

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

**October 26, 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  
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two  
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three  
Jim Blackwood, Administrator  
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer

Trustee Hargett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the September 28, 2021, meeting was presented. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett 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 September 2021. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for September 2021 financials. Questions were asked and answered about the statements. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the summary report of the Finance Committee. 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 presented the Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for September 2021. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. Blackwood reported to the Board that the employees of TGH had met the incentive goals for 2021 and requested authorization to distribute the incentive payments to the employees. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett authorizing the payments to the employees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion. Also, Mr. Blackwood reported to the Board that the parameters set as the incentive goals for 2021 were within reason and he requested permission to use those same incentive goals for 2022. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett approving these incentive goals for 2020. Trustee Sayle seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

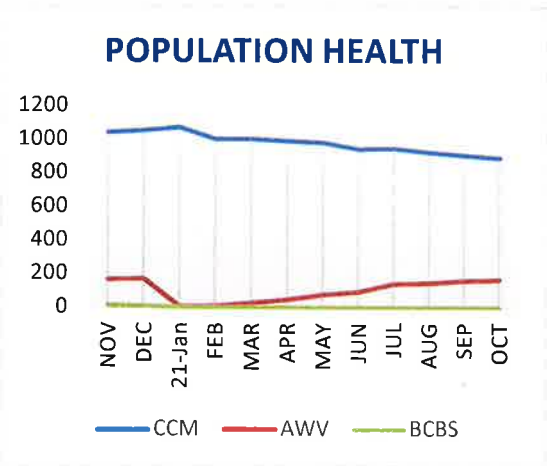
Mr. Blackwood reported to the Board that we had received three requests for proposals: Watkins, Ward and Stafford, PLLC, Welch, Couch & Company, PA, and BKD CPAs & Advisors. Mr. Blackwood recommended that the Board accept the request from proposal of Welch, Couch & Company, PA. Trustee Hargett made the motion that we accept the request for proposal of Welch, Couch & Company. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all Trustees voting in favor of the motion.

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

**Administrator's Comments – Meeting of October 26, 2021**

**Nursing Home Census:** We have 73 residents in the nursing home, up from 69 last month. We have 12 beds open on the general care side and 13 on the special care side.

**ACO and Population Health Initiatives:** We have 893 participants enrolled in our Chronic Care Management program. Open enrollment is officially underway again, and we are encouraging current and former participants to retain their traditional Medicare plans. We have now conducted 165 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, up from 159 last month. BCBS Color Me Healthy exams remain flat.



**TGH Discount Pharmacy:** We filled 4,663 prescriptions in September, up from 4,632 prescriptions in August. The delivery service continues to be popular; we are beginning to track the number of daily deliveries to monitor this service.

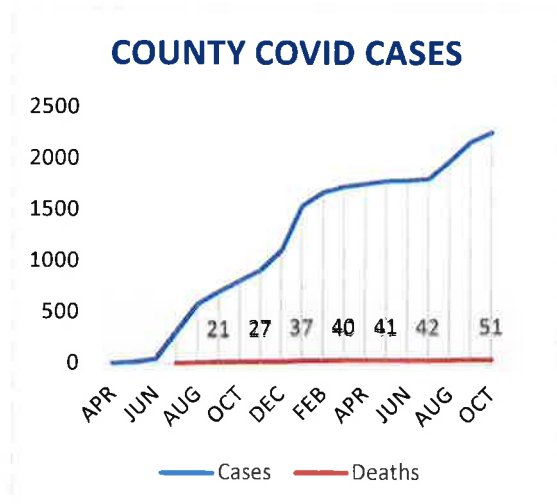


**COVID-19:** Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases increased to 2,268, up from 2,175 last month. There was one additional death last month, bringing the county's total number of COVID-19 deaths to 51.

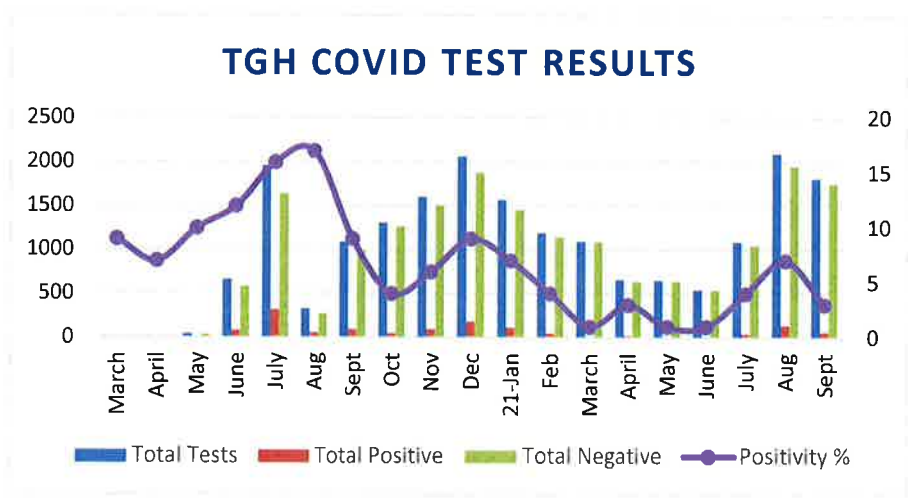
We currently have no positive ECF residents, and no positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among staff remain relatively rare.

Demand for the vaccine at the clinic has waned somewhat. At the height of the Delta variant spike, we were seeing as many as 50-60 requests per week; that figure has now dropped to roughly half that. We have been notified that we will soon be able to

order pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine, which has now been approved for use in children ages 5-11. We will place an order when it is available and make it available to the public as we have for the adult vaccine.



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that additional money would be made available to



assist hospitals and clinics with the continuing financial fallout of the pandemic. We have submitted the necessary paperwork to be eligible for these funds, but we do not know if, when or how much we may receive.

**ECF Courtyard Project:** I have learned from officials at the TGH Foundation that the ECF courtyard project is still coming to fruition. An architect and landscape architect have designed a plan that I previously described to you, and representatives from the Charleston Garden Club have assisted with selecting plants and trees for the landscaping. I have also been told that the Foundation received a gift of \$100,000 to help

finance the project. My understanding is that the Foundation will pay for the balance of construction costs, and that the project will hopefully be under construction in the spring.

**DNV Site Visit:** We still await our DNV site visit, which we are now told will be in-person.

**Tutwiler Clinic:** I have been told that the Foundation is still working to secure a suitable site to build a new Tutwiler Clinic building. My understanding is that negotiations are ongoing.

**Legal Matters – Victoria Sturdivant:** Our insurance carrier has advised that we do have insurance coverage for this claim. I have discussed this claim with our counsel, who is being paid by our carrier. We have not yet been served with process.