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TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 25, 2024

Board Members Present: (Noted present with an “X” mark)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melvin “Skip” Alston- <i>Guilford County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little-Reid- <i>Anson County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Boyette- <i>Wilson County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Langley- <i>Beaufort County</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Clegg- <i>Tyrrell County-virtual</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie McLean- <i>Hoke County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Cummings- <i>Lenoir County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheron Mosby- <i>Pasquotank Count</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson- <i>Lee County-virtual</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Nichols- <i>Pender County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carlvena Foster- <i>Guilford County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wanda Piland- <i>Hertford County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Furniss- <i>Brunswick County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JW Simmons- <i>Sampson County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Herring- <i>Pitt County-virtual</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheila Smith- <i>Beaufort County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Jones- <i>Greene County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Stanley- <i>Brunswick County</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Jordan- <i>Pasquotank County-virtual</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wixie Stephens- <i>Robeson County-virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve P. Keen- <i>Wayne County</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Zapple- <i>New Hanover County-virtual</i> |

Staff

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Ehlers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Hall |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joy Futrell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Huneycutt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senitria Goodman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Jackson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Lewis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Kenny |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Owens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bobbie Lowe |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cecelia Peers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juanita Appiah | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vivian Person |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kellie Baker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Peterson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LaDonna Battle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley Sink |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adrienne Beatty | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Tadeo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Beck | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luz Terry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Khristine Brewington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Ward |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Cunningham | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Willhite |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christie Edwards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Fuller, Clerk |

Guests:

- Jay Ludlam, DHHS Deputy Secretary
- Lisa Jackson, DHHS Liaison

Public Comment:

Gary Bass
Holly Connors

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adoption of Agenda
- VI. Board Comments/Concerns
- VII. Convene Finance Committee Meeting
- VIII. Budget Overview-Process and Timeline FY 2024/2025
- IX. Financial Audit Contract-Eastpointe Audit-FY 2024
- X. Financial Audit Contract-Sandhills Audit FY2024
- XI. Director's Report
- XII. Chair's Report
- XIII. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board meeting was held in the conference room located at the Beulaville facility and via Webex on April 25, 2024.

Board Chairperson Jerry Langley called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Clerk, Lisa Fuller performed the roll call and stated there was a quorum.

III. Consent Agenda

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Motion was made by Commissioner Alston to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jerry Jones made a second. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

Ms. Holly Connor, Trillium South Central CFAC Chairperson, parent, and I/DD representative for Onslow County expressed her displeasure over the Governing Board meeting of March 28, 2024. She shared her concerns that the Governing Board Bylaws will not include a CFAC representative on the Board.

Mr. Gary Bass, CEO of Pride in North Carolina and Network Provider Council President stated his concern that upon consolidation, there is not a Provider representative on the Governing Board. He requested that the Board consider reinstating a representative from the Provider Council and be placed on the Board as soon as possible.

V. Adoption of Agenda

Chairperson Langley requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alston to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jerry

Jones made a second. The motion carried.

VI. Board Comments/Concerns

Commissioner Alston stated that at the last Board meeting, he incorrectly stated that the word “newly constituted Board” was in the Consolidation Agreement. He stated that instead, it was in the narrative of Secretary Kody Kinsley’s correspondence of January 8, 2024.

Commissioner Alston read the section of Secretary Kinsley's correspondence where it referenced “a newly constituted Board.” It is Commissioner Alston’s opinion that Secretary Kinsley’s intent is that Trillium’s Board be a newly constituted Board, not for the members of the Eastpointe/Sandhills Board to be added to the existing Trillium Board. Trillium attorney, Senitria Goodman stood by her statement that this is not a newly constituted Board, that the Eastpointe/Sandhills members were added to Trillium’s existing Board.

Mr. Steve P. Keen stated he was honored to serve as Chairperson of the South Central Regional Advisory Board and that he had attended the South Central CFAC meeting on April 16, 2024.

Dr. Sheila Smith proposed a discussion to revert to the bi-monthly Board meeting schedule. Chairperson Langley stated that it was his intent to discuss the topic under the Chair’s Report section of the agenda.

VII. Convene Finance Committee Meeting

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

VIII. Budget Overview-Process and Timeline Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Ms. Baker provided an overview of Trillium’s proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget. She explained the steps for completing the budget process and outlined the revenue, service expenditures, and administrative expenditures components.

The proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget is estimated at \$2.7 billion. Ms. Baker reviewed the complexities and details of the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget. She explained that it was Trillium’s responsibility to develop and establish a balanced budget within the funding received through current contracts, and to create controls in line with contractual requirements and uphold their fiduciary responsibility with government funds. The Governing Board’s role is to review and adopt a balanced budget of revenue and expenditures developed by Trillium, and the financial reporting of actual results to budgeted revenue and expenditures.

Ms. Baker reviewed the timeline to secure an approved budget, with the proposed budget being approved on June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Alston requested a breakdown by county for funding participation. Ms. Joy Fuller explained that the funds are an estimate based on the county allocations from the previous year.

Mr. Keen asked about the cap rate and if Trillium could provide a report on the number of members in each county or each region so that the cap rate can be established. Ms. Futrell stated that data is not collected at the regional level and that Medicaid membership changes daily. Ms. Baker stated that it is important to understand the mix of information that makes up the per member per month expenditure and more education will be provided during the budget approval process. Ms. Futrell reminded the members of the departmental dashboard on Trillium's website. It provides information per county on the number of people that have Medicaid and the number of members assigned to each plan.

Ms. Futrell stated that Dr. LaDonna Battle is developing data on the population health metrics at the zip code level and will present her report to the Board at a future date.

Commissioner Zapple asked if the single stream funding came from the state legislature. Ms. Baker responded that it did, but it changes on an annual basis. Ms. Futrell responded that Trillium continues to advocate for state single stream and other funding required for our population, and that the programs that are established in the next year are sustainable long term.

Mr. Stanley asked if single stream funding would be reduced due to Medicaid expansion. Ms. Futrell stated that it is a common thought with all LME/MCOs, and that Director Kelly Crosbie of NC DHHS has explained to legislators the increased need for single stream funds and why the funds have never been enough to serve the needs of the communities.

IX. Financial Audit Contract-Eastpointe Audit FY2024

Ms. Baker explained the need for an Eastpointe and Sandhills stub audit for the period ending January 31, 2024 as there are single stream and federal dollars which require the necessity of the audits. Both MCOs had contracts in place for their audits and Ms. Baker requested Board approval of the contracts.

A copy of the Clifton Larson Allen, LLC and the Cherry Bekaert, LLC contracts were included in the Board materials.

X. Financial Audit Contract-Sandhills Audit FY2024

Motion was made by Mr. Jerry Jones to approve Clifton Larson Allen, LLC to perform the Eastpointe stub audit and for Cherry Bekaert, LLC to perform the Sandhills stub audit for the period ending January 31, 2024. Mr. David Stanley made a second. The motion carried.

Ms. Baker provided background information and a comparison of audit companies Cherry Bekaert, LLP and Clifton Larson Allen, LLP, and recommended contracting with Clifton Larson Allen to perform the Trilliums fiscal year 2024/2025 financial audit.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alston for Clifton Larson Allen, LLC to perform the Trillium fiscal year 2024/2025 financial audit. Mr. Jerry Jones made a second. The motion carried.

XI. Director's Report

Ms. Futrell provided an update to recent Trillium activities. A detailed report was included in the Board materials.

Tailored Plan Activities

Ms. Futrell stated that NC DHHS announced that Tailored Plans will launch by July 1, 2024. She provided an update to Tailored Plan activities stating that the teams are addressing the open items identified during the readiness review. The primary areas of focus for Tailored Plan launch include primary care provider contracting and assignment, claims testing, hospital and other specialty contracting, and non-emergency medical transportation services.

Other Activities

The North Carolina Healthy Opportunities Pilot is scheduled to launch on May 1st for fifteen of the pilot counties in North Carolina. The pilot has been successful with decreased costs per member accessing the service, and with less reliance on emergency rooms.

The North Carolina DHHS and Disability Rights of NC announced a settlement agreement in the Samantha R. litigation. Trillium continues to be committed to working with NC DHHS to ensure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our plan have access to the resources they need to live healthy lives. The settlement focuses on the Innovations Waiver wait list.

Consolidation

The teams continue to focus on special one-time projects initiated in the previous Sandhills and Eastpointe areas.

Town Hall meetings are being scheduled in all the new eighteen counties. The purpose of these events is to meet the community stakeholders, providers, and members in addition to addressing any concerns about our specific populations we manage in their community. Meeting dates and locations will be shared with the Board.

Ms. Futrell announced that an all staff face-to-face team building meeting will be held in August.

NC General Assembly

The NC legislatures reconvened for the short session on April 24th. Trillium and our lobbyists continue to collaborate with legislatures to advocate for state single stream and other funding required for our population.

Commissioner Zapple asked about the Innovations Waiver list wait time. Ms. Futrell stated that it is currently twelve years and that the team continues to discuss this issue with stakeholders.

Commissioner Alston requested information on how many members are on the Innovations Wait List per county.

Commissioner Alston referenced the Consolidation Agreement and asked about staff retention. He requested a report that would indicate how this was honored. Ms. Futrell

stated that they followed the Agreement and that all Eastpointe/Sandhills staff were offered comparable positions at their current salary. Commissioner Alston requested information showing that Eastpointe/Sandhills staff were given comparable positions at the same salary.

Commissioner Alston asked for a report indicating the number of provider contracts that have been signed since January 1, 2024.

XII. Chair's Report

Chairperson Langley led the discussion to not have a Governing Board meeting in May. After discussion, the Board members agreed to meet via Zoom for a public work session on May 30, 2024 at 10am to review Trillium's proposed fiscal 2024/2025 budget.

Chairperson Langley stated that the i2i Spring Conference is scheduled for June 11-12, 2024 and for any Board member that would like to attend, to contact Lisa Fuller.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Langley asked for any further business to be brought before the Board. As there was none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr. David Stanley to adjourn the April 25, 2024 Governing Board meeting. Vice Chairperson Mary Ann Furniss made a second. The motion carried.

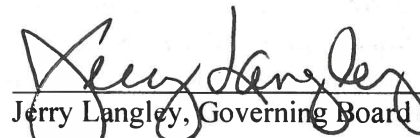
The meeting adjourned at 6:09pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa A. Jarman



Lisa A. Jarman, Minutes Recorder

6/22/2024
Date



Jerry Langley, Governing Board Chairperson

6-27-24
Date