



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
201 W. First Street, Greenville, NC
Thursday, February 23, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

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VII. Convene Finance Committee Meeting	Duane Holder
VIII. Budget Revision II FY 2016 - 2017	Joy Futrell
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**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., at the Trillium office located at 201 W. First Street in Greenville, NC.

Members Present: Jonathan Ellis, Mary Ann Furniss, Duane Holder, Zack Koonce, Wally Overman, Wayne Petteway, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Glenn Simpson, Sheri Slater, and Emmie Taylor. David Creech attended via teleconference.

Members Absent: Ronnie Smith and Lea Wolf.

Staff Present: Bland Baker, Deanna Campbell, Cindy Ehlers, Joy Futrell, Susan Hanson, Dr. Burt Johnson, Richard Leissner, Mike Lewis, Wanda Murphy, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Leza Wainwright, and Rita Joyner, Clerk.

Guests: Michael Abramowitz, Reporter with the Daily Reflector; Gary Bass, CEO, Pride in NC; Pam Gray, parent of a consumer; Wes Rider, Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS); Cynthia Wiford, Addiction Consulting and Training Associates (ACT); and Dennis Williams, DMH/DD/SAS.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Robinson called the February 23, 2017 regular session meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Robinson called for a motion to approve the December 15, 2016, meeting minutes of the Governing Board. Mr. Holder so moved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koonce and unanimously approved.

Dr. Robinson called for a motion to approve the January 30, 2017, Emergency Meeting minutes. Commissioner Koonce so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petteway and unanimously approved.

Dr. Robinson called for a motion to approve the January 30, 2017, Closed Session meeting minutes. Commissioner Koonce so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petteway and unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Pam Gray stated that she was the parent of a 22 year old daughter on the Autism Spectrum and on the Wait List for the Innovations Waiver for seven years. As of January, they still had not received a slot. Ms. Gray stated that what she is especially concerned about now is that the cuts to the

State budget are starting to affect state services and her daughter is being adversely affected. She is facing the possibility of losing services and not being able to get the appropriate placement and services in the Day Program that she desperately needs. Ms. Gray stated that she is sure other consumers are being adversely affected by the State budget cuts and that she would be glad to do whatever she could do to advocate on Trillium's behalf.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Holder moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Koonce seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Commissioner Overman shared an article regarding drug addiction and treatment reform legislation that Governor Christie has just gotten passed in the state of New Jersey. The Saving Lives Taskforce in Dare County may be considering asking our legislators to take a look at this legislation. Commissioner Overman asked that members of the Board look at the legislation, as well as the CFACs and any other organizations that members of this Board may be a part of, to see if there is interest in supporting this type of legislation.

VI. OVERVIEW OF BOARD ORIENTATION MANUAL AND ONLINE TRAINING

Syd Wiford, with Addiction Consulting & Training Associates (ACT) explained that Trillium had contracted with ACT to pull together an orientation manual and online training for the board, regional advisory boards, CFACs, as well as all of the committees that Trillium encompasses. In presenting a general overview of the new Governance Orientation Manual, she stated that she wanted the Board to have a general sense of why the manual is important and how they could use it in the future.

Ms. Wiford stated that she wanted the Board to focus on the idea of fiduciary, because that is the responsibility of the Board. She explained that the simple definition of this word is trust and that as a Board member or volunteer on committees, you are entrusted with the operation of this organization and entrusted with the well-being, safety, and management of the money to ensure that Trillium is operating above board, sticking true to its mission, and is making a dent in what they are supposed to be about. She explained that the goal of the orientation manual and training is for everyone to be on the same page with what the mission of the organization is, what the goals are, and what everybody's role is or is not, so that you make the best forward movement and have the best opportunity to make the organization as strong as it can be.

Three forms, including a Confidentiality Agreement, a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form, and a Code of Conduct form, were distributed to the Board for completion and return to Ms. Joyner. These forms will be standard for all Trillium boards and committees upon joining those bodies and annually thereafter.

Ms. Wiford explained that training on the Governance Orientation Manual is also available online and is hosted on the Trillium Training Portal. She informed the Board that they would receive an e-mail from the portal webmaster that would give them an e-mail address and a login by which they would create their own identity in the portal. They would then enter this information in the link that would take them directly to the Governing Board training. A certificate of completion is available to be printed once the training is completed. An evaluation of the training is also included and feedback is appreciated.

VII. CONVENE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Robinson called for a motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting and convene the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Petteway so moved; seconded by Commissioner Koonce and unanimously approved.

VIII. BUDGET REVISION II FY 2016 – 2017

Dr. Robinson entertained a motion to reconvene the Governing Board meeting. Commissioner Koonce so moved; seconded by Mr. Petteway and unanimously approved.

Ms. Futrell reviewed Budget Revision II for FY 2016 – 2017. She explained that the primary purpose of this revision is to clean up some of the county allocations and to include some additional allocations received from the state. Any additional allocations received from the state are for specific programs. Several were for the Transition to Community Living Initiative (TCLI), which is part of the Department of Justice (DOJ) settlement, and other specific programs such as TASC (Treatment Access and Services Center).

Under Revenues, funds that were budgeted for Dare and Onslow Counties as County General, should have been budgeted as ABC funds. Discussion has been had with these two counties and this has been cleaned up. Their allocations did not change; these funds have just been moved to the right classification.

Brunswick County has not given us an allocation this year. Their County General funds have been zeroed out, because we did not have an allocation letter from them. We have had additional follow up with them in which they stated that they do want to provide funding for some specific services. Once work has been done on this with Brunswick County, this will be amended with the final budget revision.

Ms. Futrell reported that Budget Revision II is an increase of \$1,310,942, and the majority of that is attributed to additional allocations. This will bring our total budget to \$450,389,831.

Commissioner Overman moved to accept Budget Revision II for FY 2016 – 2017. Mr. Holder seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

IX. FY 2016 – 2017 AUDIT CONTRACT

Ms. Futrell explained that the upcoming 2016 -2017 audit will be the third year that we have used Cherry Bekaert as our auditing firm, if the board chooses to approve the audit contract. The first year their rate was a little over \$50,000. Last year we paid \$57,250, but this was the year of the consolidation and a lot of extra work was involved. This year their rate has gone down to \$53,500. Ms. Futrell stated that we need the board's approval if they would like to move forward with Cherry Bekaert as our auditing firm for this fiscal year's audit.

Mr. Holder moved to accept the FY 2016 – 2017 audit contract with Cherry Bekaert. Commissioner Overman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

X. PLANNING FOR A STATE FUNDING REDUCTION

Ms. Wainwright stated that today is not the day to panic or to decide that we are going to kill any projects. She explained that management has discussed what we should do if the General Assembly doesn't put the money back, and part of that thinking is that at least for the next four months of this year, we should pretty deliberately slow down and not go full steam ahead with the projects.

Ms. Wainwright thanked Commission Overman for suggesting at the December board meeting that a resolution be presented to each of the Boards of County Commissioners. As of today, 12 counties have passed the resolution in support of adequate funding to meet the mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance abuse disorders of citizens of their counties. To date it has only been presented to one county board that tabled it. By the end of March it will have been presented to all 25 of the counties, including Nash.

Ms. Ehlers shared a graphic of what has been done to date with each project in the Reinvestment Plan. The amount spent on each project to date will be added to the graphic and redistributed to the board.

Ms. Wainwright reviewed each project and gave management's recommendations on how to proceed with each from now until June 30th. She stated that she would like to know if the board was supportive of putting the brakes on some of the projects for the remainder of this fiscal year until it is known where things will stand financially. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to follow management's recommendations.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wainwright reported on changes within the Department of Health and Human Services, including Governor Cooper's appointment of Dr. Mandy Cohen as Secretary. Dr. Cohen is scheduled to meet with the CEOs of the LME/MCOs on March 31st.

There is no news on Medicaid Reform on the State side. On the Federal side, we are hearing more from Congress in terms of block granting, or capitating Medicaid, which could have a profound effect on our State.

We are in the process of negotiating our new rates and contract with the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) for the upcoming fiscal year. One of the biggest areas where we are seeing a rate challenge is in the Innovations Waiver. The budget was based on 2014 data, but the needs of people on the waiver have changed since that time. In terms of the contract, most of the contract changes are being driven by the new CMS “mega reg.” One of the changes that will impact the Board is a requirement that the Board have a Compliance Committee. The Board could choose to appoint a committee or to have a “committee of the whole,” but this will have to be addressed in some way on July 1, 2017.

We are on track to add Nash County to Trillium effective April 1. Columbus County had a meeting with Secretary Cohen on February 22nd to relay their interest in leaving Eastpointe. To date, the Secretary has not acted on their request.

William Holtz has resigned as Trillium’s Network Director effective February 20th.

An award was received from the Uptown Greenville association for the inclusive playground at the Town Commons and the City of Greenville has officially named the park, The Trillium Park.

Lastly, Ms. Wainwright presented the Board with Trillium’s first ever Annual Report.

XII. CHAIRS’S REPORT

Dr. Robinson stated that he would like to thank each board member for their attention to and involvement with this Board. Anytime there has been a need to have a called meeting to deal with issues and concerns, the Board has been available, and willing to do what needs to be done to move the business of this organization forward.

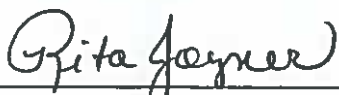
Dr. Robinson reported that he had been involved in an excellent meeting with Mary Hooper and the NC Council in which they discussed their direction going forward and looking at gaps and needs. He is looking forward to hearing more from them on where they go from here.

XIII. CFAC REPORTS

CFAC reports were given by Mr. Ellis, for the Northern Region CFAC; Ms. Furniss, for the Southern Region CFAC; and Mr. Petteway, for the Central Region CFAC.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Dr. Robinson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Petteway so moved and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Rita Joyner, Clerk to the Board



Dr. Deauvo Robinson, Chair