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TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

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

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

Staff:

Terrell Alston, Kellie Baker, Marlene Betta, Jill Bost, Brian Boykin, Christie Edwards, Senitria Goodman, Victoria Jackson, Lisa A. Jarman, Dr. Mike Lewis, Bobby Lowe, Melissa Owens, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Anthony Ward

Guests:

Danny King, Executive Director, ADLA, Inc.

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Ethics Statement
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Consent Agenda
 - i. Draft Governing Board Minutes-June 26, 2025
 - ii. Mid-State Regional Advisory Board Minutes-May 27, 2025
 - iii. North Central Regional Advisory Board Minutes-May 27, 2025
 - iv. Northern Regional Advisory Board Minutes-May 13, 2025
 - v. South Central Regional Advisory Board Minutes-May 27, 2025
 - vi. Southern Regional Advisory Board Minutes-May 22, 2025
 - vii. Council on Health Disparities Minutes-May 19 and June 16, 2025
 - viii. Trillium Policy number 1101-12: High Needs Populations
 - ix. Eastpointe Audit Letter From DHHS
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Board Comments/Concerns
- VIII. Board Terms Discussion
- IX. CEO's Report

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- X. Chair's Report
- XI. Convene Finance Committee Meeting
- XII. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), and 143-318.11(a)(1)
- XIII. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board meeting was held in person at the Hampton Inn in Raleigh, NC and via Webex on August 28, 2025.

Trillium Governing Board Chair, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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, Commissioner 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 August 28, 2025, agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Ferguson to approve the August 28, 2025, Agenda. Mr. Randy Abbott made a second. The motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda

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

Ms. Holly Connor requested clarification on the High Needs Populations policy number 1101-12. Dr. LaDonna Battle stated that Trillium must follow the Division's proprietary algorithm but additionally, Trillium performs an internal risk stratification based on many predictive analytics that include acuity and rationality as well as social determinants.

Mr. Wally Overman requested clarification on the Eastpointe Audit Letter from DHHS and wanted to know if it was in relation to the funds that were disbursed to Eastpointe

leadership prior to the consolidation. Ms. Joy Futrell stated that the audit letter is in relation to the regular financial audit that DHHS reviewed. The letter states that the audit is complete and there are no issues that require a corrective action plan.

Dr. Denauvo Robinson noted that the Budget Resolution necessary to close fiscal year should be for fiscal year 2024-2025, not fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Wally Overman to approve the August 28, 2025, Consent Agenda with noted corrections on the June 26, 2025, Governing Board Minutes to reflect the correct fiscal year on the Budget Resolution. Ms. Holly Connor made a second. The motion carried.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Danny King, Director of ADLA, Inc., expressed his appreciation to the Trillium Governing Board and Ms. Joy Futrell for their support over the years and especially during the restoration of their building and their food distribution program after a devastating fire in 2024. He presented Ms. Futrell with a plaque in recognition of Trillium's assistance and support in helping restore ADLA's opportunity center.

VII. Board Comments/Concerns

Mr. Randy Abbott stated that the 9th Annual International Overdose Awareness Day is August 31st with events scheduled in Raleigh, NC. He also stated that the Black Poster Project event sponsored by the Alcohol Drug Council of North Carolina will be held on November 3rd-4th, 2025 at the McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University.

Mr. Wally Overman expressed his concern over 7-OH (7-hydroxymitragynine) a potent opioid compound derived from the kratom plant. He stated that the product is sold at various over the counter businesses and it is unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration. He encouraged all to research the product and to be aware of the hazards of this more addictive substance.

Ms. Sheron Mosby shared that she recently had a productive discussion about gaps and needs with Congressman Don Davis. Congressman Davis was receptive to the discussion and expressed his concern for lack of services for families in rural areas.

Mr. L.S. "Bo" Dean, Jr., invited everyone to join him in Wilmington on August 31st at the Legion Sports Complex for the 4th Annual Overdose Awareness Day event. The event is sponsored by the Quick Response Team which has an innovative approach to working with law enforcement when an individual has an overdose.

Mr. Dean commended Trillium's Training Department for their work in the Community Resilience Model training which equips individuals with skills to enhance personal and community resilience that is focused on trauma-informed practices. Recently, fifteen community resilience model trainers were fully trained.

Ms. Holly Connor shared that members representing all five Consumer Family Advisory Committees (CFAC) recently met with Trillium Leadership. During the meeting, they

were able to share challenges and concerns, especially with the Long-Term Services and Supports Care Management.

Ms. Connor expressed her appreciation to Mr. Terrell Alston for his support with the South Central CFAC and the impact he has had on the success of the committee.

VIII. Board Terms Discussion

Ms. Joy Futrell reviewed the Trillium Governing Board term limits that were established by former Secretary Kody Kinsley as part of the consolidation. One individual from each of the four appointing groups: Regional Advisory Board, CFAC, At Large, and a Non-Voting member were given a one year term. The individuals are Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid representing the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board, Mrs. Lorraine Washington representing CFAC, Ms. Flor Herrera-Picasso representing the At Large group, and Mr. L.S. “Bo” Dean, Jr., representing Non-Voting/Health Disparities group.

Once the initial term has ended, each Board member is eligible for an additional three-year term. The appointing authority for the At-Large group is the Trillium Governing Board. The other appointing authorities will be notified in writing by the Board Clerk of the term limits noted that are expiring and will either appoint the same individual for one additional term, or they can appoint another individual for a new term.

According to the Trillium Governing Board Bylaws and the way the directive from the former DHHS Secretary was written, the terms expire in January 2026, therefore, any new Board member appointment will begin on February 1, 2026.

Ms. Futrell stated that the list indicating the name, group, and terms limits will be emailed to each Board member.

IX. CEO’s Report

Ms. Joy Futrell provided updates on Trillium operations.

Community Update

Ms. Futrell reviewed some of the impacts in the community Trillium has made recently. Trillium has provided funds for adult and child behavioral health urgent care facilities, ADLA, Inc., and for a year-round respite program at Victory Junction.

The MCOs participated in a panel at the recent North Carolina County Commissioners Association meeting.

Re-entry and Supporting Children Early simulations continue to take place throughout the remainder of the year throughout Trillium’s catchment area.

Operations Update

Ms. Futrell provided an update on the Trillium property restructuring, stating that the building in Robeson County has been vacated and that the property has been returned to the county.

No properties have been sold yet, but appraisals have begun.

Trillium has been granted a full three-year accreditation from The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Full accreditation indicates that Trillium's quality improvement and member protection programs meet or exceed NCQA standards.

Hot Topics

Ms. Futrell reviewed Emergency Department (ED) Admission trends for 2025, the top barriers to discharge or placement for individuals, and the details of the barriers. The Trillium team continues to monitor the data to ensure that children are not placed in the ED and that they can get access to the services they need.

Legislative Update

Ms. Futrell reviewed the Mini Budget House Bill 125 that passed on July 30, 2025, and how this Bill will affect the North Carolina Medicaid program. Ms. Futrell also reviewed the upcoming changes that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced because of the shortfall in funding. Some of the changes include a rate reduction for Medicaid providers, and reductions in some services, administrative, and operational activities.

Ms. Futrell noted that the re-procurement of Standard and Tailored Plan contracts will be delayed by two years, due to the complexity of ongoing program changes.

A detailed report was included in the meeting materials.

X. Chair's Report

Dr. Denauvo Robinson welcomed Ms. Futrell back from her brief absence and he expressed his appreciation to Ms. Senitria Goodman for the work she did during Ms. Futrell's absence.

Dr. Robinson thanked the Governing Board members as well as Trillium staff for the work they continue to perform.

Dr. Robinson led the discussion around having printed copies of the Board book available at each of the meetings. Board members will let the Board clerk know if they prefer to have a hard copy of the meeting book.

XI. Convene Finance Committee Meeting

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

Commissioner Pricilla Little-Reid made a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Holly Connor made a second. The motion carried.

XII. Closed Session

Board Clerk, Lisa A. Jarman read the statement requesting a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), (2), N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1).

Motion was made by Dr. Laticia Hill-Godette to enter into closed session. Mr. Randy Abbott made a second. The motion carried.

Upon returning to open session, there was no action taken.

XIII. 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 Ms. Sheron Mosby to adjourn the August 28, 2025, Governing Board meeting. Ms. Holly Connor made a second. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2025.

Minutes prepared by Lisa A. Jarman



Lisa A. Jarman, Minutes Recorder
10/23/2025
Date



Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chairperson
10/23/25
Date