



January 11, 2022

TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES  
NORTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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The Trillium Health Resources Northern Regional Advisory Board met by WebEx on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Kimberly Clark, J. Ray Freeman, III, Charles H. Jordan, Dr. Alex Kehayes, Sandra J. Layden, Ron Lowe, Lynn W. Mathis, Dr. P. Michael McLain, Wallace Nelson, Wanda Piland, Clayton D. Riggs, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, and Emmie Lou Taylor

**Members Absent:** Kelvin M. Edwards, Carolyn Johnson, Kevin E. McCord, William F. Mitchell, Jr., Donna Powell, Ron Roberson, and Ronnie Smith

**Staff Present:** Bland Baker, and Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Dr. McLain called the meeting of the Northern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:06 p.m.
- II. OATH OF OFFICE  
Ms. Waller administered the Oath of Office to Lynn W. Mathis (Perquimans). Com. McCord (Currituck) and Com. Johnson (Halifax) were absent, therefore, the Oath of Office was not administered.
- III. APPROVAL OF September 14, 2021 and November 9, 2021 MINUTES (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)  
Dr. McLain called for a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 and November 9, 2021, minutes. The motion was so moved by Com. Riggs, seconded by Com. Jordan, and unanimously approved.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
There were none.
- V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
Dr. McLain called for a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was so moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Kehayes, and unanimously approved.
- VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS  
There were none.



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VII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Dr. Robinson defers to Bland but reports that Trillium has added two new counties and that Leza Wainwright will have a retirement celebration on January 28<sup>th</sup> and will retire on February 1, 2022.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Baker gave the following Director's Report:

- Tailored Plan Update. Trillium was awarded the Tailored Plan on July 26, 2021. Since that time, the Division has requested Trillium to send in a number of policies and procedures and additional documents regarding the Tailored Plan implementation along with over two hundred deliverables. Additional deliverables are required by the Division. In addition, Trillium continues to do work related to adding additional counties and carrying on the day-to-day operations of Trillium.
- Recruitment Opportunities for all Counties. (1) Research-based Behavioral Health Treatment for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder – behavioral interventions to prevent or minimize disabilities and behavioral challenges, and (2) Psychological Services – LPA's and Psychologists for Psychological Testing, etc.
- Realignment of Individual Counties. Trillium has hired three new System of Care (SOC) employees in which two will cover the Northern Region. As such, the Tailored Plan requires one System of Care (SOC) Coordinator to every three counties. Trillium has two SOC's covering ten counties. We had to split these counties to meet the requirements of the Tailored Plan. Our SOC Staff has been wonderful in adjusting to the reassignment of staff and counties and are working closely with the new staff to train them. The new assignments are as follows:
  - Tracey Webster – Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans
  - Hope Eley – Bertie, Hertford, Northampton
  - Tavia James – Camden, Currituck, Gates
  - Eric Boone – Halifax, Nash
  - Chinita Vaughan – Martin
- Halifax County Update. The Halifax County realignment is now complete effective December 2, 2021. Good relationships are developing with Law Enforcement, County Officials, DSS, and Stepping-Up Initiative.
- Bladen County Update. Bladen County's realignment date is set for February 1, 2022. Work has begun behind the scenes to have everything in place for a smooth transition for that date.
- Mobile Clinics Update. Discussions are ongoing for our Ribbon cuttings for our new Mobile Clinics serving marginalized and underserved counties in Gates, Hertford, Martin, and Northampton Counties. The Ribbon cuttings will take place between February and May, 2022.



- Personnel Changes. They are as follows:
  - - Sue Ann Forrest. Sue Ann is the new Director of Government Relations at Trillium and comes from a lobbyist from the Medical Society. She will be working with lobbyists and the General Assembly on issues that affect Trillium and our mental health system. She will be a big asset as we add physical health to our responsibilities with the Tailored Plan Implementation.
    - Leza Wainwright. Leza will be retiring on February 1, 2022 with a retirement reception on January 28<sup>th</sup> that will be either in person or virtual.
    - - Joy Futrell. Joy has been named as Leza's successor.
  - New Board Members. We welcome these two new members to the Northern Regional Advisory Board and look forward to working with them. They are as follows:
    - Lynn W. Mathis (Perquimans County) has been appointed to the Northern Regional Advisory Board.
    - Carolyn Johnson, a Commissioner from Halifax County, has been appointed to the Northern Regional Advisory Board.

X. CFAC REPORT

Mr. Lowe reported that he has been hospitalized. Halifax County CFAC members have joined Northern Regional CFAC and he looks forward to working with all of them.

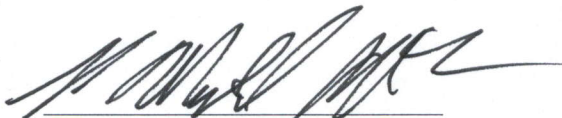
XI. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Dr. McLain called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was so moved by Com. Freeman, seconded by Ms. Taylor, and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacqueline M. Waller*  
Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

  
Dr. P. Michael McLain, Chair