

October 28, 2021

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx.

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

Members Absent: Emmie Taylor

Staff Present: Bland Baker, Cindy Ehlers, Joy Futrell, Richard Leissner, Mike Lewis, Michelle Martin, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Leza Wainwright, Dennis Williams and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

Guests: Lisa Jackson, liaison with the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Jessica Simmons and Sophia Moran, Cherry Bekaert CPAs & Advisors

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Furniss called the October 28, 2021 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 26, 2021 Governing Board minutes
- June 24, 2021 Governing Board Close Session minutes
- FY 2020 – 2021 Annual Compliance Program Evaluation Report
- FY 2020 – 2021 Human Rights Committee Annual Report

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Furniss called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Clegg so moved. The motion, seconded by Dr. Robinson, was unanimously approved.

V. AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021

Jessica Simmons, Audit Engagement Partner and Sophia Moran, Audit Staff Accountant with Cherry Bekaert CPAs & Auditors, gave a presentation of the financial statements for fiscal year 2020-2021. Trillium received an unmodified opinion on the Single Audit, Yellow Book, Financial Statements and State

and Federal Programs. Unmodified is clean and is the highest assurance that can be given. From an internal controls perspective there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified. There were overall good internal controls and no issues. A non-material/non-compliance item was noted, it was identified by Trillium prior to the audit and addressed, and it had no impact on the auditor's findings of a clean audit opinion. There were no Single Audit findings and no adjusting journal entries to the financial statements. Full cooperation was received from management in performing and completing the audit.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Ms. Buckman expressed concern regarding any possible state budget cuts to Trillium. Ms. Wainwright had no new news or updates regarding the state budget. The General Assembly has not passed a budget, negotiations are ongoing.

VII. CONVENE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Furniss entertained a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Lowe so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Nichols, was unanimously approved.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tailored Plan Activities

DHHS planning meetings continue on a daily/weekly basis. Trillium has met 100% of the deliverables, we are increasing our engagement with our Tailored Plan partners Carolina Complete Health and Envolve, the Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

County Movement

DHHS has approved Halifax County to join Trillium effective December 1, 2021. We are still waiting on DHHS notification on when Bladen County will join Trillium. The administrative rule regarding county realignment, approval/decision will be made no later than April 2022.

General Assembly

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Mobile Clinics

In July, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the agency within federal DHHS that administers the block grant, issued a new interpretation of the prohibition to permit the purchase of mobile clinics. They gave states an additional allocation of block grant funds for this purchase. Trillium will be receiving six additional mobile clinics. The providers and areas they will cover:

Monarch (1) – Gates, Halifax, Nash and Northampton counties

PORT Health (2) – Hurricane response (available to be used elsewhere in the catchment area when not needed for hurricane response); Dare County and the Outer Banks

Coastal Horizons (2) – Columbus and Brunswick; Bladen and Pender counties

RHA (1) – Hyde, including Ocracoke, Tyrrell, and Washington counties

The mobile clinics will be equipped to provide an array of mental health and substance use outpatient services. Each unit will be branded with both the Provider and the Trillium name.

Personnel Changes

General Counsel Richard Leissner's last day with Trillium will be October 29, 2021. He received an offer to join a law firm in DC. The Board thanked Richard for his dedication and service to Trillium.

Effective November 1st, Sue Ann Forrest will join Trillium as our first internal Government Relations Director.

Innovation Awards

Trillium will be presented at this year's i2i Pinehurst conference with two Innovation Awards. In the category of Technology, in partnership with Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina and Virginia, for the implementation of a "Smart Home" in Ahoskie by Simply Homes. The home affords two of our members with IDD, to live independently with the assistance of technology.

The other award is for person driven initiatives for our Family Navigator Program, for families with IDD.

IX. CFAC REPORT

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

X. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Furniss commended Trillium on the audit report and all the good work being done on the implementation of the Tailored Plan.

Board members interested in attending the i2i Pinehurst Conference, please contact Lisa Fuller.

XI. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER

Ms. Furniss entertained a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(1)(6), to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was made by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Ms. Wolfe and unanimously approved.

Mary Ann Furniss, Board Chair appointed the quorum of the Trillium Governing Board as the Search Committee to appoint the new Trillium CEO. David Clegg moved that the Governing body appoint Joy Futrell the CEO of Trillium. Effective at the conclusion of the service of the incumbent CEO, and that she be employed at the salary of \$313,336.00. Seconded by Dr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Board.

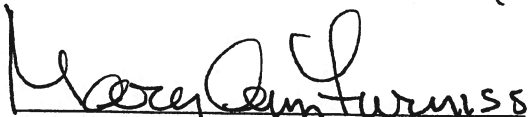
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Furniss entered a motion to not have a Board meeting in December, as it conflicts with the i2i Pinehurst Conference. The motion so moved by Jim Madson, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and unanimously approved.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.


Lisa Fuller, Clerk to the Board


Mary Ann Furniss, Governing Board Chair