

September 24, 2024

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Trillium Health Resources North Central Regional Advisory Board met on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at 1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC 27889.

Members Present: Rob Boyette, David Clegg, Dan Cone, Tia Foula, Luana Gibbs, Viola Harris, Deborah Herring, Jeff Hill, Jerry Jones, Miranda Keel, Jerry Langley, Melvin McLawhorn, JaNell Octigan, Wally Overman, Rob Ross and Amanda Smith.

Members Absent: Nina Griswell, Tracey Johnson, Pat Prescott, Earl Pugh, Jr. and Lorraine Washington.

Staff Present: Dave Peterson and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

Guests: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Langley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 23, 2024, MINUTES

Chairman Langley called for a motion to approve the July 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Jones so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Herring was unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Langley entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Octigan so moved. The motion, seconded by Mr. Clegg was unanimously approved.

V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Commissioner Ross requested a status update/information on the following:

- Eastpointe Audit
 - Trillium is pursuing the funds from the two individuals mentioned in the audit as directed by the State. No other details to report at this time. Commissioner Ross requested to have updates at each North Central Regional Advisory Board meeting.

- **Guilford County Lawsuit Dissolving the Trillium Governing Board.**
 - Mr. Peterson responded – Senate Bill 425 required Trillium to submit a new Governing Board structure, Trillium submitted the new alternative structure to the State. The DHHS Secretary will make the decision. The County of Guilford filed a complaint for Declaration Judgement and Motion and Permanent Injunction, to maintain the status quo and block the implementation. A hearing was held in Guilford County, amending the motion for a temporary restraining order, it was denied. The complaint was moved to Wake County on August 21, 2024. The case is pending in Wake County Superior Court. No other court dates have been scheduled. Trillium is requesting a hearing to dismiss, both parties must file their response to the motion to dismiss over the next two months.

- **Dare County Blue Zones Initiative** – It is an assessment in combination with Dare County Health and Human Services and the Outer Banks Hospital relative to the nine behavioral/health determinants that research has found in the five global blue zones. The initiative aims to improve quality of life and longevity by making the healthy choice, the easy choice for residents. Pitt County and Beaufort Counties are also aware of the Blue Zones research.

- **Mr. Hill the Executive Director of Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition** shared the following:
 - Ms. Carole Johnson, from the Administration of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in Washington D.C., announced over the next four years North Carolina will receive a \$9 million grant to expand treatment and recovery services and resources. Wilson County and others in our region will receive \$3 million to be used in Wilson, Wayne, Warren, Nash, Edgecombe Counties, and the Tribal population in Warren County.

VI. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Chairman Langley - No news to report on the status of the Governing Board.

VII. NORTH CENTRAL REGION VP REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared the following:

- The i2i 2024 Winter Conference – Winston-Salem, NC - December 10-12, 2024.
- Benchmarks Destination Conference – Cherokee Casino Resort, NC – October 16-18, 2024.
- July 1, 2024, the four LME/MCOs began managing physical healthcare for members.
 - On July 1st our call center received 17,031 calls, the response time to answer each call is 30 seconds. Fines will be assessed if metrics are not met.
 - Trillium has added pharmacy services, a provider service support line, a nurse help line and a non-emergency transportation line.
- 1915I services are changing and will have a new name. These services include - community living support, community transition, respite, supportive employment and individual placement support. 1915B services will no longer be available after January 1, 2025.
- School Based Therapy – An RFP was sent out to the 18 counties in Legacy Eastpointe and Sandhills to ensure services are being offered.
- NC DHHS announced that Blue Cross Blue Shield was selected to manage the Statewide Child and Family Specialty Plan (Children in Foster Care). This may include managing their siblings and family members, as well as children in the DSS system. Legislation has a start date of December 2024. A recent press release stated the start date will be July 2026.

- Town Hall meetings have been held in all 46 counties. Trillium has already begun work to address concerns and has already resolved some issues.
- All but one of the Board of County Commissioners Presentations have been completed. Wilson County is the last county and is scheduled for November 4, 2024.
- Narcan Kits have been distributed. The next set of kits will be purchased in April, and will include Greene, Wilson and Edgecombe Counties.

VIII. CFAC REPORT

Mr. Peterson gave the CFAC report in the absence of Ms. Washington.

- North Central CFAC met on September 18, 2024. A concerned parent attended the meeting with several issues regarding navigating the system seeking help for her son. Mr. Peterson was able to assist the parent in seeking help with her concerns.
- Ms. Washington reported on the State response to recommendations submitted to the State CFAC. The State concurred with six of the recommendations, five partially concurred and one not concurred.
- No report on Gaps & Needs.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Chairman Langley called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Clegg so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Boyette was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.



Lisa Fuller, Clerk



Jerry Langley, Board Chair