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

## November 22, 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 conference room of the Administration House 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 25, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve these minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee 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 October, 2022. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for October 2022 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, 2022. 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 gave the board an update as to contract negotiations with Dr. Kordsmeier. Mr. Blackwood set out the points that Dr. Kordsmeier requested and will report back to the Board as to the final contract.

Mr. Blackwood also reported to the Board that we are having to go with a new television provider as the cable company we were using has left this area. The name of the company is Retirement Home TV and it is affiliated with Directv. The rate we will receive is about \$4,500 per month and it is cheaper than what we have been paying. Mr. Blackwood requested that the Board ratify this new contract as an emergency purchase which will also be a significant savings to our hospital. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to approve this emergency purchase. Trustee Hargett seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood requested that the Board enter into executive session to continue discussing pending legal action being pursued by Mitchell Monsour. Trustee Hargett moved to enter into executive session, which was seconded by Trustee Lockett, with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion. After the discussion in executive session, a motion was made by Trustee Lockett to exit executive session with a second by Trustee Hargett, and all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion. Mr. Blackwood requested the Board to entertain a motion, pursuant to our bylaws and in the absence of available insurance coverage, to provide him with indemnity in the events of this lawsuit and/or settlement and that this will be exercised in such a way, on an as needed basis, and may be brought back to the Board from time to time. Trustee Sayle made the motion, as set out by Mr. Blackwood herein. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

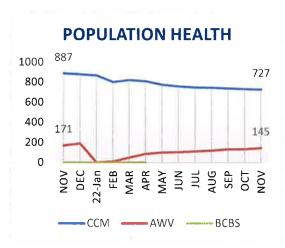
Mr. Blackwood Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for October, 2022. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

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

## <u>Administrator's Comments – Meeting of November 22, 2022</u>

**Nursing Home Census:** We have 82 residents in the nursing home, down one from last month's total of 83. We have 3 new admissions scheduled. We have 2 beds open on the general care side and 14 on the special care side.

ACO and **Population** Health **Initiatives**: We have 727 participants enrolled in our Chronic Care Management program, down from 731 last month. Though the number is still declining, it appears that the rate at which it is declining has slowed somewhat. We have conducted 145 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits in 2022, up from 134 last month.



**TGH Discount Pharmacy**: We filled 5,372 prescriptions in October, up from 5,213 last month. October's sales were 17% higher than October of last

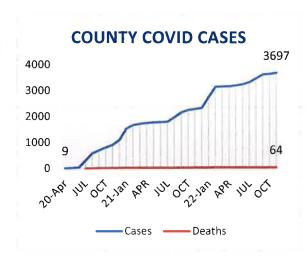
year. For the last several months, we have seen at least a 10% year-over-year increase in sales. We believe the most likely explanation to be the delivery service. We made 285 deliveries in October; this is up from the 273 deliveries made in September, but is over 100 more than the 174 deliveries made almost one year ago in November 2021.



**COVID-19:** Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases increased to 3,697, up from 3,663 last month. The county's total number of fatalities was unchanged at 64.

Positive cases among patients, residents and staff remain sporadic and relatively rare.

ECF Courtyard: Work on the courtyard continues, with the dining room canopy, electrical wiring and landscaping being the main items remaining. We are still planning on a grand opening/dedication ceremony when the project is completed and weather allows.

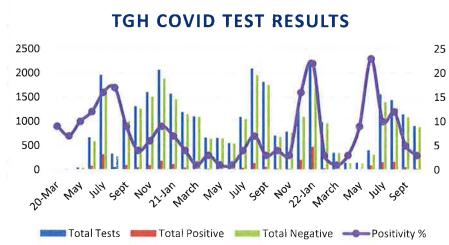


**2020 Desk Review**: Last week we were told by Novitas that a desk

review found an overpayment to TGH of \$110,278.00 for the 2020 cost reporting year. We have already sent the payment to Novitas as instructed.

**New Hospital Beds**: Over the past several months, we have been making incremental improvements to the hospital and Charleston Clinic, doing remodeling

work when our maintenance staff had extra capacity. To continue this, we have replaced the beds on the hospital floor, since our old models were



over 10 years old, and their lease agreement had been completed. The old beds were moved to rooms in the nursing home that needed newer models.

**New Provider Recruitment**: At the board's direction, I have now forwarded drafts of an employment contract, as well as a recruitment incentive agreement, to Dr. Joseph Kordsmeier. As of this writing, he recently returned it with his latest comments, which I will analyze and report to the board for its consideration.

Legal Matters: None.