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TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

Board Members Present: (Noted present with an "X" mark)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Abbott-Guilford County	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Hunt-Hoke County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Albertson-Wayne County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little-Reid-Anson County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Britt-Robeson County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheron Mosby-Pasquotank County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Connor-Onslow County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Nichols-Pender County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L.S. Bo Dean, Jr.-New Hanover County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Osborne-Harnett County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson-Lee County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wally Overman-Dare County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leann Henkel-Randolph County	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson Raynor-Wayne County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flor Herrera-Picasso-Wilson County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denauvo Robinson-Pasquotank County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laticia Hill-Godette-Pitt County- <i>virtual</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorraine Washington-Greene County

Staff:

Joy Futrell, Terrell Alston, Kellie Baker, Cindy Ehlers, Senitria Goodman, Victoria Jackson, Lisa A. Jarman, Mike Lewis, Bobbie Lowe, Melissa Owens, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Michael Smith, Anthony Ward.

Guests:

Jonathan Ellis, Northern Region CFAC Vice Chair

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Ethics Statement
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. Draft Governing Board Minutes-March 13, 2025
 - b. Mid-State Regional Advisory Board Minutes-January 28, 2025
 - c. Northern Regional Advisory Board Minutes-January 14, 2025
 - d. Southern Regional Advisory Board Minutes-January 23, 2025
 - e. South Central Regional Advisory Board Minutes-January 28, 2025 Council on Health Disparities Minutes-February 17 and March 17, 2025
- VI. Draft Resolution on Kratom
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Board Comments/Concerns
- IX. Trillium Buildings and Leases
- X. Strategic Plan
- XI. CEO's Report
- XII. Chair's Report

- XIII. Convene Finance Committee Meeting**
- XIV. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.00(a)(3) and N.C.G.S. 143-318(a)(1) per N.C.G.S. 131E-97.3**
- XV. Adjournment**

I. Call to Order

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board meeting was held in person at the StateView Hotel in Raleigh, NC and via Webex on April 24, 2025.

Prior to the meeting, the board members attended a training on Medicaid managed care and compliance, and finance and contract oversight. The training was conducted by Kelsi Knick and Michelle Merritt of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). Members of the Trillium Training Department supported the training.

Trillium Governing Board Chair, Mr. Denauvo Robinson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

II. Roll Call

Governing Board Clerk, Ms. Lisa A. Jarman performed the roll call and stated that there was a quorum.

III. Ethics Statement

Governing Board Vice Chair, Priscilla Little-Reid read the Ethics Statement. In accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General statutes, every board member has a duty to avoid both conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflict. No board member disclosed any conflict.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Denauvo Robinson entertained a motion to approve the April 24, 2025, agenda.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lorraine Washington to approve the April 24, 2025, Agenda.
Mr. L.S. Dean, Jr., made a second. The motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda

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Dr. Denauvo Robinson requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Ms. Janice Nichols to approve the April 25, 2025, Consent Agenda.
Mr. Randy Abbott made a second. The motion carried.

VI. Draft Resolution on Kratom

During the March 13, 2025, Mr. Jason Swartz, Trillium's Senior Pharmacy Director, delivered a presentation on Kratom. After discussion, it was decided that a Resolution would be prepared by Trillium's legal counsel to be approved and sent to North Carolina State Legislators regarding the regulation of the misuse of Kratom and that the use of Kratom be age appropriate.

Ms. Senitria Goodman reviewed the draft Resolution that was included in the board book and stated that it mirrors the Dare County Resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Wally Overman to approve the draft Resolution on Kratom.

Mr. Walter Ferguson made a second. The motion carried.

VII. Public Comments

Jonathan Ellis, Northern Region CFAC Vice Chair provided public comment, expressing his concern over the reduction in funding of I/DD services and requested advocacy assistance from the Governing Board.

VIII. Board Comments/Concerns

Mr. L.S. Dean, Jr., stated that guidelines from the NC DHHS around language that is more in line with policy and procedure were presented to the Health Equity Committee and Trillium's Executive Team for approval. After approval, the committee is now known as the Health Disparities Committee.

Ms. Holly Connor expanded on the comments made by Mr. Ellis and referred to the important advocacy work done by the North Carolina Council for Developmental Disabilities and she encouraged the Governing Board to support their advocacy work.

Ms. Joy Futrell stated that Trillium's lobbyists work closely with advocacy group lobbyists and legislators.

Mrs. Lorraine Washington stressed the importance of writing letters regarding any concerns to the State Consumer & Family Advisory Committee as they can make recommendations to the General Assembly.

IX. Trillium Buildings and Leases

Ms. Joy Futrell provided an overview of the properties now owned and leased by Trillium due to the consolidation. The Consolidation Agreement stipulated that action taken on properties be approved by the Governing Board. Ms. Futrell reviewed the recommendations and requested permission on some properties to work with providers to turn leases back over to the counties and to sell some of the properties. Ms. Futrell also recommended that for any of the properties that are sold, that priority be given to providers of behavioral healthcare services, I/DD services, or TBI services as long as they meet the minimum bid based on an appraisal.

Ms. Futrell asked that authorization be given to the Trillium CEO to sell the buildings that were identified to sell in the presentation. She also asked that the board authorize the

Trillium CEO to work with the counties and providers to sign the leases discussed in the presentation back over to the counties.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lorraine Washington to give the Trillium CEO approval to sell the properties and vacant lots identified in the presentation-

Vacant lots:

**1323 15th Street South, Wilmington, NC
1327 15th Street South, Wilmington, NC
1390 16th Street South, Wilmington, NC**

Buildings:

**1507 Martin Street, Wilmington, NC
185 Grant Street, West End, NC
9486 NC 305 North, Jacksonville, NC
383 Cotton Street, Polkton, NC**

To terminate the following leases:

**2901 North Heritage Street, Kinston, NC
450 Country Club Road, Lumberton, NC
201 West 1st Street, Greenville, NC**

To terminate Leases County Owned:

**130 Carbonton Road, Sanford, NC
227 North Main Street, Troy, NC
1311 Health Drive, New Bern, NC
1320 Health Drive, New Bern, NC**

To terminate Leased by Trillium:

**250 McDonald Street, West End, NC
2901 North Heritage Street, Kinston, NC
841 Circlewood Drive, Hamlet, NC**

Request market rent on the following leases:

**2046 N. Asheboro School Road, Asheboro, NC
842 East Pritchard Street, Asheboro NC
205 Memorial Drive Hwy 211, Pinehurst, NC
121 East Elmwood Avenue, Raeford, NC
704 Old Lilesville Road, Wadesboro, NC**

Ms. Laticia Hill-Godette made a second. Mrs. Lorraine Washington made an amendment to include that if a minimum bid is not offered on a property being sold, that the Governing Board gives approval to the Trillium CEO to use discretion to manage the transaction. Ms. Laticia Hill-Godette accepted the amendment. The motion carried.

X. Strategic Plan

Cindy Ehlers, Trillium's Chief Strategy & Growth Officer, delivered a high level presentation on the agency's strategic plan for the next three years. Ms. Ehlers explained

that the purpose of the plan is to create a lasting value for members, employees, providers, and community stakeholders. Ms. Ehlers reviewed the five pillars of the plan and the objectives for each one. Ms. Ehlers will continue to report to the Governing Board the progress being made as the plan is executed.

XI. CEO's Report

Ms. Joy Futrell provided updates on Trillium operations.

Legislative Updates

Ms. Futrell reported that the Senate released their budget on April 14, 2025. It contained a \$30 million reduction to single stream funds. The proposed reduction is proportional to the unrestricted fund balance for each LME/MCO. It also contained a \$15.6 million reduction to 3-way bed contracting with private hospitals.

Ms. Futrell referenced the paper that NC DHHS has published on Standard Plans. She shared that two of the Standard Plans, Carolina Complete and WellCare plan to consolidate prior to the next bid cycle of December 1, 2027. It is anticipated that NC DHHS will publish a paper on Tailored Plans as well.

Trillium Community Updates and Resources

Ms. Futrell mentioned the Trillium billboards that are in the community. The billboards contain information and the 24/7 phone number to assist members and to help them get connected to the right plan if they are a Medicaid member or if they are eligible for state services.

Trillium's website contains weekly updates on community outreach and engagements. Trillium's My Learning Campus is also on the website and is a free resource for everyone in the Trillium community.

The i2i Spring Conference is June 9-11, 2025. Ms. Futrell encouraged the board members to attend.

Ms. Futrell proposed that the Governing Board meet during the i2i Spring Conference for a FY2025/2026 Budget Work Session. The budget will be presented for approval at the regularly scheduled meeting of June 26, 2025. As discussed previously, the results of the salary study will be shared with the board as it will have an impact on the budget and the pay plan.

Ms. Futrell provided an update regarding Mr. Wes Ryder's concerns he expressed during the March 13th Governing Board meeting over the lack of peer support services and Trillium's website. Ms. Cindy Ehlers immediately responded to him with her efforts on building up Trillium's certified peer network and contracts in the communities.

Any future updates that arise during the Governing Board meeting will be addressed in the CEO report for the next meeting.

A detailed report was included in the meeting materials.

XII. Chair's Report

Dr. Denauvo Robinson thanked the team for the NC DHHS training session, and he expressed his appreciation to the board members for attending the training and the meeting.

Dr. Robinson and Vice Chair, Priscilla Little-Reid have established an Evaluation Committee to meet regarding the performance evaluation of Trillium's CEO. The committee will consist of Leann Henkel, Wally Overman, Walter Ferguson, Priscilla Little-Reid, and Denauvo Robinson. The committee will meet and report back to the full board at the June 26, 2025, meeting.

Dr. Robinson stated that in an earlier meeting, the board decided to hold the meetings at the various Trillium locations. He has heard from some of the members that they enjoy holding the meeting at the StateView hotel. He asked the board to consider meeting at the StateView hotel instead, as it is a central location and members have an opportunity to stay the night.

Mrs. Lorraine Washington made a motion to designate the StateView hotel as the meeting location for the Trillium Governing Board. Mr. Randy Abbott made a second. The motion carried.

XIII. Convene Finance Committee Meeting

Dr. Denauvo Robinson entertained a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting.

Mrs. Lorraine Washington made a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Janice Nichols made a second. The motion carried.

XIV. Closed Session to Consult with Trillium's Attorney

Dr. Denauvo Robinson entertained a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) and North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) per North Carolina General Statute 131E-97.3.

Motion was made by Mr. Randy Abbott to enter into closed session. Mr. Wally Overman made a second. The motion carried.

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Denauvo Robinson requested a motion to approve the actions taken in closed session.

Motion was made by Ms. Holly Connor to approve the actions taken in closed session. Mr. Walter Ferguson made a second. The motion carried.

XV. Adjournment

Dr. Denauvo Robinson asked for any further business to be brought before the board. As there was none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lorraine Washington to adjourn the April 24, 2025, Governing Board meeting. Ms. Priscilla Little-Reid made a second. The motion carried.

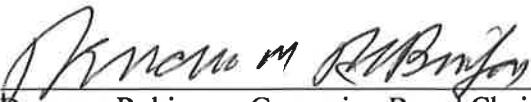
The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm

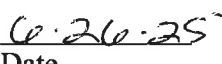
Minutes prepared by Lisa A. Jarman



Lisa A. Jarman, Minutes Recorder


Date



Denauvo Robinson, Governing Board Chairperson


Date