

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

December 27, 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 at the Administration House with the following trustees and personnel, to wit:

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, COO
Joey Brunson, Chief Financial Officer
Rani Richard, Finance

Trustee Sayle opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Lockett 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 November, 2022. The Board reviewed the statistics and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Brunson presented the report of the Finance Committee for November 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 November, 2022. 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.

The Quality Report and HCAHPS Report for November, 2022. Questions were asked and answered concerning the quality metrics for the month.

Mr. Blackwood gave an update as to the financing for the CT scanner. Mr. Blackwood reported that when the final figures were presented, GE Financing was lower than the Kingsbridge financing. Mr. Blackwood asked for approval to enter into a five year capital lease with GE. A motion was made by Trustee Murphey to authorize Mr. Blackwood to execute this agreement with GE. Trustee Lockett seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood further updated the Board as to his recruitment efforts with Dr. Kordsmeier and requested authority from the Board to enter into the Employment Agreement, a copy of which was presented to the Trustees for review. After discussion of this agreement, Trustee Lockett made the motion that the Board authorize Mr. Blackwood to execute this agreement on behalf of the hospital. Trustee Sayle seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of the motion.

Mr. Blackwood discussed with the Board the low water pressure issue at the hospital. Mr. Blackwood stated that the last time we had this problem, Mayor Smith said we would not have this problem again, but the water stream was very low and a local fire department delivered a water truck to the hospital as a backup measure.

Mr. Blackwood discussed with the Board the COVID-19 CMS and OSHA rulings and the exemptions provided under these ruling. After a discussion on this matter by the Board, the matter was tabled.

Mr. Blackwood presented a matter to the Board of a possible employee tax credit and as it pertains to small hospitals. Mr. Blackwood had a conversation with Julie Jacks as to this matter. Her firm is looking at this in terms of causation. Mr. Blackwood stated he wanted to do more research on this matter in case something comes up relating to small hospitals.

A discussion was held as to filling the position of Mr. Hargett on the Finance Committee. After a discussion between the Trustees, a motion was made by Trustee Lockett that Trustee Murphey fill the position created by Mr. Hargett's death. Trustee Sayle seconded the motion with all Trustees voting "Aye" in favor of this replacement.

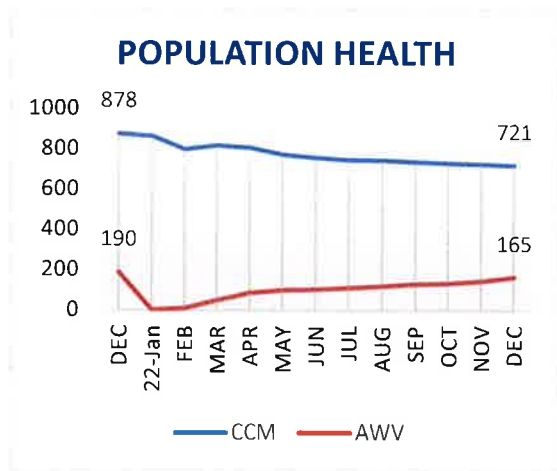
There being no further matters for discussion, the Board adjourned.

Administrator's Comments – Meeting of December 27, 2022

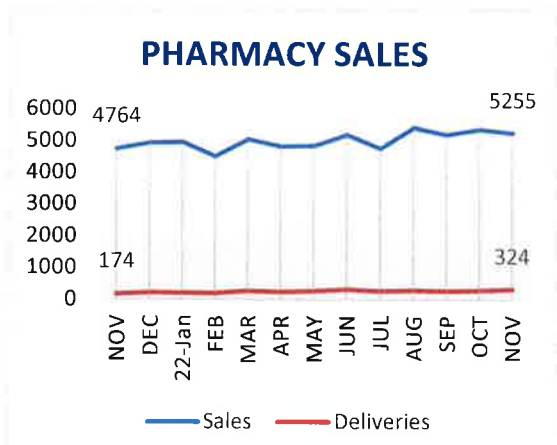
Nursing Home Census: We have 81 residents in the nursing home, down one from last month's total of 82, due to a resident death. We have some new admissions scheduled, but these are typically put off until after the holidays. We have 2 beds open on the general care side and 15 on the special care side.

ACO and Population Health Initiatives:

We have 721 participants enrolled in our Chronic Care Management program, down from 727 last month. Though the number is still declining, it appears that the rate at which it is declining has slowed somewhat. We have conducted 165 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits in 2022, up from 145 last month.



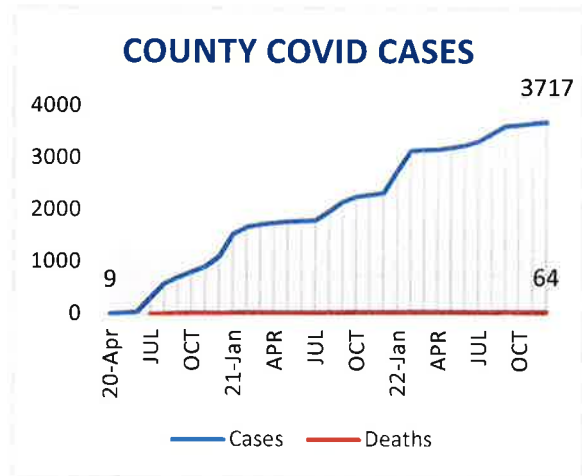
TGH Discount Pharmacy: We filled 5,255 prescriptions in November, down from 5,372 last month. November's sales were 10% higher than November of last year, continuing a trend of year-over-year sales increases of approximately 10%. We made 324 deliveries in November; not only is this up from the 285 deliveries made in October, but is a new monthly record, and an 86% increase over November of last year.



COVID-19: Tallahatchie County's number of COVID-19 cases increased to 3,717, up from 3,697 last month. The county's total number of fatalities was unchanged at 64. This represents three months with no new Covid-related deaths.

Positive cases among patients, residents and staff remain sporadic.

David Hargett: We were very sorry to learn of Trustee Hargett's passing on December 4. We will await word from the Board of Supervisors regarding the appointment of his successor.



ECF Courtyard: Work on the courtyard continues, with the dining room canopy and gazebo being finished. Plumbing for the landscape irrigation system is also being installed. We have recently been contacted by the landscaper to discuss the timing of his work, in light of the beginning of winter.

New CT Scanner Financing: The board had previously authorized me to negotiate a financing arrangement for our new CT scanner. As you may recall, Kingsbridge had previously made the lowest and best offer of financing terms but, due to increasing interest rates, the best offer is now from the manufacturer's (GE's) financing arm. I will ask the board today to authorize me to conclude this arrangement with GE at the terms they have offered.

New Provider Recruitment: At the board's direction, I have negotiated a recruitment and compensation package that Dr. Joseph Kordsmeier has accepted. I will ask the board to approve the proposed contract at today's meeting.

Legal Matters:
None.

