

## **SOUTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.**

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The Trillium Health Resources Southern Regional Advisory Board met on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., via WebEx call-in only.

**Members Present:**

**Members Present via WebEx:** Lavern Coleman, Marty Cooke, Charlie Dunn, Jimmy Farrington, Mary Ann Furniss, Dr. Mollie Glenn, Janice Nichols, Walter Scott, Sheri Slater, David Stanley, Wes Stewart, and Rob Zapple,

**Members Absent:** Danny Ellis, Theron McKvian, Kathy Webb,

**Staff Present:** Dennis Williams, Southern Regional Director, Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk, and Sean Kenny, Head of DSS Engagement

**Guests:** Holly Connor, Lisa Roark, Lisa Jackson, Onslow County

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Zapple called the meeting of the Trillium Southern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:02 p.m. on May 26, 2022.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Janice Nichols so moved to adopt the agenda as written, with a second from Commissioner Dunn. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**III. CONSIDERATION OF THE March 24, 2022 MINUTES**

Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 24, 2022 as written. Commissioner Coleman so moved to approve the meeting minutes as written, and Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Holly Connor, a member of the local CFAC and a parent, who lives in Onslow County advocates for people in Onslow County in finding a program there for individuals with I/DD. She advocates and talks about the challenges in Onslow County to get support for individuals with I/DD. Kelly Roark is a parent of a child who is Autistic, lives in Onslow County and is a disabled veteran. She advocates for people with Autism. Commissioner Zapple thanked both of them for their time and expressed that they will try to work on their concerns.

**V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

- Commissioner Cooke reported that they have been working on the COVID aspect and making sure they have provisions in place for any kind of virtualization and looking at priorities as to what money they have spent during the time of COVID. They have also worked on public safety.
- Commissioner Coleman – no comments or concerns.
- Commissioner Dunn mentioned that Jones County has appointed the board member who will come on board soon.
- Sheri Slater reported that they had a group and staff work on expanding their Emergency Operations Center and building a new Senior Services Center. One of the larger initiatives they did was a RFP for low income housing. They have added a public health staff. They have funded some mental health services through the Department of Social Services.
- Wes Stewart – no comments.
- Janice Nichols – no comments.
- Mary Ann will cover her comments in her CFAC Report.
- Commissioner Farrington – no comments.
- David Stanley – no comments.
- Dr. Glenn – no comments.

**VI. TAILORED PLAN UPDATE**

Dennis gave a detailed presentation on Trillium Health Resources Medicaid Transformation. He gave a report on the different services in Medicaid Transformation. He also gave a timelines that will take place and/or have taken place with the Tailored Plan. In July we will have our Readiness Reviews and the Tailored Plan will go live on December 1, 2022.

**VII. BOARD BYLAWS**

Commissioner Zapple expressed if at some time in our meetings to get the size of Trillium budget to be added to the regular agenda. Monitoring key indicators that could be a part of our agenda to see what are the things Dennis is tracking within the organization. Dennis will reach out to Melissa Owens to see if she can be put on the agenda for the July meeting. David Stanley would be interested in the Gaps & Needs Assessment. Sheri Slater suggested to show a map of the Gaps & Needs and where services exist. After this discussion, Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to adopt the Bylaws as written. The motion was so moved by Dave Stanley, seconded by Mary Ann Furniss, and unanimously approved.

**VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FROM SRAB**

Commissioner Zapple was absent at the last SRAB meeting so he deferred to Janice Nichols to give the Governing Board Report.

**IX. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT**

Janice Nichols gave the following Governing Board Report that was highlighted from the CEO Report: 1) the Governing Board met Thursday, April 28, there were no public comments; 2) the restrictive fund balance, the balance sheet, and the fund balance amounts were shared; 3) Trillium's budget will be audited for the 22-23 year; 4) the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners sent a letter of support for delay on the foster care plan; and 5) Trillium put into operation six Mobile Clinics.

**X. CFAC REPORT**

Mary Ann Furniss gave the CFAC report: 1) CFAC met virtually on May 10; 2) there are 17 members now; 3) added TBI as a fourth disability in CFAC; 4) some members participated in State Legislative Day – Frank Messina represented Southern CFAC; 5) some of the talking points were Medicaid expansion, expanding the TBI waiver, changes to the tracking system and more help for the direct service personnel; and 6) expanding access to care and crisis services..

**XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dennis Williams gave the Director's Report:

- Dennis gave a Power Point Presentation on the National Opioid Settlement.
- A contract with a new Pharmacy Benefits Manager, PerformRX, has been finalized. The previous company has gone out of business.
- In the Southern Region, four counties are getting services through the Mobile Integrated Care Units but have not started up yet but Carteret has.
- There will be funds for an additional two Mobile Clinics.
- Dennis introduced Cecelia Peers, the new Southern Regional Director. Her start date is July 1.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business, Commissioner Zapple adjourned the meeting at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacqueline M. Waller*  
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Mandy W. Mizelle, Chair\*

  
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Commissioner Rob Zapple, Chair

\*Mandy W. Mizelle resigned from Trillium Health Resources on April 8, 2022.  
Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk to the Northern Regional Advisory Board signed in lieu of her.