

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

May 28, 2019

On this date at the hour of 10:30 a.m., The Board of Trustees and Board of Trustees Executive Committee met for their regular session in the Board room at the Admin House. Trustee Sayle called the meeting to order. The following trustees and personnel were present, to-wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three (was tardy)
Morris Murphey, Trustee District Four
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Joey Brunson, CFO
Buddy McRae, COO
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

Anita Goodrum with the accounting firm of Watkins Ward & Stafford, PLLC presented the audit for the 2018 fiscal year. Questions were asked and answered. The audit report was accepted without comment.

Trustee Speir arrived and Trustee Sayle turned the remainder of the meeting over to him.

The minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all trustees voting "Aye" approving the minutes of the meeting.

Rani Richard gave the Board copies of the statistics for the providers showing their production in the hospital and the clinic for the month of April 2019. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for the April 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 Sayle 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Sayle for the Board to enter executive session to discuss an employment matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey. The Board then entered executive session to discuss this employment matter. Upon conclusion of that discussion, Trustee Sayle made a motion that the Board exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett and the Board then adjourned executive session and resumed the general meeting.

Mr. Blackwood presented the health insurance renewal quote which remains the same as last year. Mr. Blackwood advised that he had been given quotes for gap insurance to help offset the deductible amounts paid by the employee. After a discussion of the gap policies, a motion was made by Trustee Sayle to keep the status quo as to the health insurance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality and HCAHPS Report for April 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 May 28, 2019

Population Health Initiatives – We have retained Mike Chandler, RN to replace Christy Knighton as our ACO coordinator. Mike is also augmenting the clinical CCM responsibilities performed by our current CCM nurse, Ashley Simmons. We have finally punched through our ceiling of 100 CCM patients per month, and are now performing CCM services for 120 patients.

ACO Steering Committee – On May 9, 2019, we met with Caravan Health at our quarterly steering committee to discuss our progress in the data submissions for the state-wide ACO. All metrics were satisfactory and on target. One interesting finding was that through the Lightbeam analytics tool, we were able to identify our most frequent utilizers of our emergency department, which is a significant contributor to unnecessary Medicare expenditures. We are working on a plan to contact these patients in an effort to enroll them in our CCM initiative to prevent unnecessary emergency room visits. One other interesting finding is that the Lightbeam tool also identified which home health agencies in our area are responsible for the largest per patient Medicare spend. This information has been provided to our clinic providers so that they can consider those costs in referring patients to home health care.

TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 3,717 prescriptions in the month of April, up from 3,530 in the month of March. We are submitting our response for additional information to CVS Caremark tomorrow well in advance of our May 29 deadline. We also have a few updates to share with you concerning retention of counsel and other staffing changes in the pharmacy, which we will discuss at the meeting and may be appropriate for discussion in executive session.

New Meeting Time – As you recall, you voted at our last meeting to change our meeting time. The Finance Committee will now meet at 10:00 and the Board Meeting will commence at 10:30. We have posted a public notice advising the public of the new meeting time as required by state statute.

FY 2018 Audit – Our audit report is now complete. Watkins, Ward, and Stafford have will present our audit report at our meeting immediately following our regular business and before we serve lunch.

Employee Appreciation Day – Our annual employee appreciation day, which we held last Wednesday, was a great success. Thank you all who were able to attend for celebrating this day with us.

Hospital Noro Virus – Beginning on April 24, several of our hospital inpatients tested positive for noro virus. Several other patients tested negative, but were symptomatic for the virus. As a precautionary measure, we placed all patients who tested positive and/or who were symptomatic on isolation. We further discontinued new admissions for a period of four days in order to allow the virus to run its course.

Group Health Insurance Renewal – We have received our group health insurance renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Although our claims for the year warranted a 15% increase, Linda Rowland, our local Blue Cross representative, submitted a request for rate relief, which Blue Cross granted. The rate relief was granted due to substantially improved claims history in the months of February, March, April and May. The result is there will be no premium increase this year if we maintain the same coverage as last year. However, Ms. Rowland presented me with two Gap coverage plans that would improve our employees' deductible amounts. I will discuss these in more detail at the meeting.

Fire Doors – You will recall in a prior meeting we discussed the need to replace fire doors in the hospital and nursing home due to changes in our life safety code. You will also recall we estimated the total price would be approximately \$70,000. I am happy to report we have been able to find several alternatives that substantially reduces this cost. The total cost to address these issues are now estimated at less than \$25,000.

Legal Matters:

Network Services Solutions – No new developments

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