



January 8, 2019

TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES
NORTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

The Trillium Health Resources Northern Regional Advisory Board met on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at Trillium's Ahoskie Office, 144 Community College Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

Members Present: Dr. Barbara T. Courtney, Charles H. Jordan, Sue Lassiter, Dr. P. Michael McLain, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Clayton D. Riggs (by phone), and Ronnie Smith.

Members Absent: Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, Jonathan S. Ellis, J. Ray Freeman, William F. Mitchell, Jr., Wallace Nelson, and Emmie Lou Taylor.

Staff Present: Bland Baker, Lisa Fuller, and Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McLain called the meeting of the Northern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:06 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)

Dr. McLain called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2018. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, was unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. McLain entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion, seconded by Ms. Lassiter; so moved by Dr. Courtney, and was unanimously approved.

V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

There were no board/comments concerns.

VI. TAILORED PLAN DESIGN

Mr. Baker discussed the Tailored Plan Design. He discussed the specifics of the Tailored Plan. The Tailored Plan will be regional but that the Standard Plan will be state-wide. The Tailored Plan Design encompasses whole person health. The Tailored Plan will be responsible for the behavioral health, physical health and pharmacy needs for those individuals that experience the most severe symptoms. Those with Traumatic Brain Injury and the Innovations Waiver will remain under the Tailored Plan as well. The Tailored Plan will also have a very robust care management system as part of the Tailored Plan.

VII. CFAC Report

Mr. Ellis was absent, therefore, no CFAC Report was given.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Baker discussed the following in his Director's Report:

- Medicaid Reform. DHHS is doing more talking about the Tailored Plans. On November 28, 2018, they held their first informational webinar for stakeholders and talked about their plans to 1) announce DHHS plan for regions prior to or shortly after the Long Session of the General Assembly begins in January; 2) plan to issue Request for Applications for Tailored Plans in February 2020; 3) plan to announce successful applicants for Tailored Plans in May 2020; and 4) Tailored Plans go live in July 2021.
- Service Expansion. The service expansion is 1) Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPs) in all counties closes January 2019; 2) Outpatient Opioid Program in Bertie County is opened until filled.
- 2018 Pinehurst Conference. This year's conference had record-breaking attendance. At the Award Ceremony, Trillium won two awards: 1) Advancing Technology for our work with providers to implement (CHAT), and 2) Community Inclusion for our work with the Oxford House.
- Health Information Exchange/Electronic Health Record. The North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority mandates that by June 1, 2019, all providers of Medicaid and State-funded services be connected to the HIE system and have an electronic health record. Providers have concerns that because of the high cost they may have to close their business because they will not be able to afford an electronic health record on their clients. Because of this cost, it may have a significant impact on our provider community and may generate the possibility for providers to partner together and share the cost of the implementation of the Electronic Health Record. Mr. Baker

discussed what the state is doing to help providers with these concerns. The state has: 1) an incentive program that they introduced to providers in July 2018, to assist with the implementation. This has been published in the past several Medicaid Bulletins; 2) offered some funding in May 2017, to providers to help with the cost of implementing an HHR; and 3) publish benefits for connecting to HIE and HER. In addition Trillium is doing the following to help providers: 1) 2017 - Network Communications Bulletins to promote upcoming trainings to provider network; 2) published updates in several Network briefs informing providers of requirements; and 3) held three trainings on the subject - one in each region.

- SB 630. Mr. Baker discussed the highlights of SB 630 including the requirement of transportation agreements to be submitted to the Division and gave the board members a letter which summarized the action items required by Senate Bill 630. The transportation agreement is in this bill.

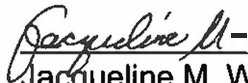
IX. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Dr. Robinson reported that he attended the i2i 2018 Pinehurst Conference and agrees with Ms. Lassiter that it was an amazing conference. He was out of the country at the time of the Governing Board meeting and did not attend. However, in looking at Leza's report, Mr. Baker covered it today in his Director's Report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk



Dr. P. Michael Mela in, Chair

