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## CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 3:30 P.M.

The Trillium Health Resources Central Regional Advisory Board met in person and virtually on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., at 1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC 27889.

**Members Present:** Jerry Langley, Shevel Hunt, Earl Pugh, Tracey Johnson, Deborah Herring, Pat Prescott, Melvin McLawhorn.

**Present via Call-in:** David Clegg, Rob Ross, Luana Gibbs, JaNell Octigan, Tia Foula, Nina Griswell, Ruthie Sheets, Miranda Keel, Dan Cone, Walter Overman.

**Members Absent:** Sheila Smith

**Staff Present:** Dave Peterson-Sr. Regional Director, Desmetress Howard –Clerk to the Board.

**Guest:** None

### I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Langley called the meeting of the Trillium Central Regional Advisory Board to order at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024.

### II. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 MINUTES**

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Earl Pugh Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Shevel Hunt. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### IV. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was made by Commissioner Tracey Johnson and seconded by Debra Herring. The agenda was unanimously approved.



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**V. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS:**

Oath of Office was given to:

Melvin McLawhorn- Pitt County Commissioner

Tia Foula-Nash County Assistant County Manager

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

Commissioner Ross discussed Annual State of Dare County with Summary of Financials with over 200 people in attendance.

**VII. CFAC REPORT:**

Dave announced that Ron Lowe- Former Chair of the Northern Region has passed away. There may be a possible Scholarship in dedication in his honor.

**VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT:**

Commissioner Langley gave the Governing Board report:

- The new Governing Board members were sworn in -Wanda Piland of the Northern Region and Debra Herring of the Central Region.
- Commissioner Langley gave praise to Joy Futrell for her hard work.
- Commissioner Langley requested the new members of the Central Regional Advisory Board to introduce themselves with background:  
Melvin McLawhorn- Commissioner Pitt County previous board member.  
Tia Foula- Assistant County Manager Nash is the Facilitator for the Opioid Action plan and has been in Health and Human Services for 23 years.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Dave Petersons gave the Director's Report:

- Trillium is the "Surviving Entity" which consolidated with Eastpointe and Sandhills
- Gave an overview of the consolidation of the new map and the new 18 counties.
- 907- New Staff Combined staff of 1487.
- Approximately 400 new providers from Eastpointe, 800 new providers from Sandhills, gives Trillium of approximately 1200 new providers.
- **Northern Region:** include Warren, Northampton, Halifax, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties.
- **North Central:** include Wilson, Greene, Edgecombe, Beaufort, Pitt, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Nash and Pamlico counties. (Craven County has moved the South Central Region).
- **South Central:** Craven, Wayne, Lenoir, Jones, Carteret, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, and Sampson counties.
- **Southern Region:** Lee, Hoke, Moore, Scotland, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties.
- **Mid-State:** Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, Richmond and Anson counties.

Commissioner Overman asked if this was changed by population based. Dave responded yes it is population. Mid-State has only 5 counties, with Guilford County having the biggest population.

Commissioner Johnson asked if our North Central Region meeting location would change. Dave responded that we would still offer to keep the meeting at this location and a virtual option.

Each Region will have an Advisory Boards and CFAC committee. Sandhills only had (1) one region and just the Governing board. Eastpointe only had 1 (one) region and just the Governing board.

Commissioner Overman asked how this consolidation was received the new County Commissioners.

Dave asked each board member to reach out to new county leaders.

The Governing board now has 22 members, consisting of 11 members from Trillium and 11 members with a combination of Sandhills and Eastpointe.

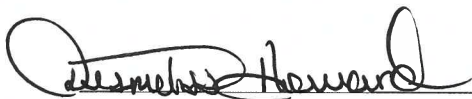
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 the Tailored Plan will go live and Trillium will then cover the whole person.

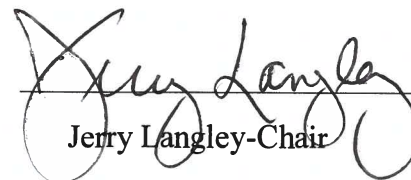
Commissioner McLawhorn asked about the staffing coverage with new employees. Dave responded saying that Trillium is looking at the skill set for employees.

Commissioner Langley thanked Commissioner Sherry Hunt and Commissioner Ruthie Sheets from Craven County for their time on the Board, since Craven County will be moving to the South Central Region.

**X. Adjournment**

With there being no other business, Commissioner Langley called for a motion to close the meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Pugh and seconded by Commissioner Prescott. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

  
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Desmetress Howard- Adm. Assistant

  
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Jerry Langley-Chair

