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February 22, 2024

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 4:08 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Raleigh, NC and via WebEx.

**Members Present:** Melvin Alston, David Clegg, June Cummings, Walter Ferguson, Carlvena Foster, Mary Ann Furmiss, Deborah Herring, Jerry Jones, Charles Jordan, Steve Keen, Priscilla Little-Reid, Jerry Langley, Jackie McLean, Sheron Mosby, Janice Nichols, Wanda Piland, James Simmons, David Stanley, Wixie Stephens, and Rob Zapple.

**Members Absent:** Rob Boyette and Dr. Sheila Smith.

**Staff Present:** Kelli Baker, Cindy Ehlers, Joy Futrell, Senitria Goodman, Victoria Jackson, Mike Lewis, Bobbie Lowe, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Anthony Ward and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

**Guests:** Lisa Jackson, Department of Health and Human Services Liaison.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Jerry Langley called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**II. ROLL Call**

Board Clerk, Lisa Fuller performed the roll call.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Langley called for a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the following items:

- December 28-29, 2023 – Governing Board Minutes
- December 28, 2023 – Closed Session Minutes
- January 25, 2024 – Special Governing Board Minutes

Commissioner Alston made a subsequent motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. Chairman Langley agreed to table the approval of the minutes. The subsequent motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wes Rider, former NC DHHS Liaison - Mr. Rider expressed concern regarding the state of the CFAC Committees at Trillium and suggested that improvements are needed to better serve members.

Gary Bass, Network Provider Council Chair – Mr. Bass shared recommendations for the newly consolidated Trillium Provider Council with the Board.

**V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Langley called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Foster made a subsequent motion to add an agenda item under section VI. Commissioner Alston so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Stephens, was unanimously approved.

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Commissioner Foster made a motion to have the Board meet in-person on a monthly basis, beginning in March 2024 at 4:00 p.m. for the next several months, the site to be determined by the staff. Commissioner Zapple requested that a virtual option remain. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones, was unanimously approved.

**VII. CONVENE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chairman Langley recessed the Governing Board meeting to convene the Finance Committee meeting.

**VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Futrell highlighted items from her written report to the Board.

- CMS increased the Primary Care Physician (PCP) factor from 80% to 90% prior to the launch of the Tailored Plans.
- The Health Opportunity Pilot Program has been delayed until May 1, 2024.
- Employee consolidation activities are complete, with 1,663 employees.
- Regional Vice Presidents continue to meet with County Managers, DSS Directors and community leaders. They are working to set up the Regional Advisory Boards and CFACs in each region.
- Trillium has applied for over \$52 million of the NC budget for investment in behavioral health services, to support crisis services in all 46 counties.
- Trillium will receive 114 of the 350 new Innovations Waiver slots allocated by the NCGA.
- Legislative priorities will be focused on Single Stream funding, Standard Plans and Tailored Plans competing services, and open Provider Networks versus closed Provider Networks.

**IX. CHAIR'S REPORT**

For these interim meetings like the one in March. CFAC reports will be given at the request of the Board Chair or CFAC Chair(s) as needed.

**X. CFAC REPORT**

Ms. Furniss, Southern Region CFAC designee, Ms. Mosby, Northern Region CFAC chair gave reports on behalf of their respective committees. Dr. Sheila Smith, Central Region CFAC chair, was unavailable to give a report.

**XI. REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

Ms. Futrell shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Trillium Health Resources Governance Structure.

- History of Alternative Governance Structure
- All Voices Structure
- County Engagement
- Regional Advisory Boards
- Consumer Family Advisory Committee (CFAC)
- Resolution to allow new members.

Commissioner Alston, on behalf of Commissioner Boyette, distributed hard copies of proposed revisions to the Governing Board bylaws to members.

**XII. BUDGET REVISION I FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

In the absence of Ms. Owens, Ms. Baker, Trillium's VP of Financial Strategy and Medical Economics, reviewed the budget revision request for Board consideration.

Chairman Langley called for a motion to approve the budget revision. Mr. Clegg so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones, was unanimously approved.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A COMPETITIVE HEALTH CARE MATTER**

Chairman Langley entertained a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 122C-126.1, to discuss a competitive health care matter not considered public record. Commissioner Alston so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Foster, was unanimously approved.

No action required by the Board during the closed session.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business, Chairman Langley called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Nichols, was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m., February 22, 2024.

  
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Lisa Fuller, Clerk to the Board

  
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Jerry Langley, Governing Board Chair