

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

October 22, 2019

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 at the Admin 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
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphey with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

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

Ms. Richard presented the report of the Finance Committee for September 2019 financials to the Board. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the financial summary report of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett 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.

Trustee Sayle made a motion that the Board enter into executive session to discuss certain personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett. The Board then entered into executive session to discuss these personnel matters. Upon conclusion of these discussions, Trustee Sayle made a motion that the Board exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett and the Board then adjourned executive session and resumed the general meeting.

Mr. Blackwood reported that the incentive program for 2019 had ended and the employees had met all of the goals. Mr. Blackwood requested that we continue the incentive program for 2020 and also recommended that we implement the same incentives used in 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to approve the 2020 incentive program. This motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the 2020 incentive program.

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

Mr. Blackwood reminded the Board members that the regular December 2019 meeting would fall on December 24, Christmas Eve. A general discussion was held and the Board unanimously voted to move the Board meeting up one week so that the regular December 2019 Board meeting fell on December 17, 2019 at the regular time.

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

Administrator's Comments – Meeting of October 22, 2019

Nursing Home Census – We have 94 residents in the nursing home with two beds open on the general care side and two beds open on the special care side.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives – Growth continues in our Accountable Care Organization and Population Health programs. We currently have 294 active Chronic Care Management patients (up from 255 last month), and we have conducted 543 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits this year (up from 487 last month). We have also conducted 78 Blue Cross Color Me Healthy exams (up from 54 last month).

DNV Survey – DNV was on site to conduct our annual survey October 8-9. Last year, we received 1 Condition Level tag and 14 Non Compliant tags; DNV found that all 15 of these had been corrected and were closed out. For this year, we received 4 Non Compliant – 2 (lowest level) tags, for 1) monthly testing of the battery in an emergency light located over one of our backup generators, 2) the need for additional warning stickers on electrical control panels, 3) a need to clarify the hospital's formal customer grievance policy and 4) the need to adopt a formal procedure to annually test the hospital's water for Legionnaire's Disease (even though the test is currently being done on an annual basis). The management company provided lunch to all hospital employees on October 16 to congratulate them on the survey's results.

Purchase of Fred's Pharmacy files – We concluded the purchase of Fred's pharmacy files on Friday, October 11, and the Charleston Fred's Pharmacy location closed that same day. The records were delivered to us electronically on Saturday, October 12 and are now being used by the pharmacy staff.

TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 3,753 prescriptions in September, almost exactly the same number we filled in August. Preliminary figures for October are trending markedly higher: while in the last three months

we filled an average of 3,675 prescriptions per month, we filled 3,000 just between October 1 – 15 alone.

CMS Desk Review – Last month I briefed the board regarding ongoing discussions with CMS related to a desk review being conducted of our allocation of time and expenses of ED providers. Neither we nor our auditors have heard anything further from CMS. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise the board as necessary.

Personnel Matters – The ECF's Director of Nurses, Laura Kathryn Nipper, is no longer employed by TGH. I will be happy to brief the board and answer any questions concerning this matter at the appropriate time.

Meeting Time Reminder – As a reminder, our finance committee meeting will begin at 10:00. Our regular board meeting will begin at 10:30.

Legal Matters:

Network Services Solutions – No new developments

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