

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

November 24, 2020

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 of the James C. Kennedy Wellness Center with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two
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 Department

Trustee Lockett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting were presented along with amended minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett Sayle to approve these minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle 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 October 2020. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for October 2020 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the report of the Finance Committee as presented for October, 2020. 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. Blackwood reported that there had been some problems with someone hunting on the wooded area purchased from Martha Heffner and a portion of which is where the house in which Finance Department is located. After a discussion of the events of this matter, a motion was made by Trustee Hargett that no one is allowed to hunt on any property of Tallahatchie General Hospital. 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 Report for October, 2020. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

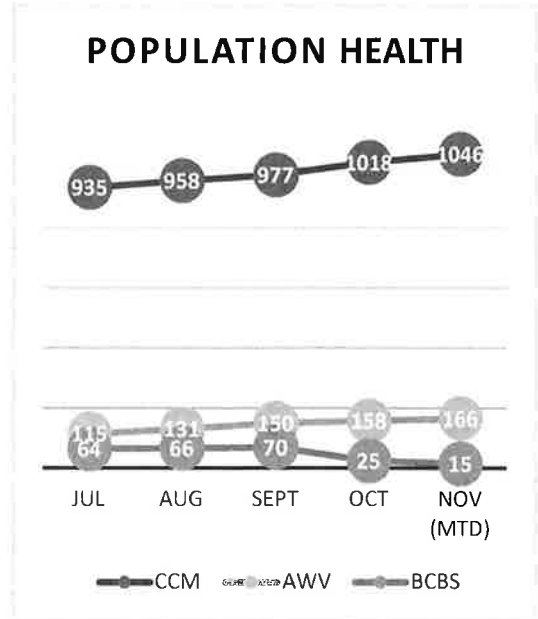
There being no further matters for discussion, the Board adjourned.

Administrator's Comments – Meeting of November 24, 2020

Nursing Home Census – We have 80 residents in the nursing home, with 8 beds open on the general care side and 10 on the special care side.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives –

Our Population Health/ACO initiatives continue to grow. We have now enrolled 1,046 participants into our Chronic Care Management program, up from 1,018 last month. We have now conducted 166 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, eight more than last month. Our Blue Cross/Blue Shield Color Me Healthy participants dropped from 25 to 15, since CMH participants are automatically removed from the program if they do not receive regular physicals. COVID disrupted many of those regular physicals, leading to a decline in the number of CMH participants.

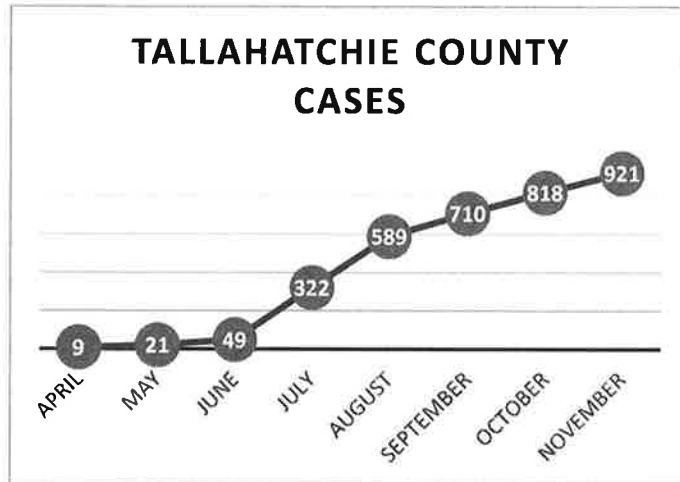


TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 4,987 prescriptions in October, up from 4,950 prescriptions in September.

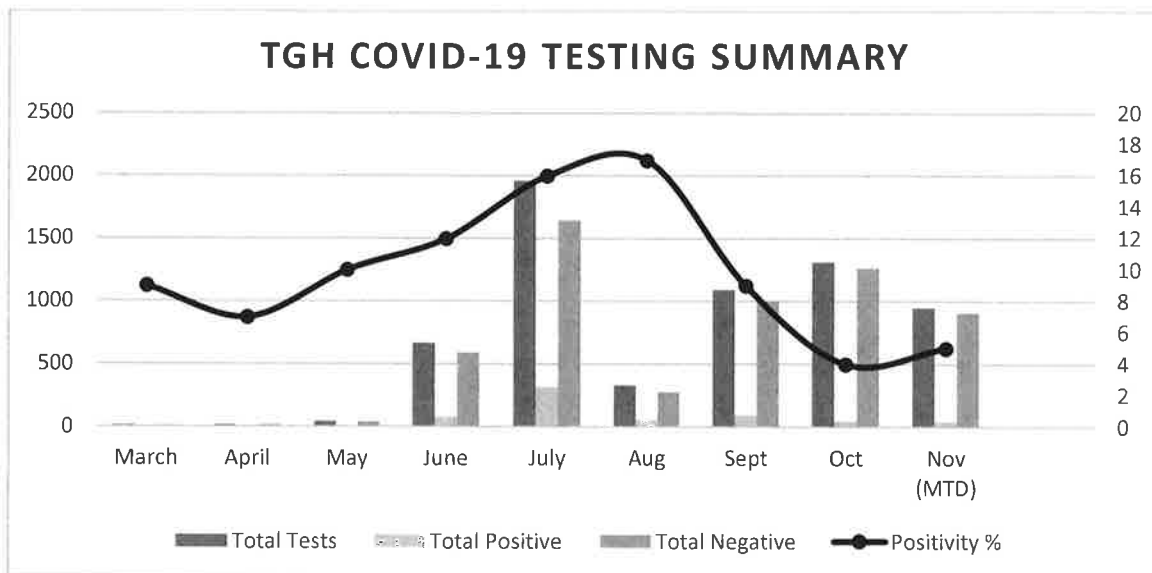


COVID-19 – Tallahatchie County’s number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, currently at 921 (up from 818 last month). There have been 27 COVID-19 related deaths of Tallahatchie County residents.

The outbreaks we have been experiencing among patients, residents and staff in the hospital and ECF have decreased. As of this writing, we have no positive hospital patients or ECF residents. Positive test rates among staff members



are sporadic and relatively low, possibly suggesting that their infections are being acquired in their family and community interactions, as opposed to at work. These relatively low staff infection rates have also relieved some of the staffing difficulties we experienced in the last few months.



Anticipating the availability of a vaccine in the coming months, the Mississippi Department of Health has provided us with a draft of its COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Phase 1 assumes that vaccine doses will be

extremely limited; Phase 1-A will focus on essential healthcare workers, followed by Phase 1-B for other essential workers (first responders, teachers, etc.) and those who are at increased risk of severe COVID illness (such as ECF residents over 65). Phase 2 will begin when enough doses have been manufactured so that supply is likely to meet demand, and will involve clinics such as ours becoming points of access to the vaccine for the public.

Although there have been conflicting reports, it now appears that the 1A inoculations for nursing home residents and essential nursing home workers will only be available through CVS or Walgreens. This required signing the nursing home up through that program through the Department of Health. Through this program, CVS or Walgreens assume all the responsibilities associated with administering vaccinations. There is, however, a provision in the guidance that allows us to opt out of the program if these vaccines become available on the same timeline through our pharmacy.

Our hospital employees will have access to the 1A vaccine through the Department of Health. Through this program, the department of health ships us the vaccine, which we then administer. The logistics for all phases of administration of the vaccine is very fluid and is expected to change as time goes on. We will continue to monitor any changes and will update you with this information as it becomes available.

Construction of the visitation booth facility is proceeding. The installation of the windows will hopefully happen late this week or early next week, so that the facility can be used Thanksgiving weekend.

2020 Employee Christmas Party: Due to restrictions on large gatherings, both from a governmental and public health point of view, we will not be holding an employee Christmas party this year. Earlier this year, we did a scaled-down version of TGH Employee Appreciation Day where a meal was provided to our employees, and we are exploring the possibility of doing something similar in lieu of the Christmas party.

Legal Matters:

The Estate of William Brewer, Sr. – We recently learned that the Circuit Clerk has issued notice to plaintiffs that the case is at risk of dismissal for want of prosecution. There was a 30-day period that allowed plaintiffs to take action in the case to prevent dismissal, but no action was taken. It is our understanding that the case has been placed on a list of other cases that are now stale and subject to administrative dismissal. However, the Clerk has not yet dismissed the case or any of the other cases on the stale list.