

Clinical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: April 01, 2022

eeting Called By Dr. Michael Smith, Chief Medical Officer					
	Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC)				
	WebEx				
Type of Meeting	1:00pm	– 2:30pm			
		ATTENDEES			
NAME	Present	NAME	Present	NAME	Present
Dr. Michael Smith Trillium Health Resources Chief Medical Officer		Dr. Kimberly Greer Trillium Health Resources Staff Psychologist		Dr. Paul Garcia Trillium Health Resources Deputy Chief Medical Officer	
Hillary Faulk-Vaughan Chairperson PAMH. Clinical Director		Khristine Brewington Trillium Health Resources VP of Network Management		Glenn Buck Vice Chairperson PORT Human Services Clinical Director	
Dr. Joshua Pagano Cherry Hospital Forensic Psychiatrist		Griffin Sutton Tidal Neuropsychology PLLC Director		Dr. Robby Adams Various Providers Medical Director	
Sharlena Thomas RHA State Clinical Director		Natasha Holley Integrated Family Services Clinical Director		Amanda Morgan Trillium Health Resources QM Coordinator	
Dr. Diana Antonacci Psychiatrist		Gary Bass Pride in NC Executive Officer		Julie Kokocha Director – Network Accountability	
Jason Swartz Trillium Health Resources Pharmacist		Benita Hathaway Trillium Health Resources Vice Pres. Population Health & Care Mgmt. Guest		Deidra-Ann Burrell Trillium Health Resources Administrative Assistant – Medical Affairs	
Dr. Terri Duncan Director of Bladen County Dept. of Health & Human Services					
		AGENDA			
1. Agenda topic: Welcome/C		der			
Presenter(s): Dr. Michael S		ting was called to order by	Dr Cm	ith at a conso and	

Discussion	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Smith at 1:00pm and
	introductions were made by each member
	A quorum was present
	Hillary will be out an undetermined amount of time and Dr. Smith will
	lead the meetings until her return.
	Dr. Smith welcomed a new member, Dr. Duncan who represents Bladen
	County as the Director of Bladen County Department of Health &
	Human Services



	 Dr. Duncan gave an introduction and excited to be a part of Trillium 	stated Bladen Count	y is very	
Conclusions	·	There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.		
Action Items Person(s) Deadline Responsible				
There were no action items noted for follow-up				

2. Agenda topic: Review and Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes and Agenda Presenter(s): Dr. Garcia for Dr. Smith

Discussion	• The February 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously as written with a motion by Dr. Adams and a second by Gary.			
	 There were no changes to the agenda 	There were no changes to the agenda		
Conclusions	·	There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items		
	recommended for corrective action.			
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There were no a	action items noted for follow-up			

3. Agenda topic: Follow-up Items from Previous Meeting Presenter(s): Dr. Garcia for Hillary Faulk-Vaughan

Presenter(s): Dr. Garcia for Hillary Faulk-Vaughan				
Discussion	Susan – Remove Ryan Estes from agenda. Completed. Ryan was			
	removed from the agenda/minutes/membership list.			
	 Susan – Forward Dec Meeting Minutes to Hillary for signature. 			
	Completed. The minutes were emailed to Hillary for signature & return.			
	Dr. Smith/ - F/u with sharing Trillium's org chart with the Network.			
	Completed. Dr. Smith is reviewing the org chart in today's meeting.			
	• Sharlena - Send Y-402 State	Funded code & T-1016 N	ledicaid code	
	information allowing for som	ie billable case managen	nent functions to	
	Dr. Smith/Dr. Garcia. Compl	eted. Sharlena sent the	information to Dr.	
	Smith/Dr. Garcia.			
	Dr. Garcia - F/u with posting Clozaril/Clozapine CPGs to the website.			
	Completed. This information was posted to the Trillium website.			
	Susan - Send link for Schizophrenia – First Episode Psychosis to			
	members. Completed. This information was emailed to the CAC			
	membership for review.			
	Fonda – Present revisions to	the CAC bylaws. Open.	This is an agenda	
	item scheduled for the June meeting.			
Conclusions	All follow-up items that are p	3	up on at the next	
	scheduled meeting.			
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible Deadline			
 Present addition 	nal revisions to CAC bylaws	Fonda Gonzales	Jun Mtg.	
 Add CAC bylaw 	 Add CAC bylaw presentation to June agenda Dr. Garcia ASAP 			

4. Agenda topic: QIA Review – Information and Discussion Presenter(s): Amanda Morgan

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Discussion	•	Review of QIA Grid – Amanda presented and reviewed the summary of th	
		active Trillium QIAs. The TCL QIA did not meet the metric for this	
		reporting period. The drop in rate was primarily attributed to the transfer	

of members, implementation of Trillium's software platform and staffing issues with the current provider. There was no new data to review for the MST QIA due to claims lag. There was also no new data for the Decreasing ED Visits QIA due to claims lag. Measurement #16 (local data) for the MH 1-7 Day Follow-up QIA did not meet the metric. We continue to await state data for Measurement #14, #15 & #16. This project has been on-going since 2018 (baseline data) and Dr. Garcia said he continues to meet with hospitals and providers to educate them and obtain feedback on ideas for improvement. Dr. Greer asked if all the MCOs across the state were meeting the metric and Amanda shared we were receiving score cards from the state, but haven't received one in a while. There are a few MCOs that do meet this metric with either DMH or DHB. Fonda has had discussions to inquire what the other MCOs are doing to improve this metric. Some MCOs have an alternative service definition. Trillium has not been able to implement an alternative service definition due to funding. There are many barriers for providers when the metric was changed from 0-7 days to 1-7 days. Telehealth should have increased the measurement, but is not being utilized enough. Peer support services need to be engaged with members and follow them through the hospitalization admittance and discharge process in efforts to improve and/or meet this metric. Staying in contact with transient members continues to be a challenge (constantly moving/homeless, cell phone numbers change/disconnected, etc.). Sharlena explained the NC-Notify participation process that hospitals can implement, but not all of them participate.

• **Discussion of Interventions for QIAs** – There were no new interventions presented for discussion in the QIA Grid presentation.

Conclusions

- Amanda shared the QIA acronyms (Quality Improvement Activity QIA, Multi Systemic Therapy -MST, etc.) and gave an overview to assist Dr. Duncan with services and attempts for improvement.
- Dr. Adams shared one of the things he sees happening in the hospitals is that they receive a child with one of the new versions of Medicaid, but they feel they would be better served with an enhanced service. He shared that his understanding is that the member would have to first switch back to Trillium before they would qualify for whatever service they would like to refer them to. He went on to say that this process seems to take a while and they aren't able to switch their insurance while they are in the hospital. Dr. Adams shared he's been told that it takes up to a month to make this happen and in the meantime members are not receiving the care they need and are falling through the cracks. Dr. Smith agreed that they would have to be under Trillium to receive enhanced services through the Tailored Plan (TP) and he believes the state has shared that the process takes 72 hours. Gary stated the state has put out a process to be able to switch members. He checked with Jason for a turnaround time from the time an application is submitted to switch to an enhanced service provider and confirmed it takes 3 days to one week to make this transition happen. He shared his experience has been a relatively quick turnaround time and the key is learning the process and holding people accountable.

• Dr. Duncan asked what the process is for a hospital to become a participating hospital. Amanda shared it is her understanding if a member is admitted and has an MH or SU diagnosis then they are counted in the metric for the MH & SU 1-7 f/u QIAs. Trillium will receive the claim and therefore there is not a sign up process. Sharlena shared that not all hospitals participate in NC Notify. This is a system where the hospitals feed EHR information of their member's hospitalization to providers allowing them to outreach members. The issue with NC Notify is that the data coming in is not necessarily data code related, but rather narrative code related and sometimes there is no narrative at all. This issue may have been resolved, there was discussion on assuring that participating hospitals enter diagnosis narratives and numeric narratives for providers to better filter the information.

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	There were no action items noted for follow-up			

5. Agenda topic: Trillium Information Update Presenter(s): Dr. Smith

TP Update – Trillium is making good progress working towards TP and have some readiness reviews already scheduled. These readiness reviews are similar to an audit and assists us and the state with answering questions and identifying other information needed to assure everything is in place to go live December 1st, 2022. A meeting is scheduled this afternoon for additional discussion and sometime in April our first readiness review is scheduled for Call Center. Only LME/MCOs can apply to be TP this first go-around and is on a four-year bid cycle. On the second go-around bid cycle only the LME/MCOs that have successfully operated as a TP and non-profits can apply/bid.

- Staffing Updates As a follow-up item from a previous meeting Dr. Smith shared an overview of Trillium's organizational chart. He shared changes are frequent and on-going to this document. Melissa Owens is now the Finance Officer replacing Joy as she moved to CEO. Sue Ann Forrest was hired as the Director of Government Relations and come with a wealth of experience.
- **COVID Update** Trillium's return to office date is scheduled for the first working in May to allow staff to come into the office as they need to while continuing the working from home/remote option.
- Rapid Response Team/Executive Response Team
 This is the process the state is using for kids in DSS custody that are stuck in an ED and the team meets to find an appropriate placement. The state is considering as a result of the Rapid Response Team (RRT)/Executive Response Team (ERT) developing a Child & Family Waiver. There is currently a Child & Family Well Being Division at DHHS now and they are looking at children that are involved in DSS foster care and developing a statewide program that works just with these kids. This would entail pulling them out of .the different LME/MCOs or out of the different Standard Plans and covering their care within this

Conclusions	statewide health plan. This has not been decided and is still on the table. Trillium feels like kids should be treated locally and have a local plan that best addresses their needs. Gary shared that his agency provides Targeted Case Management and that RRTs are very helpful in finding the appropriate service and ensuring accountability. He hopes that the RRTs continue when/if a state plan is implemented.		
Conclusions	 There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action. 		
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6. Agenda topic: CAC Business/COVID Update Presenter(s): Dr. Smith/Dr. Garcia

Discussion	Provider Status – Dr. Garcia			
	Due to time constraints there was no discussion on Provider Stat	Due to time constraints there was no discussion on Provider Status.		
	CAC Subcommittee Development – Dr. Garcia	CAC Subcommittee Development – Dr. Garcia		
	Consideration of adding additional members representing physic	Consideration of adding additional members representing physical		
	health and pharmacy has been discussed. Trillium is required to	health and pharmacy has been discussed. Trillium is required to have a		
	pharmacy committee which we envision to be a subset of this	1 ,		
	committee. Recommendations for a pharmacist and/or primary care			
	physician can be emailed to Dr. Smith or Dr. Garcia.			
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7. Agenda topic: Clinical Practice Guidelines Presenter(s): Dr. Garcia

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Discussion	 Additional CPGs to Consider 				
	In efforts to research a guideline or best practice standard for follow-up				
	after hospitalization, crisis facility visit	and/or ED visit Trillium	is		
	considering resources listed in the HE	DIS metrics going into T	P.		
	Feedback for additional CPGs may be	Feedback for additional CPGs may be emailed to Dr. Smith and/or Dr.			
	Garcia.	,			
	• Frist Episode Psychosis CPGs – Dr. G	arcia			
	Dr. Garcia shared that this CPG was sh	ared with the committe	e		
	members and requested all review it and discuss any feedback and/or				
	vote to implement this CPG at the nex	vote to implement this CPG at the next meeting.			
		Monitoring CPGs			
	Dr. Garcia asked for feedback/ideas on how to move from endorsing				
	CPGs to monitoring member care based on CPGs. Recommendations				
	can be emailed to Dr. Smith and/or Dr. Garcia.				
Conclusions	There were no other questions or concerns identified for follow-up or				
	items recommended for corrective action.				
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8. Agenda topic: Open Agenda Presenter(s): All Members

Discussion	 DSM V T Sharlena asked if Trillium will be described on the DSM V TR. Dr. Smith this in the near future. CAC Meetings Dr. Smith asked if the group want current or have in-person meeting keeping the meeting via WebEx at meeting. Dr. Smith shared he will ensure that if we continue to meeting to get done. Another of have one in-person meeting per year. 	th and Dr. Garcia will be ed to continue to mee gs as prior to COVID. Ge and discussing this agai go with the majority, t via WebEx that the Ce ption is to continue via	t via WebEx as Gary suggested n at the June but wants to AC work
Conclusions	• N/A		
Action Items	Person(s) Deadline Responsible		
Add meeting (W	Add meeting (WebEx or in-person) to June agenda Dr. Garcia ASAP		

Meeting Adjourned: All were in favor.

Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2022

(All meetings convene from 1:00pm - 2:30pm)

All supporting documents are proprietary. Contact Susan Massey with any questions.