no new COVID-related deaths in

February. It bears mentioning that Yalobusha County once again has the highest incidence rate of Mississippi's 82 counties; while Tallahatchie County has an incidence rate of 11.4, Yalobusha's is 54.3.

At the moment, we have no positive ECF residents, although we occasionally have positive patients in the hospital. Outbreaks among TGH staff remain relatively limited and sporadic.



After not receiving any COVID vaccine allocations for some time, we have now received 800 doses to be given to the public. We began administering the vaccine on March 11 at the county's tornado shelter. Public response has so far been relatively good. We have administered just under 600 vaccines, and have approximately 165 left (the rest were given to employees and others who were previously eligible but had not taken it). We are also going to begin offering vaccinations at the Tutwiler and Holcomb clinics.



With national infection rates falling and the pace of vaccinations accelerating, Federal and State regulators are relaxing some of the rules relating to healthcare facility visitation. In consultation with our medical staff, we are now allowing hospital patients to have 2 adult visitors per day within certain hours. In the ECF, residents may now have 2 visitors for one hour per week; all visitors are screened, the resident and visitors must wear masks, and the visits are scheduled so that no more than 10 residents at a time have visitors in the building. Residents are now allowed to leave their rooms as long as they are wearing a mask, and communal dining in the dining room has been reinstated, limited to 10 residents at a time (residents are allowed to make a “reservation” for the dining room for the meal of their choice). These changes have been understandably popular.

Tuwiler Clinic: The Tutwiler Clinic building is nearing the end of its useful life. Our maintenance department has done a remarkable job of maintaining it, but it has serious issues with its roofing, foundation, drainage and past termite infestations that are beyond ordinary upkeep. It will obviously be for the TGH Foundation to decide whether to renovate the current building or build a new one, and we understand that the Foundation has engaged an architect to assess the facility and their options. Since TGH is the lessee of the building, we will continue to monitor these developments to ensure that the clinic has an adequate, cost-effective facility for its operations.

On a related note, we were recently asked if TGH had any interest in putting a clinic in Sumner. The town’s only clinic, part of the Greenwood Leflore system, recently closed, and it was suggested that the building would be made available at minimal cost if TGH would operate it as a clinic. Although I do not know how viable such a clinic would be, I will share some additional thoughts on the possibility of a Sumner Clinic, and how it would relate to the Tutwiler Clinic.

Marketing Initiative: With the effects of COVID hopefully soon easing, we plan to increase our marketing activities in the coming months. We hope to remind the public of TGH’s many service lines, and assure them that it is safe to come to the hospital and clinics in person.

Maintenance Department Vehicle: We continue to look for a new vehicle for the maintenance department. Used car prices are somewhat high, and we may have to spend closer to \$30,000 to get a truck with relatively low mileage in reasonably good condition. We will continue to look for the best available option.

Legal Matters: None.