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August 24, 2023

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Members Present: Gary Bass, David Clegg, Mary Ann Furniss, Charles Jordan, Jerry Langley, Ron Lowe, Janice Nichols, Amy Pridgen-Hamlett, Dr. Sheila Smith, David Stanley, and Rob Zapple.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindy Ehlers, Joy Futrell, Senitria Goodman, Mike Lewis, Bobbie Lowe, Jeremy Martin, Melissa Owens, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Amanda Willett and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

Guests: Lisa Jackson, liaison with the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Furniss called the August 24, 2023 meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Furniss called for a motion to approve the consent agenda to include the following items:

- June 22, 2023 Governing Board Minutes
- Utilization Management Plan Annual Evaluation FY 2022-2023
- Utilization Management Review Plan FY 2023-2024

Mr. Clegg moved to approve the consent agenda items. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Zapple, was unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Furniss called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Langley so moved. The motion seconded by Mr. Lowe was unanimously approved.

V. PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Bass, member of the Nominating Committee, including committee members Mr. Lowe, Chair and Commissioner Zapple, proposed the following slate of officers for the Board's approval: Commissioner Langley, Chair and Mary Ann Furniss, Vice Chair. Mr. Bass stated that nominations would be accepted from the floor but asked that nominations only be made if the nominee had agreed to serve if elected.

With there being no other nominations from the floor, Commissioner Zapple moved to approve the proposed slate officers; seconded by Commissioner Jordan and was unanimously approved.

The Board thanked Ms. Furniss for her many years of service as Governing Board Chair.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Commissioner Langley asked for clarification concerning The Oxford House policy as to how residents are charged for housing when the facility is not at full occupancy.

Ms. Ehlers responded that The Oxford House is a national model for sober living. Residents are expected to pay an increased rent should a resident vacate the facility. The residents are made aware of this policy prior to moving in.

Other than awaiting the approval of the State budget, members had no concerns to report.

CONVENE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Furniss entertained a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Clegg so moved. The motion seconded by Ms. Nichols, was unanimously approved.

VII. COMPLIANCE PRESENTATION

Amanda Willett, Compliance Director and Jeremy Martin, Compliance Coordinator introduced themselves to the Board. They shared a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the departmental units of the Compliance Department to include Program Integrity-Special Investigations, Provider Compliance, Internal and Vendor compliance, and Medical Records.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Futrell highlighted some of the items from her director's report to the Board.

Tailored Plan Activities

- Go Live date pending State budget approval and some structural components with LME/MCO's.
- The expected budget approval date is September 14.
- Readiness reviews continue and we are scheduled for a review of the Healthy Opportunities pilot in February 2024.

NC DHHS

- Due to DHHS's revised calculations in single stream funding and a decrease in uninsured populations in some of our counties, we anticipate a reduction in single stream funds. Once Medicaid Expansion becomes law, this will further reduce the uninsured populations.
- We received overall positive feedback from the recent Department of Justice review of our Transition to Community Living program.
- When the Public Emergency ended (COVID) some members lost their Medicaid benefits. Trillium has a group of staff working to assist DHHS in making phone calls to members to help them with reinstating benefits.

Local Events

- Trillium participated in our first Re-Entry Simulation event in New Hanover County. The Re-Entry Simulation program is designed to educate staff and communities about the barriers incarcerated individuals face when re-entering society. Another event is scheduled for Pitt County in late September.

IX. CFAC REPORT

Ms. Furniss Southern Region CFAC designee, Mr. Lowe, Northern Region CFAC chair, and Dr. Smith, Central Region CFAC chair, gave reports on behalf of their respective committees.

X. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Furniss thanked the Board and Trillium staff for the opportunity to serve as Board Chair over the past years. She welcomed Commissioner Langley as the new Chair and will assist as the Vice Chair during the transition.

The Board thanked Ms. Furniss for her leadership and dedication to Trillium.

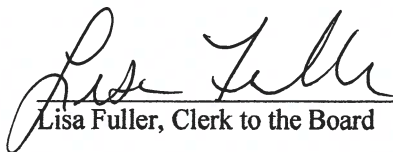
XI. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A COMPETITIVE HEALTH CARE MATTER

Ms. Furniss entertained a motion to enter into closed session, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 122C-126.1, to discuss confidential information. Mr. Lowe so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Nichols, was unanimously approved.

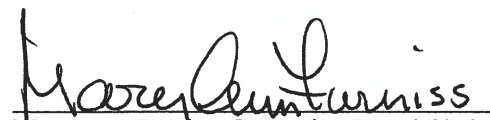
XII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Ms. Furniss called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Clegg so moved. Ms. Nichols seconded the motion, was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Lisa Fuller, Clerk to the Board



Mary Ann Furniss, Governing Board Chair