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CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 – 3:30 P.M.

The Trillium Health Resources Central Regional Advisory Board met on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., via WebEx call-in only.

Present via WebEx: Jerry Langley, Jim Madson, Ruthie Sheets, Wally Overman, Earl Pugh, Dan Cone, Amy Pridgen-Hamlett, Pat Prescott, Jim Baluss, Ann Floyd-Huggins, Deborah Herring, Nina Griswell, David Clegg, Tracey Johnson, Wayne Petteway, and Lee Anne Sorto

Members Absent: George Liner, Rob Ross, and Luana Gibbs

Staff Present: Dave Peterson and Mandy Mizelle, Clerk

Guests: 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 September 22, 2020.
- Dr. Lee Anne Sorto, Clinical Administrator – Washington County, was sworn in as a new member of the Advisory Board by Mandy Mizelle, clerk.

II. **CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 28, 2020 MINUTES**
Commissioner Langley called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for July 28, 2020. Commissioner Huggins stated that her name was omitted in the last meeting's minutes. Her name will be added to the list of members present. Commissioner Overman moved to approve the meeting minutes with the correction, and Commissioner Huggins 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. David Clegg moved to approve the adoption of the agenda and Wayne Petteway seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

V. **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**:
Commissioner Overman asked if The Healing Place in Raleigh is taking patients again, and if Trillium has any vacant beds there. Dare County is working on their transportation plan, and are gathering information on all available locations. Dave Peterson will follow up with more information in an email to all board members.

VI. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Commissioner Johnson gave the Governing Board report from August 2020:

- In March, Trillium began accepting referrals for families and individuals experiencing food insecurities. At that time, 85 families in 16 counties are now receiving food.
- Trillium Employees have taken a survey that indicates most employees feel like they are productive working from home.

All other updates will be covered by Dave Peterson in the Director's Report, as Commissioner Johnson was having technical difficulties during the Governing Board meeting.

VII. CFAC REPORT

Wayne Petteway gave the CFAC report:

- CFAC completed a recent survey on the Trillium website. There were several submissions. The major issue discussed was that CFAC should be more accessible on the website.
- Reporting on Gaps and Needs, the lack of direct care providers in IDD homes is still present, with some improvement. Funding with rate increases needs to be monitored to ensure appropriate staff compensation.
- Central CFAC has two new prospective members representing Washington and Nash counties.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dave Peterson followed up on the Governing Board report:

- New Hanover County Commissioners voted 4-1 to move ahead in utilizing The Healing Place in Louisville, Kentucky as the agency to manage the Healing Place model in Wilmington.
- The Harbor is a 16 bed crisis facility in Wilmington which sits on hospital property. The hospital is in need of building a parking deck where that facility is located. The closing date given was October 2020, but another extension is expected. They are currently looking for another facility where The Harbor can be relocated.

Dave Peterson gave the Director's Report:

- The Regional Advisory Board meetings are now being announced to the public in the same manner as the Governing Board. The meeting date and call in number are being advertised with 22 newspapers and 3 news stations, as well as being posted on the Trillium website.
- Medicaid Transformation:
  - Medicaid Transformation is back on track for the Standard Plans going live on July 1, 2021.
  - About 75% of the individuals we currently serve will be moving over to private insurance companies.
  - The Standard Plan will begin their open enrollment for those consumers on March 15 – May 13. For anyone who does not enroll during this time, auto enrollment will being on May 14, and a provider will be assigned to them.
  - Providers are working to update stakeholder information, mobile platforms, and directories in preparation for the enrollment period.

- Covid-19 Update:
  - Trillium has asked that providers submit reopening plans that comply with DHHS and CDC guidelines. It is a goal to keep providers, especially residential providers, as safe as possible.
  - Additional rate increases were published recently to include 14 services offered by our providers.
  - Trillium offices will open on October 1, 2020 at a 15% capacity. Offices are currently open by scheduled entrance only. As of now, offices are scheduled to open up fully on January 4, 2021.
  - Jim Madson said the state is currently working on the state plan for COVID vaccinations, and they are expecting vaccines to be available as early as November/December 2020 for more vulnerable people. They are planning for mass vaccinations to occur around March-May 2021.
- Community Crisis Plan Meetings:
  - Nine meetings took place throughout the 26 counties.
  - Regional updates were given
  - Standard Plan private insurance companies are now being invited to these meetings.
  - These meetings will continue to occur on a quarterly basis
- Regional Directors have been sending out ABC Funds letters to County Managers and County Finance Officers. All letters have been submitted with the exception of Pitt, which will go out this week.
- The Annual i2i Conference in Pinehurst will be virtual this year. Information will be coming out soon regarding registration. The keynote speaker will be Monica Oss, CEO of Open Minds. The closing speaker will be David Houle, futurist, author and speaker.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Commissioner Langley adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy W. Mizelle
Mandy Mizelle, Clerk

Jerry Langley
Jerry Langley, Chair