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

The Trillium Health Resources North Central Regional Advisory Board met on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at 1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC 27889.

Members Present: Sameka Bennerman, David Clegg, Tia Foula, Luana Gibbs, Viola Harris, Jeff Hill, Jerry Jones, Jerry Langley, JaNell Octigan, Wally Overman, Pat Prescott, Earl Pugh, Jr., Rob Ross, Amanda Smith and Lorraine Washington.

Members Absent: Rob Boyette, Dan Cone, Nina Griswell, Deborah Herring, Tracey Johnson, Miranda Keel, and Melvin McLawhorn.

Staff Present: Dave Peterson, Terrell Alston, Sarah Hartz and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

Guests: None

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chairman Langley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. **OATH OF OFFICE**
Ms. Fuller administered the Oath of Office to new board member Sameka Bennerman.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, MINUTES**
Chairman Langley called for a motion to approve the September 24, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Clegg so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones was unanimously approved.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None
- V. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
Chairman Langley entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Washington so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones was unanimously approved.
- VI. **TRILLIUM CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER PRESENTATION**
Dr. Smith was called away and unavailable to present.
- VII. **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**
None.

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VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

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

IX. NORTH CENTRAL REGION VP REPORT

Mr. Peterson shared the following:

- Weekly DHHS meetings continue to discuss Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. Currently there are four providers in the area that are not operational. DHHS has allowed Trillium flexibilities with authorizations. Lee and Nash Counties are eligible to receive Relief funding and services.
- Sarah Hartz, Trillium Regional Operations Project Manager was introduced to the Board. Ms. Hartz will be providing data analysis and reports for the Board.
- Terrell Alston, Trillium Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment introduced himself to the Board. He shared his background and experience working with LMEs and County Government. Mr. Alston is another point of contact for this Board, should Mr. Peterson not be readily available.
- Trillium conducted Town Hall meetings in all 18 new counties. Some areas of concern that need to be addressed:
 - Better Provider Relation Resources
 - Emphasis on the lack of Direct Support Specialists
 - Need for Day Support Services and Clinical Assessments
 - Hardship payments for Providers in need
 - TCM Providers unable to access NC TRACKS
 - Rate Extensions
 - Extend Community Crisis Collaboratives to include, DSSs, Health Departments, etc.
 - Town Hall meetings are planned for the Summer to include additional counties.
- All services in the benefit plan that require prior authorization due to COVID and Hurricane Helene will resume on February 1, 2025.
- The DHHS Secretary is still working on the Governing Board Structure outlined in Senate Bill 425, no news to report at this time.
- Trillium awaits decision on the dismissal of the Guilford County filing.
- RFPs have been submitted for School Base Therapy in the new 18 counties.
- During the i2i Conference Trillium will host a Re-Entry Simulation Event the day before the Pre-Conference.
- Work continues to fill vacancies on the North Central Regional Advisory Board.

X. CFAC REPORT

Ms. Washington highlighted agenda items from the November 20th CFAC meeting.

- Dr. Michael Smith, Trillium CMO, gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of key personnel in the Medical Affairs Department.
- Jennifer Mackethan, Communications and Marketing Director at Trillium, shared updates and changes to the newly designed Trillium website.
- Caitlyn Hewson, Pitt County Opioid Settlement Coordinator, shared information regarding the distribution of the National Opioid Settlement funds in North Carolina.
- NCCFAC added a new member, Dr. Glenn Johnson.
- CFAC Legislative Day is tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2025.

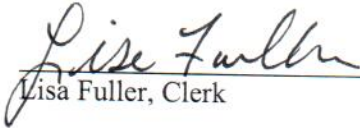
XI. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION

This is the last meeting for Regional Advisory Board members Dan Cone and Earl Pugh. Chairman Langley and Board members thanked them for their service and presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.



Lisa Fuller, Clerk



Jerry Langley, Board Chair