

February 24, 2022

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Members Present: Gary Bass, David Clegg, Mary Ann Furniss, Ann Floyd Huggins, Charles Jordan, Ron Lowe, Jim Madson, Janice Nichols, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Emmie Taylor, Lea Wolf and Rob Zapple.

Members Absent: Sandra Buckman

Staff Present: Bland Baker, Cindy Ehlers, Sue Ann Forrest, Joy Futrell, Senitria Goodman, Mike Lewis, Michelle Martin, Melissa Owens, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Dennis Williams and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Furniss called the February 24, 2022 meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Fuller administered the Oath of Office to new board member Commissioner Rob Zapple.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 28, 2021 Governing Board minutes

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Furniss called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Zapple so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Taylor, was unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

None

VII. 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 Commissioner Jordan, was unanimously approved.

VIII. BUDGET REVISION II FISCAL YEAR 2022

Ms. Owens reported that the second budget revision for fiscal year 2022 is a net increase to the budget of \$82,316,980. The majority of the increase is related to the increase in our capitation payment which includes increases for providers, Medicaid service rates, as well as county realignment. It also incorporated the State allocations that we received since the first budget revision this year. Other important funding included in this revision:

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers – 7 million
- Federal Adult Substance Abuse – 6.5 million
- State Opioid Response – 2.8 million (Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT), clinical services, recovery and peer support, and MAT detention pallets in Pitt and New Hanover county jails.)
- Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant – 1.4 million (Mobile Clinics)

The new budget amount will be \$685,337,574.

Ms. Furniss called for a motion to approve Budget Revision II Fiscal Year 2022. Ms. Nichols so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, was unanimously approved.

IX. INTRODUCTION GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR AND NCGA UPDATES

Sue Ann Forrest, Trillium Health Resources Government Relations Director, this is a new position to Trillium. Ms. Forrest introduced herself to the Board. She shared a PowerPoint presentation on the North Carolina General Assembly current activities, key highlights:

- NCGA Budget / Funding Allocations
- Innovation Waivers / CAP/DA
- Medicaid Expansion Committee
- Children's' Mental Health (School Psychologist Allotment)
- Redistricting
- NC DHHS Secretary Confirmation Hearing

Commissioner Zapple inquired about the distribution of funds, recurring and non-recurring, as to how funds will be distributed, by population or by need? Ms. Forrest noted that the funding for innovation waivers slots has differed from what has been done in the past. Ms. Ehlers stated that Trillium will receive a total of 153 innovation waivers slots, receiving 61 waivers in March and 92 in July. These slots will be distributed based on the waiting list, we have just over 2,000 individuals in our catchment area, with the addition of Bladen and Halifax counties.

Ms. Futrell added that the inpatient funds to the hospitals, are received from DHHS and are distributed to all of our hospitals that have a three way contract/agreement between DHHS, the hospitals and Trillium. The workers increases, we receive through our Medicaid capitation previously mentioned in the budget revision.

X. ONE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Ehlers gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the positive impact One Community Outreach and Engagement is making in the lives of our members and communities. One Community began in April of 2021, reaching out door to door to address health disparities for our MH-SUD and I/DD-TBI populations during the pandemic. Key events and campaigns:

- Target Safe Community Parks (Sanitation Stations)
- Let's Play Together (Inclusive Community Events)
- Outreach and Engagement Campaigns (Health Fairs/Farmer's Markets)
- Recovery, Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Matters and Living My Best Life Billboards (throughout catchment area)
- Safe Schools Healthy Kids NC (Teacher safety/mental health Cubes)
- Target Social Exclusion (PRIDE Events/Activities)
- Autism Acceptance (AngelSense Campaign/School Activities/T-Shirt Campaign)
- Target Access to Care Integrated Care Mobile Clinics

Columbus County has the highest level of member engagement. Since the beginning of the program there has been no staff turnover in Columbus County.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Tailored Plan Activities**

DHHS will begin their formal readiness reviews for the Tailored Plan starting in May 2022. Staff is preparing for the reviews, which will start with our service support lines and in July all other functions.

In November we learned that Envolve, our Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) will no longer provide PBM services effective January 1, 2023. Trillium immediately released an RFP in early January, currently we are working to have a LOA finalized with another PBM by the end of February. This has delayed some of our Tailored Plan work, DHHS is aware and working with us to assure all is ready by the go live date.

DHHS

The department released a policy paper for the new (temporarily named) Children and Family Specialty Plan, formerly known as the Foster Care Plan. These children are slated to go into a separate Medicaid plan, the proposal is to have all the children under one statewide plan. This requires legislative action and the department is still working on it.

DHHS issued an additional Medicaid contract the "Medicaid Direct" work. This is a new concept from the department, however, Trillium has done this work before. It will serve individuals with both Medicare and Medicaid, who are Medicaid eligible in our catchment area. We will be responsible for their behavioral healthcare, and Medicaid will continue to manage the physical healthcare, very much like what we do today. Along with the Tailored Plan (integrated healthcare/behavioral health) which includes pharmacy and our current state work, we will be adding Medicaid Direct.

County Movement

Halifax County joined Trillium on December 1, 2021 and DHHS approved Bladen County to join effective February 1, 2022. Our staff worked with the counties to ensure a smooth transition for our members, providers and stakeholders.

General Assembly

Ms. Forrest provided details in her report to the Board.

Mobile Clinics

This past week Trillium unveiled two new Mobile Clinics one in Tyrrell County, the other in Washington County. Thank you to David Clegg for representing the Trillium Governing Board at the unveilings. The Washington County event was attended by Governor Roy Cooper, NCDHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley, DHHS Director and State Representatives and Senators. Thank you to Ms. Forrest and our Regional Directors for helping to coordinate the events. The media coverage and publicity the events received, will help to increase the awareness of mental health, intellectual developmental disabilities and substance abuse, and the access to quality health care services in our communities.

Personnel Changes

Senitria Goodman, the new Trillium Health Resources General Council and Chief Compliance Officer joined us in mid-January. Ms. Goodman has eight years of experience working with a NC LME/MCO, in addition to several years of experience in a variety of areas including employment law and civil litigation. Ms. Goodman was introduced to the Board and gave a brief summary of her personal background and professional experience.

XII. CFAC REPORT

Ms. Furniss Southern Region CFAC designee gave her report to the Board. Mr. Lowe, Northern Region CFAC chair was not able to give his report due to technical issues. Ms. Buckman, Central Region CFAC chair was absent.

XIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Furniss stated she is proud of Trillium and the progress made in the community in spite of COVID and funding cuts. She expressed her appreciation for all the work that has gone into the Tailored Plan.

Comments

Commissioner Zapple gave an update on the status of the New Hanover County Healing Place. The Healing Place construction completion date is August 31, 2022. They will start moving in furniture in September, and have the ribbon-cutting in early October 2022. The Healing Place will be open to all counties in the catchment area.

Ms. Futrell thanked the Board for their support and confidence in her as CEO. She stated her commitment to continue to lead Trillium along with the Executive team in the direction to become a great Tailored Plan.

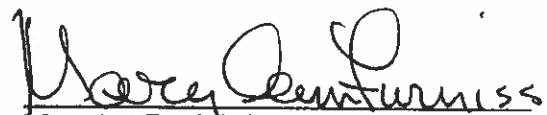
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Ms. Furniss called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Taylor so moved. Commissioner Zapple seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Lisa Fuller, Clerk to the Board



Mary Ann Furniss, Governing Board Chair