

October 27, 2022

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx.

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

Members Absent: Ann Floyd Huggins

Staff Present: Bland Baker, Dr. Arthur Flores, Joy Futrell, Senitria Goodman, Melissa Owens, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

Guests: Lisa Jackson, liaison with the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Lauren Strobe, Audit Partner and Olivia Moody, Audit Manager CPA's with Cherry Bekaert, LLP.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Furniss called the October 27, 2022 meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- August 25, 2022 Governing Board minutes
- 2021-2022 Human Rights Committee Annual Report

Mr. Clegg moved to approve the consent agenda items. The motion, seconded by Mr. Stanley, was unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Lauren Strobe, Audit Engagement Partner and Olivia Moody, Audit Manager with Cherry Bekaert CPA's & Auditors, presented the Trillium Audit Executive Summary for fiscal year 2021-2022. The audit is complete, and an audit opinion is ready to be rendered. Upon receiving the management representation letter, and Board approval, we plan to issue an unmodified opinion on Trillium's financial statements. Unmodified is a clean opinion and is the highest assurance that can be given. There were no noncompliance issues, or lack of internal control over compliance.

No material weaknesses noted, and no corrected or uncorrected misstatements to report. Management has been fantastic to work with in completing the audit.

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. Commissioner Zapple so moved. The motion, seconded by Dr. Robinson, was unanimously approved.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tailored Plan Activity

DHHS announced the delay of the Tailored Plan from December 1 to April 1, 2023. The decision was supported by all six MCOs. A soft launch of Tailored Care Management is scheduled for implementation on December 1, 2022, with CMS approval.

The additional time will be used to focus on IT testing, and network build on the physical health care side. Continuing to add providers in the network and meeting the CMS advocacy requirement. Carolina Complete Health has been a great partner in helping us build the network.

With the permission of the Board, I would like to invite LaDonna Battle, Trillium's Executive Vice President of Care Management and Population Health, to give a presentation on the care management journey at the December board meeting.

NC DHHS

All six MCOs are working together to provide a more standardized approach to the North Carolina Family Improvement Initiative (Foster Care). MCOs will give a presentation during the Pinehurst conference on plans to standardized care for this population.

Mobile Clinics

Staff has been hired to operate the last Mobile Clinic to launch. One minor repair, a broken mirror needs to be replaced and it should be on the road in a couple of weeks.

Other

This month we had three onsite "pep rallies" and one virtual one for all staff. The goal was to provide education on the Tailored Plan and Medicaid Direct work; and to unite and thank staff for their work as we continue to transition to implementation.

Equity Counsel – We are looking for people who are interested in making a difference in economic factors, race and health equity across our communities. Cindy Ehlers will meet with the group monthly, and they will report to the CEO directly quarterly. More information is available on the Trillium website.

Trillium will be recognized at this year's i2i Pinehurst conference with two Innovation Awards. One of them is a family driven event in Elizabeth City called "Autism Rocks". The other award is for our Family Navigator Program, for our work with Easter Seals in the field of pediatrics.

Commissioner Zapple – Should Medicaid expansion be approved, how would that affect the implementation of the Tailored Plan on April 1, 2023? Ms. Futrell replied – It would add more members to our plan, but I do not foresee any changes.

Mr. Clegg - If Medicaid expansion occurs, accompanied with a significant certificate of need revision, what impact will that have on Trillium? Ms. Futrell, at this time I do not believe that will affect Trillium negatively.

Mr. Bass - From a provider's perspective we endorse Medicaid expansion. We realize it will also create a challenge for providers. We are already challenge with a worker shortage. The State is discussing and considering developing programs at the community college level to address the health care worker shortage.

DHSR residential programs have been in steady decline for the past 20 years, for certain groups of children and adults. I need to alert the Board that this is an issue, causing some providers to close their doors. There will be a huge need for community-based services in the future.

Mr. Bass also expressed his concern for the need to increase Medicaid rates and reimbursements.

IX. CFAC REPORT

Ms. Furniss Southern Region CFAC designee, Mr. Lowe, Northern Region CFAC chair, and Dr. Smith, Central Region CFAC chair, gave reports on behalf of their respective committees.

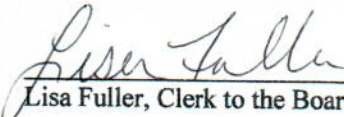
X. CHAIR'S REPORT

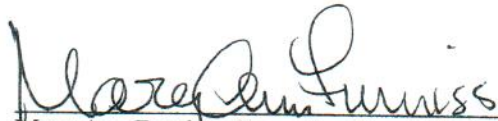
Ms. Furniss expressed her appreciation for the hard work at all levels of Trillium, as we prepare for the Tailored Plan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Ms. Furniss called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lowe so moved. Mr. Stanley seconded the motion, and was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.


Lisa Fuller, Clerk to the Board


Mary Ann Furniss, Governing Board Chair