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## Mid-State Regional Advisory Board March 26, 2024

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The Trillium Health Resources Mid-State Regional Advisory Board met in person at the Asheboro Office, 938 New Century Drive, Asheboro, NC, with guests joining via Web-Ex at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid, Kishia Dunlap, Commissioner Skip Alston, Commissioner Mary Hassell, Commissioner David Allen, Ann Shaw, Dr. Tommy Jarrell, and Leann Henkel

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Carlvena Foster and Commissioner Rick Watkins

**Staff Present:** Anthony Ward, Anne Kimball, and Sherry Bynum (recorder)

**Guest:** Dave Peterson (virtual), Terrell Alston (virtual), and Victoria Jackson (virtual)

**I. Call to Order**

Anthony Ward, Mid-State Regional Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the first official meeting of the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board. Members took the opportunity to provide introductions.

**II. Oath of Office**

Sherry Bynum administered the Oath of Office to the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board members.

**III. Election of Regional Advisory Board Officers**

Mr. Ward stated a Chair and a Vice Chair would need to be elected for the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board. He called for nominations from the floor for Chair.

Commissioner Skip Alston nominated Commissioner David Allen as Chair of the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board. Commissioner Mary Hassell seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Chair Allen asked for nominations from the floor for the Vice Chair position. Commissioner Skip Alston nominated Commissioner Carlvena Foster as Vice Chair of the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board. Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

**IV. Certification of Quorum**

Sherry Bynum certified a quorum.

**V. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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**VI. Adoption of the Agenda**

Chair Allen called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ann Shaw made a motion to adopt the agenda. Leann Henkel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VII. Director's Report**

Mr. Ward highlighted items from the Regional Vice President report:

- Trillium Health Resources Consolidation
  - The consolidation of Sandhills, Eastpointe and Trillium effective January 1. The consolidation of the members effective February 1.
  - 800 legacy Sandhills Center providers joined Trillium's provider network, along with 400 legacy Eastpointe providers.
  - Staffing – about 900 staff members were onboarded on February 1. New Employee Orientation occurred over the course of 2½ days, with an additional day of training for supervisory staff.
- Trillium Health Resources Regional Model
  - To ensure a strong local presence, five (5) regions have been established, with a Regional Vice President dedicated to serve each area.
  - Each region has a Consumer and Family Advisory Committee.
  - Each region is staffed with Community Liaison Coordinators. Robert Nelson and Pamela Munger are the Community Liaison Coordinators for the Mid-State Region.
  - Regional Operations Department includes two (2) Directors of Community Engagement and Empowerment – Anne Kimball and Terrell Alston.
  - Mid-State Region covers Anson, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph and Richmond counties.
  - Regional Advisory Boards includes two (2) members from each county, appointed by the Board of Commissioners.
  - Regional Advisory Boards typically meet every other month.
- Tailored Plan Updates
  - Scheduled to launch by July 1, 2024.
  - Readiness reviews occurred last week.
- Local Community Updates
  - Currently conducting Board Orientation for members of the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board.
  - Meetings are being held with former Sandhills Center reinvestment funded project stakeholders to discuss options for each project beyond June 30.
  - In the process of scheduling the annual Regional Vice President program updates to each county.
  - Highlighted community meetings/activities that the Regional Vice President, the Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment, and the Community Liaison Coordinators have participated in.

**VIII. Governing Board Report**

Mr. Ward highlighted items from the Governing Board report:

- The Governing Board was formed and includes 11 members from the legacy Sandhills Center/Eastpointe area and 11 members from the legacy Trillium area, with each being sworn in during the first called meeting, January 17, 2024.
- A training led by the NC Department of Health and Human Services staff was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 10:30 – 3:00 p.m. The Governing Board met after the training.
- A consolidated financial summary will be presented in future meetings given the February 1 consolidation of finances.

Commissioner Skip Alton reported that revisions to the by-laws were distributed to the Governing Board members, of which they continue to discuss. Once the by-laws receive final approval, they will be shared with the Regional Advisory Boards.

Mr. Ward noted that the CEO report for February is included in the packet and that moving forward, after the Governing Board meets, the report will be emailed to everyone.

Mr. Ward asked for a Governing Board member volunteer to deliver the Governing Board report going forward.

**IX. Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) Report**

Leann Henkel, CFAC Chairperson, gave the report, noting that CFAC continued to meet during the consolidation process. She noted that the Committee has gone from 11 counties to now 5 counties. Mrs. Henkel stated that recruitment continues, with hopes of having representations of each disability area from each county in the Mid-State area.

**X. Comments**

Chair Allen thanked the Regional Advisory Board members for their confidence in allowing him to serve as chair. He shared the concerns he had with the consolidation and the timeframe that was given and thanked everyone for their work under those circumstances.

Commissioner Mary Hassell thanked Mr. Ward for his honesty and his leadership.

Dr. Tommy Jarrell shared the concerns he also had with the consolidation and the timeframe.

Commissioner Alston commented that there are growing pains with the Board that they are working through. He feels that with new by-laws, this will help bring everyone together, more focused to work together on what matters – the people that are being served.

Dr. Jarrell commented that he would like for Trillium CEO Joy Futrell to be invited to attend a meeting. Mr. Ward commented that he feels she will join a CFAC meeting and a Regional Advisory Board meeting during the course of the year.

Mr. Ward stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. and that the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board is scheduled to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every other month.

**XI. Adjournment**

With there being no other business, Chair Allen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tommy Jarrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Shaw seconded the motion. The motion unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

  
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Sherry Bynum, Clerk

  
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David Allen, Chairperson