

## Mid-State Regional Advisory Board May 27, 2025

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The Trillium Health Resources Mid-State Regional Advisory Board met Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The meeting was held in person at the Asheboro Office, 938 New Century Drive, Asheboro, NC, and via Web-Ex at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Commissioner David Allen, Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, Mary Hassell, Leann Henkel, Dr. Tommy Jarrell (virtual), Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid, Commissioner Jeffrey Pope, and Ann Shaw

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston, Kishia Dunlap and Commissioner Dr. Rick Watkins

**Staff Present:**

Anthony Ward, Anne Kimball, and Sherry Bynum

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Commissioner David Allen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**II. Oath of Office for New Member**

Chair Allen took the opportunity to welcome and introduce Montgomery County representative Commissioner Jeffrey Pope. Commissioner Pope provided his background information. He was administered the Oath of Office.

**III. Certification of Quorum**

Sherry Bynum, Clerk, certified a quorum.

**IV. Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Allen called for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mary Hassell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**V. Approval of March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Allen called for a motion to approve the March 25, 2025 meeting minutes. *Mary Hassell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**VI. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**VII. Regional Vice President Report**

Anthony Ward, Regional Vice President, provided the following:

**A. North Carolina Funding**

Mr. Ward gave an update on the North Carolina Funding, noting the following:

Member & Recipient Services — 877.685.2415

Provider Support Services — 855.250.1539

Administrative & Business Matters — 866.998.2597

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- On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Governor Josh Stein announced his 2025-2027 budget proposal recommending investments in, among other items, the workforce and healthcare. Specific to Trillium's work, Governor Stein's budget recommendation included increased funding for Direct Support Professionals who help individuals with disabilities participate in their communities, reimbursement rate increases, health care professional training support and healthcare regulatory reforms.
- On Monday, April 14, 2025, the NC Senate announced their 2025-27 budget proposal indicating their budget supports the functions of State government while working to cut taxes. Specific to Trillium's work, the Senate budget recommendation includes provisions repealing hospital capacity regulation, requiring reporting on efforts to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions for behavioral health, updated authorization requirements and a recommended \$30 million reduction in single-stream funding.
- On Monday, May 19, 2025, the NC House announced their 2025-27 budget proposal. Specific to Trillium's work, there are recommended reimbursement rate increases, a recommended \$15 million reduction in single-stream funding, expansion of opioid funding and recommendations on the launch of the Child and Family Specialty Plan.
- The General Assembly will now work to establish a budget proposal that can be approved by both chambers to sent to Governor Stein.

#### **B. Trillium Health Resources Property Recommendations**

Mr. Ward reported that at the April 24 Governing Board meeting, CEO Joy Futrell made recommendations for the use of 30 properties owned by Trillium, 11 properties leased by Trillium, and 4 properties owned by Counties that involve Trillium in the lease. The recommendations were approved. For the Mid-State Region, these include:

- Trillium Owned building – Guilford County office (3802 Robert Porcher Way); Recommendation to keep for a future Community Resource Center
- Trillium Owned building – Randolph County office (938 New Century Drive); Recommendation to keep for a future Community Resource Center
- Trillium Owned building – Anson County, former Anson Children's Center (383 Cotton Street); Recommendation to sell
- Trillium Leased – Richmond County, Monarch group home (841 Circlewood); Recommendation to terminate lease to have direct Monarch to The Arc
- Market Rent – Randolph County, Monarch group home (2046 North Asheboro School Road)
- Market Rent – Randolph County, Alcohol and Drug Services (842 East Pritchard Street)
- Market Rent – Anson County, Daymark Recovery office (704 Old Lilesville Road)
- Leased with County – Montgomery County Daymark site (227 North Main Street); Recommendation to exit lease to have direct Montgomery County lease to Daymark

#### **C. Local Investments**

Mr. Ward reported that on May 22, Trillium announced investments in two (2) local projects – Easterseals PORT Health and NAMI Guilford.

The \$3,000,000 investment to Easterseals PORT Health will allow for the development of Francis Cove, an accessible apartment community using smart technology for supportive living for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, Autism and Traumatic Brain Injury.

The \$150,000 investment to NAMI Guilford will allow for the development of a NAMI Guilford Hub, which will provide support and innovative approaches to services in a dedicated space to be utilized for programs and to offer education to reduce stigma, promote early interventions, and expand access to resource in partnership with Trillium.

**D. Partnership with NC DHHS and Attend Behavior**

Mr. Ward reported that on April 30, Trillium announced a partnership with NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Services (DMHDDSUS) and Attend Behavior to deliver innovative, technology-enabled care giver support across the full 46 county catchment area.

**E. Traumatic Brain Injury Request for Applications**

Mr. Ward reported that on April 30, Trillium announced two (2) Request for Applications (RFAs) to support individuals in the catchment area with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Those RFAs are for the development of:

- A Training Program for Direct Support Staff and others who plan to deliver Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Services
- A Resource Guide for People with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

**F. Trillium Health Resources Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028**

At the April Governing Board meeting, Cindy Ehlers, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, presented an overview of Trillium's Strategic Plan for 2025-2028.

The Plan's 5 Pillars include:

- Enhance Excellence in Health Plan Operations
- Maximize the Impact of Healthcare Services
- Intensify A Quality Driven Culture of Excellence
- Elevate Talent Management for Growth and Excellence
- Escalate Innovation and Access to Improve Health and Well-Being

**G. Alpha+ and iTransact End Date for Provider Billing**

Access to Eastpointe and Sandhills Center's claims systems for dates of services prior to February 1, 2024, will end on June 30. Providers have been notified and encouraged to export copies of historical Remittance Advices prior to the ending date and to submit any retro Medicaid claims now.

**H. Senate Bill 425**

Mr. Ward gave an update on Senate Bill 425 since the March Regional Advisory Board meeting:

- On March 24, 2025, the Defendants (State of North Carolina (collectively) and Trillium Health Resources, filed a Joint Brief in Support of Their Motions to Dismiss
- On April 8, 2025, a Notice of Hearing was entered scheduling the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss hearing for June 25, 2025
- On April 23, 2025, Guilford County's Response Brief in Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss was filed
- On May 8, 2025, the Defendants' Joint Reply Brief in Support of Their Motion to Dismiss was filed
- The next action in the process is anticipated to be the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 before the Three Judge Panel in Raleigh.

**VIII. Governing Board Report**

Governing Board member, Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid, highlighted items from the Governing Board report, stating that since the March Mid-State Regional Advisory Board meeting, the Governing Board met April 24 in Raleigh.

- The meeting consists of trainings provided by NC Medicaid and by Trillium Finance Staff followed by the Governing Board meeting.

- A draft resolution on Kratom was presented.
- A presentation outlining recommendations on the use of Trillium buildings and recommendations on lease arrangements.
- A presentation on Trillium's Strategic Plan.
- The next Governing Board meeting will be held in Raleigh June 10 for a Budget Workshop to discuss the upcoming FY 2026 budget. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 26, at 4:00 p.m. also in Raleigh.

**IX. Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) Report**

Leann Henkel, CFAC Chair, provided a Mid-State Consumer and Family Advisory (CFAC) report, highlighting:

- Meetings – are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Reports are provided by staff.
- Since the March report –
  - April's CFAC meeting continued the discussion around TULA (Trillium Ultimate Living Assistant). A hands-on demonstration was held.
  - May's CFAC meeting introduced members to the mobile crisis services that are provided by Daymark Recovery Services, a new service for Daymark in the Mid-State counties. Also discussed the draft bylaws, Relational Agreement with the Governing Board and a Relational Agreement with the other Trillium CFACs.
  - CFAC members continue to attend internal and external committee meetings and events.
  - The combined membership of all five (5) Trillium CFAC's constitutes the Member Advisory Committee (MAC). The next meeting is scheduled for June 18 with Trillium's Leadership.

**X. Regional Advisory Board Comments**

None

**XI. Mid-State Regional Vice President Evaluation**

Chair Allen stated that the Regional Advisory Board would need to go into closed session. *Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid made a motion that the Mid-State Regional Advisory Board go into closed session to discuss confidential personnel information. This motion is made in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The closed session began at 6:57 p.m.*

*Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid made a motion to "reconvene open session." Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Open session reconvened at 7:17 p.m.*

**XII. Other Material**

- Chief Executive Officer Report
- Financial Report
- Tailored Plan Operations Report


**XIII. Adjournment**

With there being no other business, Chair Allen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Ann Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leann Henkel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.*

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Asheboro Office, 938 New Century Drive, Asheboro, NC.

  
Commissioner David Allen, Chair

7/22/2025  
Date

  
Sherry Bynum, Clerk

7-22-25  
Date

Packet Material:

- Tuesday, May 27, 2025 agenda
- Draft March 25, 2025 minutes
- Mid-State Regional Vice President Report
- Mid-State Regional Governing Board Report
- Mid-State CFAC Report
- Chief Executive Officer Report
- Financial Report
- Tailored Plan Operations Report