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

## **September 28, 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 Willie Lockett, Trustee District Five Jim Blackwood, CEO Drew Weissinger, Director of Finance Buddy McRae, COO Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Lockett opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Hargett to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle with all trustees voting "Aye" approving the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Weissinger gave the Board copies of the statistics for the providers showing their production in the hospital and the clinic for the month of August 2021. The Board reviewed these statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Weissinger presented the report of the Finance Committee for the August 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 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.

Mr. McRae circulated the Quality Report and HCAHPS for August, 2021. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. McRae presented the renewal application for the Trauma Registry program. A motion was made by Trustee Sayle to approve the hospital's participation in this program again. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood informed the Board that a request for proposals may be in order from other accounting firms some possible concerns regarding the hospital's current auditing firm. After a discussion of this matter and some of the concerns, a motion was made by Trustee Sayle that a request for proposal be requested. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hargett with all trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

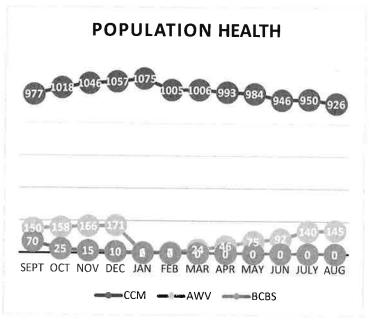
Mr. Blackwood then requested that the Board enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter. A motion was made by Trustee Lockett that the Board enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sayle and the Board then entered into executive session. After a discussion of this matter, a motion was made by Trustee Hargett that the Board exit executive session and resume its regular session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockett for the Board to resume its regular session.

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

## Administrator's Comments - Meeting of September 28, 2021

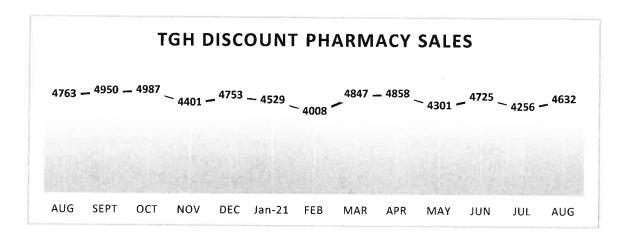
<u>Nursing Home Census</u> – We have 69 residents in the nursing home. We have two new residents who have been approved for admission, pending the finalization of their financial arrangements. We have 14 beds open on the general care side and 15 on the special care side. Since the beginning of the year, we have had 9 admissions and 14 deaths.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives –We have 910 participants enrolled in our Chronic Care Management program, down from 926 last month. We have reviewed the records of the participants who have left the program, and have identified that almost all of the loss is due to people switching to Medicare advantage plans. We have now conducted 159 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, up

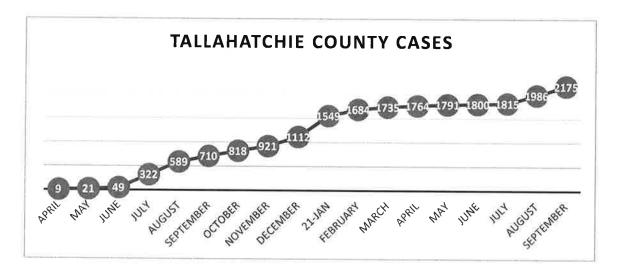


from 145 last month. BCBS Color Me Healthy exams remain flat.

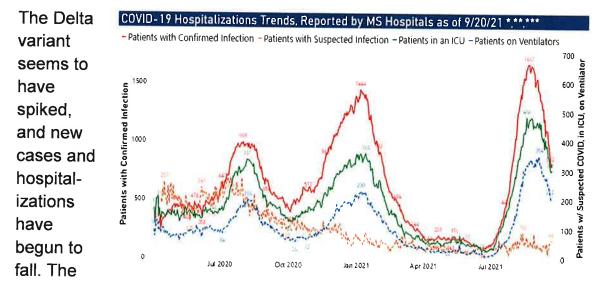
<u>TGH Discount Pharmacy</u> – We filled 4,632 prescriptions in August, up from 4,256 prescriptions in July.



<u>COVID-19</u> – Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases increased to 2,175, up from 1,986 last month. There were five additional deaths last month, bringing the county's total number of COVID-19 deaths to 50.

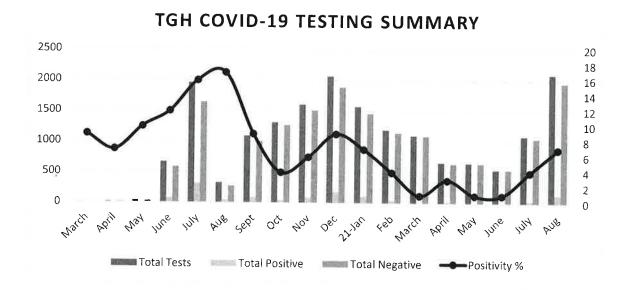


We currently have no positive ECF residents, and no positive patients on the hospital floor. Outbreaks among staff, which had increased with the Delta variant, seem to have become more sporadic.



number of people requesting the vaccine remains steady, with approximately 40-50 people per week. Prior to the Delta variant, we typically had no more than 10-20 per week.

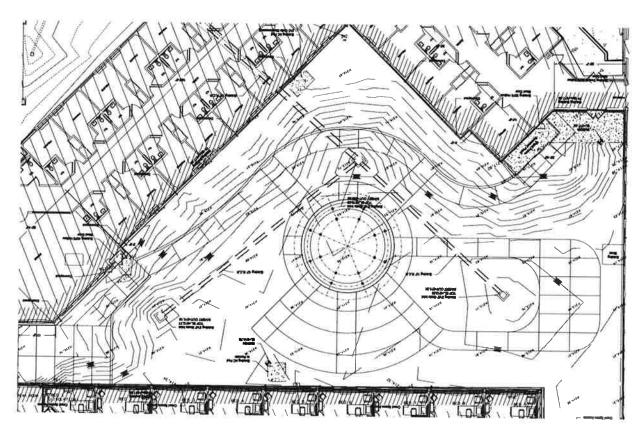
The number of COVID tests conducted at TGH doubled from July to August. There is a possible future concern over availability of testing supplies; as has been widely reported, the Biden administration has announced a series of initiatives requiring various employers to mandate vaccinations, or requiring weekly testing of employees who refuse the vaccine. We have been told by our test supplier that supplies may be restricted going forward. We will continue to monitor our supply levels.



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**Storm Damage**: Work is now almost complete on installing the new nurse call, door control and fire alarm systems. All installations should be complete by the end of this week.

**ECF Courtyard Project**: As we have discussed in prior meetings, the TGH Medical Foundation is assessing the possibility of installing a courtyard in the enclosed ECF green space. The architect and landscape architect retained by the Foundation have now drawn a plan for the ECF courtyard that will feature a porch off of the dining/activities room, a large gazebo, sitting area and sidewalks connecting these features. We have scheduled a meeting for tomorrow to invite in key stakeholders – including nursing home residents, the resident council and the project's donors – to give feedback on the plan and suggest any improvements.



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

ACO Shared Savings: We have been informed by our ACO managers that TGH's share of the organization's savings for the year will be \$167,279. Though we are obviously happy that our ACO and TGH achieved shared savings, this is tempered by the amount TGH will receive and the methodology used to calculate it. I have scheduled a conference call with our ACO representative for later this week to review these items.

<u>Tutwiler Clinic</u>: I have learned that the foundation is still working to secure a suitable site to build a new Tutwiler Clinic building. My understanding is that an offer will be made on a new parcel of land soon.

<u>Legal Matters</u>: I will ask the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation against TGH by a former employee.