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SOUTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.

The Trillium Health Resources Southern Regional Advisory Board met on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., via WebEx call-in only.

Members Present:

Members Present via WebEx: Lavern Coleman, Marty Cooke, Charlie Dunn, Jimmy Farrington, Mary Ann Furniss, Dr. Mollie Glenn, Janice Nichols, David Stanley, Louis Miller, Lea Wolf, Sheri Slater, and Rob Zapple,

Members Absent: Danny Ellis, Theron McKvian, Kathy Webb, Wes Stewart, Walter Scott

Staff Present: Dennis Williams- Southern Regional Director, Cecelia Peers- Southern Regional Director, Jacqueline M. Waller-Clerk, Carissa Keller- Administrative Assistant and Sean Kenny- Head of DSS Engagement

Guests: Melissa Larson-NC Harm Reduction, Lisa Jackson-Onslow County

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner Zapple called the meeting of the Trillium Southern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:05 p.m. on July 28, 2022.
- II. **OATH OF OFFICE- LOUIS MILLER, JONES COUNTY**
Ms. Waller gave the Oath of Office to Louis Miller representing Jones County.
- III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adopt the agenda as written, with a second from Commissioner Dunn. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- IV. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 26, 2022 MINUTES**
Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 26, 2022 as written. Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the meeting minutes as written, and Mary Ann Furniss seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.
- VI. **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**
 - Commissioner Coleman -No comments.



- Commissioner Cooke-NCACC Conference on August 10th good opportunity to collaborate about opioid settlement and strategies that are effective in combatting addictions. Commissioner Zapple added previous information about the distribution of the settlement.
- Commissioner Dunn- Confirm Louis Miller's correct information.
- Commissioner Farrington- Agreed with Commissioner Cooke about previous conversation on opioid settlement and epidemic.
- Mary Ann Furniss- Spoke about her involvement of New Hanover's planning group of mental health and substance abuse issues with the opioid settlement.
- Dr. Glenn- No comments.
- Janice Nichols-Agreed with understanding of the settlement money and how it is distributed equally.
- Sheri Slater- Added that Commissioner Scott would not be in the meeting but gave the update of Onslow County SOAR team planning for the funds distribution in August.
- Commissioner Zapple- Addressed action items once the funds are distributed. He mentioned the need for a Crisis Center in New Hanover County that would serve the region.

VII. LEAD-NC HARM REDUCTION PRESENTATION-MELISSIA LARSON

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion; Pre-arrest diversion program. This program aids in harm reduction. Their role is to reduce chronic health conditions, provide job skills training, substance use help, housing and emergency needs. Wilmington operation and recently new operation in Washington. LEAD partnerships with Coastal Horizons, Harm reduction staff, law enforcement, DA's office and MCO.

VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Commissioner Zapple deferred to Janice Nichols to give the Governing Board Report.

IX. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Janice Nichols gave the following Governing Board Report that was highlighted from the CEO Report: 1) the Governing Board met Thursday, June 23rd, there were no public comments; 2) the restrictive fund balance, the balance sheet, and the fund balance amounts were shared; 3) Trillium's staff pay increase was passed; 4) Readiness reviews began for service support lines in July ; 5) Delay on pharmacy plan implementation until April 1, 2023; 6) If NC decides to have a statewide specialty plan for children in foster care, it would launch December 2023; 7) Trillium is funding six Mobile Clinics; two of the clinics are now operational and 8) We have hired Dr. Arthur Flores MD, as Deputy Chief Medical Officer. His practice is in family medicine and this background will help for Trillium's whole person health for members.

X. CFAC REPORT

Mary Ann Furniss gave the CFAC report: 1) CFAC met virtually and in person June 14; 2) The members would like to meet once a quarter in person; 3) 17 members, new TBI representation member, and still need representation for Jones, Pender and Columbus counties; 4) great feedback and input from CFAC meetings to give to county managers; 5) Trillium is contributing to the Harbor for startup; and 6) Hope mission-Carteret County nonprofit, had presentation at previous meeting about the services they offer to community.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dennis Williams gave the Director's Report:

- Dennis gave a financial update.
- Dave Richards will take over for Divisional Director and the Director of health services will help until they find a replacement.
- Trillium just went through Readiness Review for implementation of the Tailored Plan. Carolina Complete Health helped with presentation in the Review.
- Pharmacy benefit delayed until April 1st, 2023.
- NC Children's and Family specialty plan-Foster Care Plan; still waiting to see if this will be a statewide plan.
- Mobile Clinic updates- 4 Mobile clinics in Southern region; Carteret County- Port Health in operation for a month; Brunswick County, Columbus County and Bladen County-Coastal Horizons will start operation August 21st.
- Theron McKvian- Bladen county representative has resigned.

XII. REGIONAL DIRECTOR ANNUAL EVALUATION- 2 QUESTIONS

Dennis Williams, Cecelia Peers and Carissa Keller left the meeting so the Board members could vote on evaluation questions. Jackie Waller left the call. The Board members sent their answers to Joy Futrell, CEO.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Commissioner Zapple adjourned the meeting at 5:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Carissa Keller, Administrative Assistant



Commissioner Rob Zapple, Chair