



CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 – 3:30 P.M.

The Trillium Health Resources Central Regional Advisory Board met on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., at 201 W. First Street, Greenville, NC.

Members Present: Jerry Langley, Jim Madson, George Liner, Wally Overman, Pat Prescott, Ann Floyd Huggins, Deborah Herring, Nina Griswell, Earl Pugh, Rob Ross, Dan Cone,

Jim Baluss, David Clegg, Amy Pridgen-Hamlett

Members Absent: David Creech, Tracey Johnson, Luana Gibbs, Ed Masters

Staff Present: Dave Peterson and Lisa Fuller, Clerk

Guests: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Langley called the meeting of the Trillium Central Regional Advisory Board to order at 3:32 p.m. on May 28, 2019.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 26, 2019 MINUTES

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to adopt the meeting minutes for March 26, 2019.

Amy Pridgen-Hamlett moved to approve the meeting minutes and Jim Baluss seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Amy Pridgen-Hamlett moved to approve and Commissioner Liner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Commissioner Ross expressed concern as to how Trillium will respond to the size, scope, cost, budget and staffing to the Medicaid Transformation when it takes place. How small or large will Trillium be post Medicaid Transformation compared to pre-transformation?

Concerns will be addressed in the Director's Report.

VI. CONSUMER & FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CFAC) UPDATES

Mr. Masters was not available to provide updates.

VII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Jim Madson gave the following updates from the Governing Board meeting held in April 2019.

- Medicaid Reform – Five partners have been selected, four insurance companies and one provider lead entity (North Carolina Medical Society). Two insurance companies that were not awarded contracts have filed a law suit. DHHS is continuing to move forward with the implementation as they await a court decision.
- Standard Plans – Two of the MCO Standard Plan bidders have issued RFPs to solicit a Behavioral Health Crisis line (call center) and limited care coordination.
- Tailored Plans - Trillium continues to work on RFPs to select a Standard Plan partner and Pharmacy Benefit Manager.
- Tailored Plan Regions – Commissioner Overman was select to represent Trillium as part of the DHHS workgroup to design the Tailored Plan regional map. Commissioner Langley also participated in the workgroup.
- The Healing Place – Delaney Radiology and Lower Cape Fear Hospice filed a law suit opposing the special use permit for The Healing Place. Then law suit has since been dropped. It appears to be moving forward, pending additional documentation requested by the court.
- Mental Health First Aid recognized Trillium staff members, Amy Corbitt, Lyn Keating and Carlos Mirodipini as top instructors out of 17,000 in the U.S.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Medicaid Transformation

- Leza Wainwright and Dave Peterson met with the Dare County DSS Director, Health Director, Attorney, two County Commissioners, Commissioner Chair, Clinical Director of PORT and Financial Director to discuss the implementation of the Medicaid Transformation, and its impact on counties. Currently there are approximately 205,000 Medicaid eligible individuals across the 26 counties. Trillium serves approximately 53,000 of these individuals, who receive basic outpatient services. The State is moving about 75% of the 53,000 to the five insurance companies starting November 1st (phase one), which includes Nash County. Phase two begins February 1st to include the remaining 25 counties. Trillium will then manage only those individuals with severe mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use services. The cost of an individual that receives only basic outpatient services, is significantly lower than someone who receives 24/7-365 services. Currently Trillium is paid per member/per month by Medicaid. The private insurance companies will then receive the per member/per month lower rate, for the individuals who receive the basic outpatient services. The Trillium per member/per month rate will increase substantially to manage the individuals with severe mental health and substance use issues, as well as the "whole person" care.

February 2020 – Submit application for Tailored Plan

May 2020 – Tailored Plans are awarded

February 2021 – Readiness Review

July 2021 – Trillium will implement the Tailored Plan

- On June 28th the State is sending a letter to consumers in the two northern regions which includes Nash County, introducing the Standard Plan. To avoid confusing consumers who may not be eligible for Tailored Plan services; Dare County is requesting that DHHS refrain from sending any communication regarding enrollment in Standard Plans to individuals who have been identified as Tailored Plan eligible.

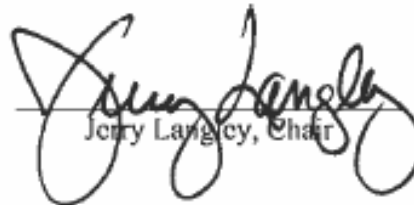
- Private insurance companies (Standard Plans) are “not required” to contract with school therapist for school-based therapy. To ensure that these services are required, Dare County passed a resolution regarding Medicaid Transformation for school-based mental health providers to be designated as “essential providers”.
- David Creech has retired from both the Central Regional Advisory Board and the Governing Board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Commissioner Langley adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.



Lisa Fuller, Clerk to the Board



Jerry Langley, Chair