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## CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 28th 2023 -3:30PM

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The Trillium Health Resources Central Regional Advisory Board met in person and virtually on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm., at 1436 Highland Dr. Washington, NC 27889.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Langley, Tracey Johnson, Debra Herring, JaNell Octigan, Pat Prescott, Shevel Hunt, Ruthie Sheets

**PRESENT VIA CALL-IN:**, Dan Cone, Rob Ross, Walter Overman, Luana Gibbs, Nina Griswell, Earl Pugh Jr,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Miranda Keel, Sheila Smith, Jim Baluss, Mary Perkins-Williams.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dave Peterson-Sr. Regional Director, Desmetress Howard-Administrative Assistant, LaDonna Battle-VP Care Management

**GUEST:** Syd Wofford- CEO of ACT LLC

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

Commissioner Langley called the meeting of the Trillium Central Regional Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:37pm on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **II. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 MINUTES:**

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to approve September 26th.minutes Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the September minutes and was seconded by Debra Herring.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Commissioner Langley called for a motion to adopt the November 28th agenda as written. The motion was made by JaNell Octigan and was seconded by Commissioner Shevel Hunt. The agenda was unanimously approved.

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**V. BOARD SURVEY:**

CEO of ACT-Syd Wofford and Trillium Health Resources VP of Care Management LaDonna Battle gave information on the purpose of the survey and understand the medical needs of the people in our network. It is also designed to respond more effectively to those healthcare needs with Stakeholders, Board members and Members.

Commissioner Ross had questions on how to properly answer the survey questions.

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS:** None

**VII. CFAC REPORT:** None

**VIII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT:**

Commissioner Langley gave report:

He talked about the consolidation with EP and SH. He discussed the presentation that was given at the Governing Board on the Security of the IT Department, and would like to have that shared with the Regional Advisory Board. He also mentioned the Human Right Annual Report and asked that it get sent to the Regional Advisory Board.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Dave Peterson gave the Director's Report:

Amy Pridgen-Hamlett is retiring so the Central Regional Advisory Board will need to appoint someone to the Governing Board. Motion made by JaNell Octigan to vote Ms. Debra Herring as a new member of the Governing board. It was seconded, by Commissioner Johnson. It was a unanimous vote for Debra Herring to join the Governing Board. Ms. Herring gave comments on how she will be an asset to the Governing Board and thanked everyone for their vote.

Medicaid Expansion starts Dec 1, 2023. Trillium will receive 4000 new members, and we are helping DSS with having new members apply through Healthcare.gov.

Budget Passed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and this is the first time in many years that they have added several projects and funding to the Mental Health system. Some of those projects include: Child Family Specialty Plan Statewide Foster Care Plan, where one agency will be managing the foster care system across the state, Educational programs through local Community Colleges for people with I/DD to name a few.

Tailored Plan will go live on 7/1/2024. This will mean we are serving the whole person, not just the 3 disability groups.

Consolidation of Eastpointe and Sand hills was a directive of the state. All LME/MCO's were required to submit consolidation plan by November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Trillium was also required to submit a Consolidation agreement with Eastpointe by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The Consolidation agreement would be going into effect by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 with Trillium and Eastpointe.

Rob Ross commented on the timeframe details.

Other members commented on how Trillium can handle all upcoming changes.

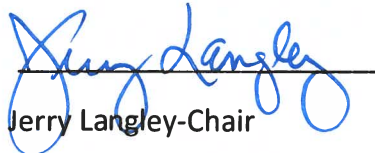
**COMMENTS:**

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no other business, Commissioner Langley called for a motion to close the meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by JaNell Octigan. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.



Desmetress Howard-Clerk



Jerry Langley-Chair

