

North Central Regional Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 – 3:30 p.m.

The Trillium Health Resources North Central Regional Advisory Board met in person and virtually on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., at 1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC 27889.

Members Present: Tracey Johnson, JaNell Octigan, Jerry Jones, Pat Prescott, Tia Foula, Amanda Smith, and Debra Herring.

Members Virtual: David Clegg, Jeff Hill, Luana Gibbs, Miranda Keel, Sheila Smith, Viola Harris, Wally Overman.

Present via Call-in: Dan Cone, Melvin McLawhorn, Rob Ross.

Members Absent: Jerry Langley, Rob Boyette

Staff Present: Dave Peterson-North Central Region Vice President and Desmetress Howard -Clerk to Board.

Guest: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Langley (Chair) nor Debra Herring (Vice-Chair) were present at the time, therefore Dave Peterson called the meeting of the Trillium North Central Regional Advisory Board to order at 3:36 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 26TH, 2024 MINUTES

Dave Peterson called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 26th, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Dan Cone and seconded by Commissioner Pat Prescott. The minutes were unanimously approved

III. SWEARING IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

The Oath of Office was given to Amanda Smith (Greene County) and Jeff Hill (Wilson County) by Desmetress Howard.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Dave Peterson called for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. A motion was made by Janell Octigan and seconded by Tia Foula. The agenda was unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Commissioner Overman asked if Trillium has funding for Dare County regarding Transportation. Dave responded and explained that Modivcare is used for all 4 MCO's for transportation. The state funds Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), and is only for Tailored Plan members. Dave will talk to someone about how the transportation is being managed

Miranda Keel mentioned that Martin-Tyrrell-Washington had received funds for a 5-year Grant called Partnership for Success. The funds will be used for NC Talk It Up, Lock It up! Lock Your Meds and 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline as the three strategies to implement in all three counties. More information will be shared with the Board.

VII. CFAC REPORT:

Sheila Smith gave the CFAC report;

Guest speaker: A vendor from GeneSight, which is a genetic testing company that provides DNA-based recommendations for mental health medication.

Sheila shared with the Board one of Gaps which is Transportation for member's with IDD in Beaufort County for the Beaufort County Development Center.

Sheila shared that there are Housing issues that need to be addressed, Dave provided contact information in Beaufort County.

New Officers will be elected at the June CFAC meeting. The nominating committee is always looking for new members within new counties.

Dave thanked Sheila Smith for serving as Chair of the CFAC but will continue to serve on CFAC.

VIII. Governing Board Report:

In the absence of Commissioner Langley, Dave asked if anyone on the Governing Board would like to make any comments. It was mentioned that a Sub-committee has been formed to focus on the By-Laws.

IX. Vice President's Report

Dave Petersons reported:

Trillium passed the readiness review, all 4 MCO's are ready to go Live on July 1st, 2024.

The State is only allowing 1 month for members to enroll with a physical health provider of their choice. This time period is April 15th –May 15th for members to decide who they want as a physical health provider. On May 16th, members will be "auto assigned" to a provider. Commissioner Ross shared his concerns on how that would work out, for the members. Dave asked if board members hear of any problems in their counties to let him know.

Healthy Opportunities Pilot is a 5 year project focuses on social determinants, which is an innovative new approach to supporting members upstream to reduce the need for clinical interventions. The funds will be used for improving transportation, nutrition, housing, and interpersonal safety. It is a pilot in the following Counties: Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, and Onslow services coordinated by Lower Cape Fear. Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, and Pitt, through Access East.

Joy Futrell and Vice President will be going out to do Town Halls with 18 counties from legacy SandHills and legacy EastPointe. It will be about a 15 minute overview of Trillium, and then asking for feedback within each county about what is working and what needs to be improved. Edgecombe County Town Hall is scheduled for June 20th at the Edgecombe Administrative Building and the Wilson County Town Hall on June 24th at Wilson Community College.

Dave will continue his Annual Presentations with County Commissioners.

Dave updated the board that between April 1st- May 17th Trillium attended 381 community meetings and events within all 46 counties.

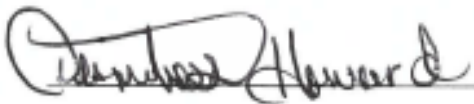
The Jacksonville office will be closing. Trillium has 18 buildings throughout the catchment area.

He mentioned those that are interested in the I2I Spring Conference June 11th - 12th in Raleigh, NC or Winter I2I Conference in Winston-Salem, please let us know.

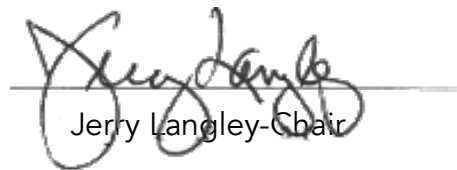
Dave discussed the State budget recommendations which included Medicaid Program, Early Education, Childcare, Crisis Services, Supporting workforce needs, and supporting the Aging population. They are asking for \$180,000 to support the Direct Support Professionals and increasing Innovation Waiver slots.

X. Adjournment

With there being no other business, Dave Peterson called for a motion to end the meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn and was seconded by JaNell Octigan therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.



Desmetress Howard- Adm. Assistant



Jerry Langley-Chair