

### **GQIC Meeting Minutes**

Date October 26, 2021

Meeting Called By Type of Meeting	Diane Web-E	Berth, Chair			
Type of Meeting	vveb-E	X ATTENDEES			
NAME	Present		Present	NAME	Present
Dr. Michael Smith Chief Medical Officer Trillium		Rachel Jordan * ICF/IDD Provider QM Director - Carobell		Krissy Vestal Head of Performance Improvement Trillium	$\boxtimes$
Kimberly Ennis * Hospital Representative Vidant Medical Center		Lucy Wilmer* Central Regional CFAC		Dee Pankey Thompson* IDD Provider GHA Autism Supports	
English Albertson * IDD Provider/Provider Council Representative Director of Program Operations Monarch		Vacant * Network Prescriber		Frank Messina * Southern Regional CFAC	
Fonda Gonzales, LCMHC Director of Quality Management Trillium		Vacant * SU & MH Adult Provider		Diane Berth * Licensed Independent Practitioner	
Ron Lowe * Northern Regional CFAC		Lindsay Joines * SU Provider Coastal Horizons		Rashel Lauret * MH Child Provider NC Rapid Source	
Dr. Paul Garcia Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Alternate for Dr. Smith)		David Tart * SU Provider Integrated Family Services		Deborah Albers QM Accreditation Consultant - Guest	
Jennifer Kelly QM Coordinator Guest		Meranda Bennett QM Accreditation Consultant - Guest		Joylet Mercer QM Accreditation Consultant - Guest	
Candace Gibson QM Delegation Consultant Guest		Ryan Covey QM Delegation Consultant Guest		Kayla Mikule Head of Health Plan Development - Guest	
Catrice Johnson QM Delegation Consultant Guest					

#### \*Represents Voting Members

#### **AGENDA**

1. Agenda topic: Open Meeting and Introductions

Presenter(s): Diane Berth

Discussion	<ul> <li>Diane opened the meeting and each participant introduced themselves sharing the role of their agency and population served.</li> <li>A quorum was present.</li> <li>Krissy reported that Diane will continue as the Chair for this committee and Frank Messina will serve as Vice Chair.</li> </ul>
Conclusions	<ul> <li>The meeting was opened and committee member details were shared.</li> </ul>





Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
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2. Agenda topic: Agenda and Meeting Minutes Presenter(s): Diane Berth

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Discussion	<ul> <li>The NCQA Update was reviewed earlier in the meeting due to Fonda having to leave for another meeting.</li> <li>There was one correction to the next meeting date on the agenda noted (next meeting date should reflect 1/25/2022).</li> <li>The July 27, 2021 meeting minutes were presented and approved as written with a motion from Rashel and a second from Frank.</li> </ul>			
Conclusions	<ul> <li>The meeting minutes for July 27, 2021 were unanimously approved by all members.</li> <li>There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.</li> </ul>			
			Deadline	
	021 Minutes to Diane for signature & nutes to Trillium Website	Susan Massey	ASAP	

3. Agenda topic: Follow-up Items Presenter(s): Diane Berth

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Discussion	<ul> <li>Dr. Smith - F/u with adding the Vanderbilt for ADHD Screening Tool to the Trillium website. Completed. The Vanderbilt for ADHD Screening Tool is in the process of being posted to Trillium's website, if not already posted to the website.</li> <li>Krissy - Update bylaws with committee recommendations. Completed. The GQIC bylaws were updated as recommended.</li> <li>All Members - Share recommendations for changes to GQIC My Learning Campus Training with Krissy or Diane. Completed. A recommendation was made to add the Network Prescriber position to the training as an additional seat on the committee. Dr. Smith shared he has reached out and shared this vacancy, but has not had any responses. Krissy will contact the Training Department to have the Network Prescriber position added to the training.</li> <li>Susan - F/u with reminder to members that have not completed and submitted annual forms. Completed. All members have submitted the requested annual forms.</li> <li>Susan - Send Rachel &amp; Kimberly's email information to English. Completed.</li> <li>English - Send out first meeting invite for Innovations Waiver (IW) Late Reporting Subcommittee. Completed. Rachel reported that this committee did meet as scheduled and discussed the IW Late Reporting Protocol and had questions for clarification in relation to the global pandemic and the impact (staffing shortages) it had on provider agencies. 1) When will the IW late reporting process roll out? 2) When late reporting becomes an issue can Trillium review those cases individually and give feedback on how to improve the process without penalizing agencies who are trying to meet reporting deadlines? Krissy requested these questions be sent to</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>her via email for a response and a has not been an issue during the pof incidents reports being submitted follow-up with these questions in a Krissy - Make correction to the fisco 2021-2022 GQIC Work Plan. Complan has been corrected.</li> <li>All Members - Contact Diane if integrated for October meeting. Closed. received. Rashel Lauret volunteer present her agency QIP at the Jan Krissy - Re-send the link to the An Completed. The survey link was reported not receiving the original respond.</li> </ul>	pandemic and we have ad within 72 hours. Ray an email to Krissy. Fall year date on Activity appleted. The date on the erested in presenting a No member response and during the meeting uary 2022 GQIC meeting and GQIC Survey to messent as some member.	met 85% chel will  / #3 of the he Work  gency es to ing. nembers. ers
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Krissy via email		Rachel Jordan	Jan Mtg.
<ul> <li>Rashel Lauret to 2022 GQIC mee</li> </ul>	o present her agency's QIA at the Jan eting	Rashel Lauret	Jan Mtg.
	ret to the Jan 2022 agenda to present	Krissy Vestal	Jan Mtg.

## 4. Agenda topic: 2021-2022 GQIC Work Plan Presenter(s): Diane Berth

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	Discussion	<ul> <li>Diane presented and reviewed the updated 21-22 GQIC Work</li> </ul>	
		Plan. The Work Plan has been discussed and updated by the	
		Work Plan Subcommittee. Each goal was reviewed and	
		changes/revisions (from the subcommittee) were noted. The	
		correction to the date for the fiscal year for the third activity to	
		2021-2022 was made. The data for the Training Survey results	
		will be presented at the Jan GQIC meeting. Krissy shared the next	
		Network Training Survey will be out in the Spring. The date (Oct	
		2021 meeting) for the 5 <sup>th</sup> Goal under the Activity to Ensure	
		Education Related to Quality is Available and Provided to the	
		Network will be updated to reflect review in the Jan 2022 meeting.	

- Fonda shared there is currently a survey for Community Education Needs available on Trillium's website that gives opportunity to provide feedback and may be available on-going. All members were invited to share their ideas through this survey.
- Frank inquired if Trillium has received any information or updates from the state on how providers will provide services to their members in regards to the new Tailored Plan (TP), treating the whole person. Are there mandates forthcoming as well as funding to provide these services? Frank, as CFAC Chair, has not been able to obtain any information regarding this from the state and wanted to inquire if Trillium had any insight on this issue. Dr. Smith shared the state informed Trillium that they are looking at their vision for integrated care within the last two weeks. The six MCO's all have different processes for integrated care and the state is amenable to that as long as it meets their visions/guidelines. There are parts of their vision the state is modifying/changing as they go. DHHS is looking at how they can best provide oversight for the six TPs. We are utilizing our Standard Plan Partners in different ways with different levels of intensity to meet reporting benchmarks. Trillium is utilizing our Standard Plan Partner and our Pharmacy Benefit Partner in a way that we feel comfortable in approaching this contract. How the state will monitor integrated care in part is in the RFA. They have added approximately 150 more deliverables that Trillium is working on, most is IT and report driven, getting information from providers through data feeds and back to the department. There are a lot of moving pieces in the Care Management piece and the IT piece that are in-depth. Frank shared that the state has delegated budget cuts and his concern is that they have not given the reason for the cuts other than a formula they have devised. Due to these budget cuts Trillium has had to cut back services along with providers cutting back services. He feels like the state is delegating MCO's to provide services without the means to provide them. Frank is attending the i2iConference in December and will ask these questions there. Frank expressed his frustration with finding services. Rachel Jordan echoed Frank's frustration from the provider perspective sharing they only have guidance from the CMA, AMH Plus application that initially came out from the state. Rachel shared that she heard a lot of those quality measures are still being developed. The funding is related to the complex IT systems that are required to be in place and this is costly and will definitely have an impact related to member services. The state has advised that an allocation of funding of approximately 90 million dollars will be offset to the TPs and it will be up to the TPs to distribute the funding to the AMH Plus and CMA agencies. Diane shared as of Oct 1st and due to budget constraints certain funds are no longer available and the TPs don't kick in until next summer and this gap creates concern of what we need to do. Frank shares information he receives from the committees and groups he attends with other concerned parents to keep them informed.

Conclusions	<ul> <li>There are many unanswered questions and concerns moving into the TP from committee members, MCO staff and providers.</li> <li>There were no other questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.</li> </ul>		
Action Items Pe		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
<ul> <li>Add Training S GQIC Meeting</li> </ul>	urvey Results review to the Jan 2022 agenda	Krissy Vestal	Jan Mtg.

### 5. Agenda topic: Trillium QIP/QIA Updates Presenter(s): Krissy Vestal

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Discussion Presenter(s). Kriss	Krissy presented and reviewed Trillium's 5 active QIAs in detail. Interventions were reviewed and updated measurements were shared and discussed. The QIA grid format was updated and includes new graphs and indicators for when interventions started to assess the effectiveness of the interventions throughout the process of the activities. An increase to 12.57% was noted for the Increase in Utilization of MST Services QIA and we are striving for this to continue increasing to meet the goal of this activity. Rachel inquired if the decrease in the population served (TP members) will impact the 1-7 day follow-up percentages. Fonda responded that it is difficult to tell, but Trillium has established a new Emergency Department (ED) Care Management Team to facilitate supporting individuals that frequent the ED setting. Trillium is hopeful even with the reduced numbers we will continue to see progress with meeting our goals of keeping members out of the ED and/or repeat ED visits. In the past, the people who typically used the ED were individuals that were not engaged in services. They would be new to Trillium and it will be difficult to determine if these members will be Standard Plan or TP in the future. Dr. Smith stated if they are new and not in the TP population then they would become part of the Standard Plan population if they have Medicaid. The EDs will have to contract with each of those Standard Plans in order to be reimbursed for that ED stay. He shared that multiple ED use is a factor in TP admission and can get very complex. The ED activity is measured separately by the state currently and ED visits don't connect with the Super Measures. For the Super Measures, Trillium does have a process in place to compare our data with the state's data and traditionally there has been little discrepancy. The state data is very delayed sometimes 5 to 6 months later and Trillium uses local data to get a snapshot of where we are with our goals and to determine if other actions need to be implemented. The data to determ		
Conclusions	Trillium continues to strive to meet each goal for the QIAs and then		
	maintain the goals for 12 months before closing the QIA.		

	<ul> <li>A drill down into discharging data was recommended to determine where and if we are doing better for community hospitals versus FBCs.</li> <li>There were no other questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.</li> <li>All current interventions will continue.</li> </ul>		
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<ul> <li>F/u on drill dow hospitals versus</li> </ul>	n of discharging data (community s FBCs).	Krissy Vestal	Jan Mtg.

# Agenda topic: Provider QIA Presentation Presenter(s): Diane Berth

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Discussion	There were no volunteers to present an agency QIA. Rashel Lauret volunteered to share her agency's QIA at the January 2022 meeting as reported in the Follow-up Section reviewed previously.			
Conclusions	January 2022 meeting is already li Follow-up Section previously revie There were no questions or concer	Rashel Lauret's presentation to present her agency's QIA at the January 2022 meeting is already listed as a follow-up item in the Follow-up Section previously reviewed.  There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.		
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### 7. Agenda topic: NCQA Update Presenter(s): Fonda Gonzales

Discussion	<ul> <li>NCQA Update</li> </ul>			
	NCQA Update			
	Fonda shared re-survey documents were submitted in September			
	and we have also responded to follow-up questions from the			
	surveyors. The Complex Case Management file review is			
	scheduled for November 8th and we hope to hear from the NCQA			
	Review Oversight Committee short	,		
	Trillium has purchased Health Plan			
	Mikule who will be assisting us with			
	Behavioral Health Care to Health Plan. The TP RFA requires			
	MCO's to become Health Plan Accredited by the end of the third			
	contract year and that will include L			
	certificate of distinction. Discussions for the certification are			
	underway and we are determining areas that need improvement			
	and if additional changes need to be implemented.			
Conclusions	<ul> <li>There were no questions or concer</li> </ul>		ow-up or	
	items recommended for corrective action.			
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8. Agenda topic: GQIC 1st Quarter Data Report Presenter(s): Krissy Vestal

Discussion	Krissy presented and reviewed the GQIC's 1st Quarter Data Report July-September 2021. The average number of grievances per		
	month is 13 with a running total of 40 grievances (Jul-14, Aug-11, Sep-15) for the year. Of the 40 grievances 33 were submitted on behalf of a member and 7 were not on behalf of a member consistent with previous quarters. Members in the Multi-Disability Category lead in the number of grievances (25% with 7-Quality of Care & 3-Attitude and Service). The difference in Quality of Care and Attitude and Service is that Quality of Care is related to treatment and Attitude and Service is related to customer service. Thirty-three grievances were against providers and seven grievances were against the MCO. There were no grievances for the SU service area reported for this quarter. There were no substantiated grievances against the LME this quarter. Approximately 35% of Quality of Care grievances against providers were investigated (5-Unsubstantiated, 2-Partially Substantiated). Krissy reviewed the definitions for Substantiated, Partially Substantiated and Unsubstantiated. The summary of Quality of Care Concerns was reviewed for July, August & September. There was a total of 593 incidents this quarter (507-Level III, 86-Level III). The majority of incidents were among the Child Mental Health population. The majority of events were due to Restrictive Interventions at 39% and Member Behavior at 34%. There was an average of 20 deaths per month this quarter. Last year's average was 16. The most noted cause of death was due to Terminal Illness/Natural Causes, but 43 deaths from this year are still pending and currently listed an Unknown Cause. These numbers will be revised once the death certificate/autopsy reports are received. There were two confirmed deaths due to COVID-19 (May-2020 & Jan-2021). There were no deaths ruled as suicide this fiscal year. There were three medication errors reported in July (wrong does, missed dose, wrong patient) and a total of nine med errors last fiscal year. The medication errors were reported from three different providers and for three distinct members. There were four Other Events this qu		
Conclusions	<ul> <li>Any additions or deletion recommendations to the data in this report can be emailed to Krissy Vestal. All data shared within this report was requested by GQIC over the years and can be updated as requested.</li> <li>There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.</li> </ul>		
Action Items	Person(s) Deadline Responsible		
• N/A			

Presenter(s): Dr. Smith

#### Trillium is well underway for TP implementation. An Discussion Implementation Team is in place and diligently working solely on TP implementation. There are some staff that continue to run their departments and work on TP implementation as well. Fonda Gonzales will be joining the Implementation Team while also running the Quality Management Department. Our implementation plan has been separated into 14 work streams with each work stream having one or two different leads. We track our progress weekly with our work leads and consultants in a project management plan to assess where we are and what needs to be completed during specific timeframes. Dates for deliverables are tied to the date of award announcement or from the "go live" date. Some items are due 30, 60 & 90 days post award. Monday, was our 90 day post award due date. Trillium was on target to submit all required information and then on Wednesday the state decided to give an extra month for the 90 day deliverables. Trillium will use this time to review the deliverables again and tweak anything needed; however, some were ready and have been submitted. Envolve is our Pharmacy Benefit Manager Partner and our Standard Plan Partner is Carolina Complete Health. Centene is the parent company for both Carolina Complete Health and Envolve. The Director of Pharmacy has been hired and is Jason Swartz who has many years of knowledge and experience in the pharmacy field. Richard Leissner, General Counsel has taken a new position and will be leaving Trillium at the end of October. This is a wonderful opportunity for him in this stage of his career; however, we are sad to see him go. We will be recruiting for a new General Counsel to take over this role. We do have an Assistant General Counsel currently on staff. Diane asked if there are other states that have transitioned to managed care or like systems of care. North Carolina (NC) was one of the last large states to put Medicaid under Managed Care completely. NC's model includes IDD and the Innovations Waiver populations and is closely modeled after New York's model. There are still differences. The uninsured and underinsured populations continue under Trillium and the rest of the country is waiting to see how NC will make this work. Standard Plans for physical health and mild to moderate went live in July 2021 and went relatively smoothly. There have been fewer problems with transitioning members between plans than anticipated. Medicaid is making a change from county of origin to county of residence and this is causing some issues in the TP. Non-emergency transportation has always been an issue and continues to be difficult across the country. Dr. Smith will continue to update the GQIC as updates become **Conclusions** available. A variety of minutes are posted on the Trillium Website including our Governing Board Meetings and are available for anyone interested in additional information. There were no questions or concerns identified for follow-up or items recommended for corrective action.

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<ul> <li>N/A</li> </ul>			

10. Agenda topic: Annual GQIC Survey Results/Action Items Presenter(s): Krissy Vestal

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Discussion	detail. The survey was implemented through SurveyMonkey and the results are used to help evaluate the effectiveness of the group, assess what we are doing well, what we can focus on for improvement and to gain feedback for additional thoughts and ideas related to improvement. A total of five GQIC members completed the survey. The first five questions were answered positively with either Extremely Well or Very Well. There were two comments submitted as improvements. The first is that it was felt that members don't review the prepared packets ahead of time as requested in an effort to be prepared to come to the meeting to discuss their comments/concerns. The second was a request for feedback from Trillium's Executive group annually to discuss GQIC's progress in meeting their goals. One possibility is for GQIC to receive feedback from the Quality Improvement Committee. Comments as to areas for GQIC to focus on in the future (Q9) consisted of 1) quality improvement measures as outlined for all service areas, 2) Greater focus on "gaps & needs", 3) Emerging issues pertaining to TP and how focus on quality will increase, how to support provider agencies for success, 4) Ideas for improvement. Krissy asked if the committee wanted to take any action measures as a result of the survey responses or if there				
Conclusions	<ul> <li>were additional thoughts or feedba</li> <li>An action item from the survey is to</li> </ul>	<u> </u>	share		
	feedback to GQIC with regard to their progress in meeting goals				
	and suggest ideas for improvement and to document the feedback				
	given.				
	There were no other questions or or items recommended for correct.		follow-up		
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11. Agenda topic: Open Agenda/Round Table Discussion Presenter(s): All Members

Discussion	GQIC Prescriber Vacancy - Diane	
	Dr. Smith is actively recruiting for the open Network Prescriber	
	position. Ryan Estes' seat (SU & MH Adult Provider) is now open	
	as well. He took another position and his service to GQIC was	
	greatly appreciated. Rashel inquired if we will be reaching out to	
	individuals for membership from Halifax and Bladen counties once	
	they are transitioned under Trillium. Dr. Smith shared Halifax will	
	be joining Trillium on December 1st, 2021 and will become part of	
	our Northern Region and Northern CFAC. The state has not given	

	us a transition date for Bladen County so it is unknown at this time.  Trillium does have a plan in place and the transition will happen when the state sets the date.  Funding Cuts - Frank  Frank shared with Trillium growing the state needs to recognize this and add additional funding. CFAC members have sent letters regarding funding cuts to legislators and have not received feedback. He hopes to have the opportunity to be able to sit down with legislators and discuss this issue to voice concerns and let them know this needs to be reviewed. North Carolina is growing in population and with this expansion there will be more individuals with mental health and substance use issues in the state in need of services. Frank is appreciative of Trillium and like organizations where parent voices can be heard.  Introduction - Lucy Wilmer  Lucy introduced herself and was welcomed as a new member. She is a Central Regional CFAC member as well since approximately 2013 serving as the Mental Health Representative for Beaufort County. Lucy served previously as the Chair for the NAMI Peer Leadership Council and has done a lot with NAMI locally in Raleigh. She is thankful for membership and looking forward to working on this committee.		
Conclusions	<ul> <li>There were no additional topics to add to October's Round Table Discussion.</li> </ul>		
Action Items		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
• N/A			

**Meeting Adjourned** 

Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2022
(All meetings convene from 10am - 12pm)
Supporting Document/Attachment for Minutes:
Meeting Minutes from previous meeting
Agenda
QIA Grid & Graphs Oct 2021
1st Qtr. 21-22 GQIC Data Report Jul-Sep 2021
GQIC Work Plan 2021-2022

Submitted by Susan Massey

**GQIC Annual Survey July 2021** 

Signature of

Diane Berth, Chair

Licensed Independent Practitioner

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