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# North Central Regional Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday March 26th, 2024 3:30 p.m.

The Trillium Health Resources North Central Regional Advisory Board met in person and virtually on Tuesday March 26th, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., at 1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC 27889.

<u>Members Present</u>: Jerry Langley, Pat Prescott, Sheila Smith, Jerry Jones, Tia Foula, Viola Harris, JaNell Octigan,

<u>Members Virtual:</u> Tracy Johnson, Dan Cone, Luana Gibbs, Dave Clegg, Miranda Keel, Rob Ross and Earl Pugh.

<u>Present via Call-in</u>: Melvin McLawhorn and Victoria Jackson-South Central Vice President

Members Absent: Walter Overman, Nina Griswell, Deborah Herring.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Dave Peterson-North Central Vice President, Desmetress Howard-Clerk to the Board, Terrell Alston-Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment.

**Guest:** Kyle DeHaven-Greene County Manager, Kat Sidney, Madelynn Deaner.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Langley called the meeting of the Trillium Central Regional Advisory Board to order at 3:32p.m. on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23rd 2024 MINUTES

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Prescott, and seconded by Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### III. INTRODUCTIONS AND SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Oath of Office was given to:

Commissioner Jerry Jones- Greene County

Commissioner Viola Harris- Edgecombe County



#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**NONE** 

## V. ADOPTION OF THE MARCH AGENDA

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to approve the March agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Jerry Jones and seconded by Janell Octigan. The agenda was unanimously approved.

#### VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Commissioner Johnson commented and suggested that we have a possible upgrade to Zoom or using another platform because WebEx was not working well.

Dave will check with IT, on a possible change.

#### VII. CONSUMER FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Sheila Smith gave the report:

North Central CFAC that now includes Edgecombe, Wilson and Greene county Legacy Eastpointe members had unanimously voted to change the date of the CFAC meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and time of 4:30-7pm, as this will better suit the new members to meet in person. Trillium will now support CFAC of meeting minutes for their meetings. Beaufort County has a new member representing IDD.

Representation in Beaufort, Pitt, Dare, Greene, Hyde.

At the next Governing Board meeting, Sheila will ask where the monies have been going.

#### VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT:

Commissioner Langley gave the Governing Board report: They are looking at re-writing the Bi-laws and a conversation around how the Governing Board will address this issue.

Big goal is getting ready for the Tailored Plan for July 1st, 2024.

There was a discussion on whether or not Trillium was ready to go live, and it was confirmed that we were.

#### IX. VP REPORT:

Dave Petersons gave the VP Report:

Dave asked Terrell Alston to introduce himself. Mr. Alston is from Legacy Eastpointe, He is the Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment.

Dave gave the Consolidation update:

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024; The Legacy Eastpointe and Sandhill's joined Trillium

February 1st 2024: Members and Providers joined Trillium.

Trillium now covers 46 Counties, with a combined Population of 3.1 million people and serving population of 200,000 people. DHHS gave us only 45 days to make this consolidation. Our main focus is making sure members are taken care of, by making sure providers are getting paid.

We added approximately 400 new providers from Legacy Eastpointe and approximately 800 new providers from Legacy Sandhill's.

Making it easier for the Provider's, Trillium is offering daily office hours for them to ask questions

Members could call-in weekly for questions and concerns for their services.

Approximately 900 new employees came over from Legacy Eastpointe and Legacy Sandhill's

Regional model:

We have been operating on a 2 – Tier governing structure for many years, which includes a Regional Advisory Board and a Governing Board.

We support each county with any issues relating to the Behavioral Health System. Trillium's intent is to stay locally connected. Most counties have a county Commissioner and 1 other appointee, which meet the 122C 118 statute.

Commissioner Harris asked if a County employee who is also an Attorney would qualify to fit that criteria. Dave responded with yes.

Trillium serves the High-risk population and will now serve physical health issues of our members.

In order to go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the state has Readiness Reviews. Trillium had their review last week. We should find out shortly if we will go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The State is only allowing 1 month for members to enroll with a physical provider of their choice. April 15<sup>th</sup> –May 15<sup>th</sup> enroll for members to decide who they want as a physical health provider. By the State of NC the Directive, May 16<sup>th</sup>, members will be "auto assigned" to a provider. May 23<sup>rd</sup>-June 7<sup>th</sup> the

Tailored Plan will mail out a welcome packet to members that include Medicaid ID cards and member handbooks.

On February 6th Trillium achieved the National Accreditation with NCQA for the Health Care Standards.

Trillium is offering Orientation to Board members, to do an overview of Trillium.

Dave will make an Annual Presentation to the County Commissioner's.

There have been 288 meetings in the month of February that our Community Liaisons have attended. Those meetings include: Opioid Coalition, Mental Health First Aid, and CIT training, just to name a few.

Dave mentioned Region Board By-Laws are in draft form. At some point, the Regional Advisory Board may want to review them and make changes that may be necessary

# 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.

Desmetress Howard- Adm. Assistant