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March 8, 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, March 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Charles H. Jordan, Ron Lowe, Dr. P. Michael McLain, Wanda Piland, Clayton D. Riggs, and Emmie Taylor

**Members Absent:** Kimberly Clark, Kelvin M. Edwards, J. Ray Freeman III, Dr. Alex Kehayes, Carolyn Johnson, Sandra J. Layden, Kevin E. McCord, William F. Mitchell, Jr., Wallace Nelson, Donna Powell, Ron Roberson, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, and Ronnie Smith

**Staff Present:** Bland Baker, Sue Ann Forrest, 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

Com. McCord (Currituck) and Com. Johnson (Halifax) were absent, therefore, the Oath of Office was not administered.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2022 MINUTES (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)

Due to not having a quorum, the minutes were not voted on. However, Dr. McLain requested that the minutes be sent to the board in request for an electronic vote.

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 Com. Riggs, seconded by Com. Jordan, and unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

There were none.

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTATION

Sue Ann is the new Director of Government Relations at Trillium and comes from a lobbyist from the Medical Society. She gave a presentation about her new role



at Trillium and how she will be working with lobbyists and the General Assembly on issues that affect Trillium and our mental health system, as well as an update on the approved budget highlighting items that Trillium supports.

VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Dr. Robinson was absent, therefore, no report was given.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Baker gave the following Director's Report:

- Tailored Plan Update. Trillium continues its efforts in the plans for implementation of the Tailored Plan. DHHS will begin their formal readiness reviews in May with the service review lines. Trillium's Readiness Review is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The Pharmacy Benefit Manager that Trillium hired did not work out so Trillium had to regroup and repost the RFP. Trillium has received several applicants and will be making an offer soon.
- County Movement. Effective December 1, 2021, Halifax County successfully aligned with Trillium. On February 1, 2022, Bladen County successfully aligned with Trillium. We continue to further the development of our relationship with both Halifax and Bladen Counties.
- General Assembly. The budget was passed and provided some important funding for Trillium services. They are: 1) bonuses for Direct Care Workers; 2) rate enhancements in services directly to provider employee pay for many services and additional Innovation waiver slots; 3) 61 new Innovation slots for Trillium catchment area.
- Mobile Clinics. There were ribbon cuttings in Tyrell and Washington Counties this week. Trillium had the honor of having Governor Cooper and Secretary Kinsley attend the one in Washington County. There will be three ribbon cuttings this week. Halifax and Northampton County are both scheduled for March 9 and Gates County follows on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.
- Recruitment Efforts in the Northern Region. The recruitment efforts are as follows: 1) Medicaid; 2) Partial Hospital (Martin, Chowan); 3) Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT); 4) Opioid Treatment (Halifax, Martin); and 5) Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Treatment (SAIOP).

X. CFAC REPORT

Mr. Lowe reported that the Northern Regional CFAC had a partial meeting on Monday that ended up being cancelled due to not enough members attending. Mr. Lowe indicated that due to his health problem he is recruiting for a new Chair for Northern Regional CFAC.

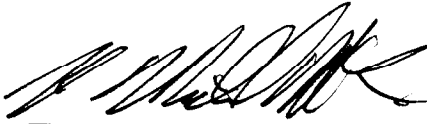
XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline M. Waller  
Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

  
Dr. P. Michael McLain, Chair