

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

September 22, 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 hospital training room with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

David Hargett, Trustee District One
Ike Sayle, Trustee District Two
Gerry Speir, Trustee District Three
Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five
Jim Blackwood, Administrator
Buddy McRae, Chief Operating Officer
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer
Rani Richard, Finance Department

Trustee Sayle opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the August 25, 2020, meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett 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 August 2020. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for August 2020 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.

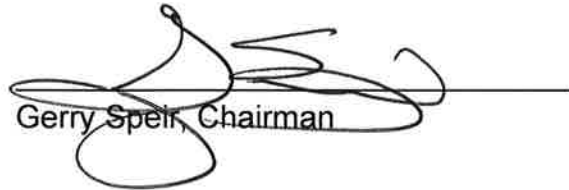
Mr. Blackwood discussed with the Board the matter of renewing our financing with Regions bank as to the HVAC system for our nursing home. The original financing was based on a ten-year amortization period with monthly payments over five years with final balloon payment. The balloon payment is now due and Regions Bank has agreed to refinancing the balloon payment for the final five years. At the end of the five years, the HVAC equipment will be owned by TGH. Mr. Blackwood requested authority to finance the remaining balance over a five-year period. The remaining balance is \$445,000. The proposed rate of interest will be 2.5%. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to authorize Mr. Blackwood to refinance the balance owed to Regions Bank on the HVAC system as set out by Mr. Blackwood. Trustee Lockett seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae reported to the Board that this is the month for our annual policy and compliance review. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the department heads have been working extra shifts to fill vacancies in our staffing of the nursing home and hospital. Mr. McRae requested that the Board allow administration to present the facility policies and compliance matters at the October 27, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Hargett made the motion that administration be allowed to present the facility policies and compliance matters at the October 27, 2020 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. McRae presented the Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for August, 2020. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae presented the following policy for review and approval: N-95 Respirator Fit Test Policy along with Respirator Fit Test Report.

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




Gerry Speir, Chairman

ATTEST:



Isaac W. Sayle, Secretary



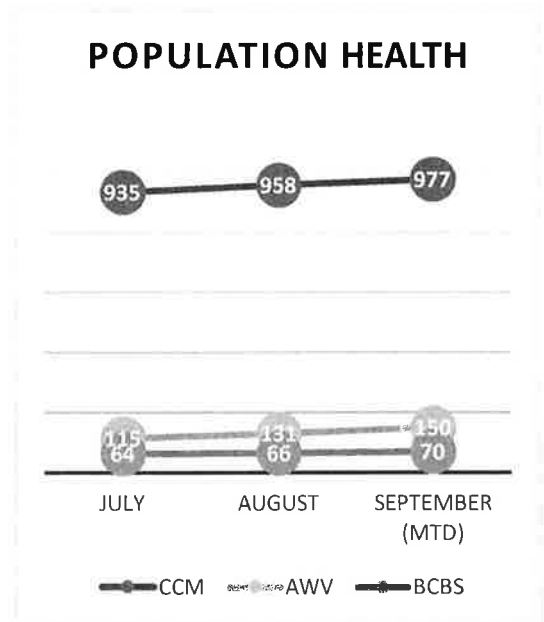
D. James Blackwood, Jr., Administrator, Recorder

Administrator’s Comments – Meeting of September 22, 2020

Nursing Home Census – We have 80 residents in the nursing home, with 7 beds open on the general care side and 11 on the special care side. There is more information regarding the ECF census in the COVID-19 section below.

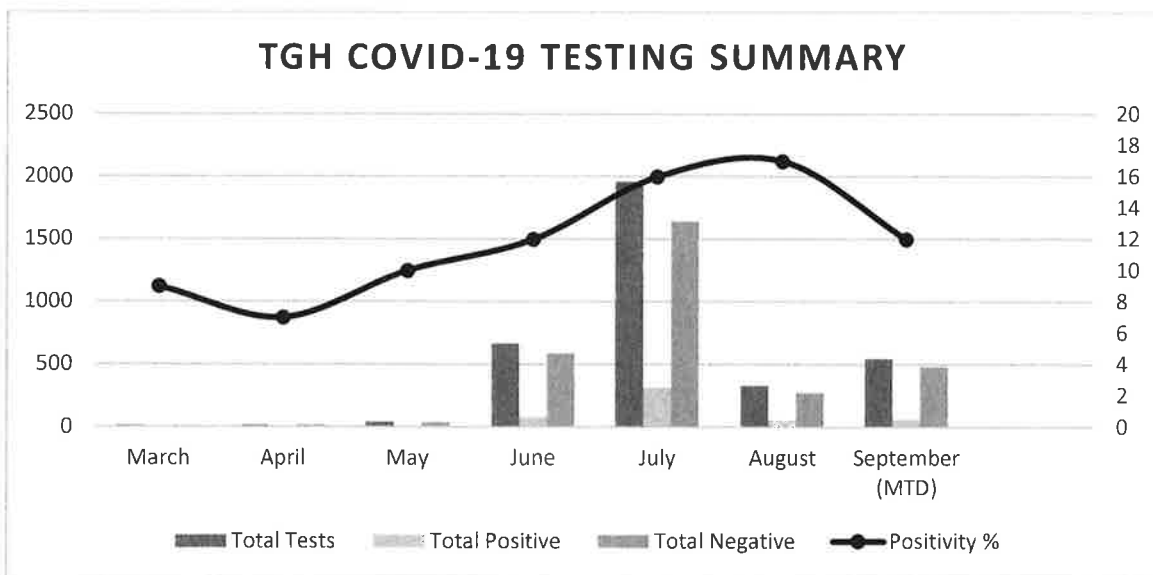
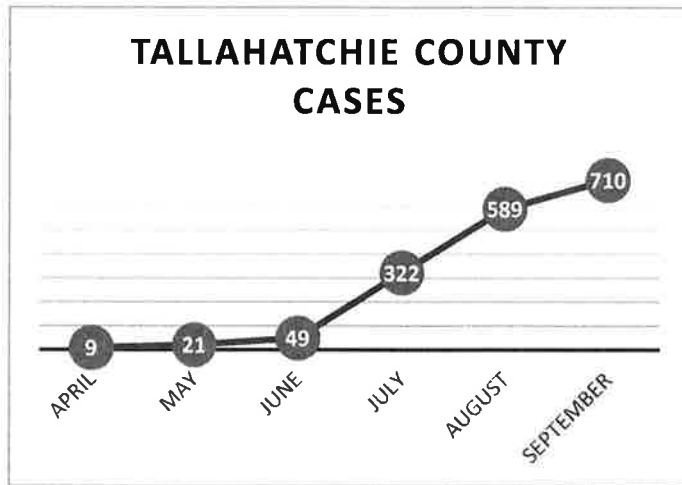
ACO and Population Health Initiatives – Our Population Health/ACO initiatives continue to grow. We currently have 977 active Chronic Care Management patients (up from 958 in August). We have now conducted 150 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, up from 131 last month. We have conducted 70 BlueCross/BlueShield Color Me Healthy exams this year.

TGH Discount Pharmacy – We filled 4,763 prescriptions in August, down from 4,910 prescriptions in July.



COVID-19 – Tallahatchie County’s number of COVID-19 positives continues to increase, currently at 710 (up from 589 last month). There have been 16 COVID-19 related deaths of Tallahatchie County residents.

Last month I explained that we had been testing large numbers of people in all three clinics, but we had to curtail testing when the Federal government took many of our supplier’s testing kits for federal use. Our supply has rebounded somewhat, and so the amount of testing we have performed has also increased somewhat.



This time last month, we had no COVID-19 positive hospital patients or ECF residents, which seemed statistically odd in light of the county’s infection rate. That infection rate unfortunately has now shown up in our hospital and ECF among patients, residents and staff. At the moment, we have 13 ECF residents who are COVID positive. Three residents, who were already in poor health, have passed away since last week from

COVID-related causes. Three swingbed patients, who were COVID negative when they arrived at TGH, are now COVID-positive; all are currently doing well and expected to recover. On the hospital floor, 5 RNs, 1 LPN and 3 CNAs tested positive, and a hospital/ER provider also tested positive.

In response, we have begun testing all hospital patients and ECF residents twice per week, and all hospital and ECF nursing staff once a week. We have temporarily halted new swingbed and ECF admissions, and closed the hospital to visitors again.

On September 15, the State conducted a surprise survey in the ECF, as they have done on two prior occasions since we reported our first COVID positive resident. The survey was focused on infection control practices. We were cited for no deficiencies, and the surveyor commented positively on our infection control policies and procedures.

With more members of our nursing staff being quarantined, our staffing problems continue. Administrative nurses (e.g., our Infection Control Nurse, Clinical Liaison and Nursing Informatics Director) have graciously agreed to work the floor to fill in the gaps.

Construction of the visitation booth facility is underway, as is the new pavilion next to the walking trail.

Myriad ACO/Caravan Health – We continue to be involved in conversations with representatives from Myriad, the Mississippi Hospital Association and Caravan Health concerning management of the Myriad ACO going forward. I will report future developments as they arise.

Legal Matters:

Network Services Solutions – No new developments.

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