



January 9, 2024

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES  
NORTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

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The Trillium Health Resources Northern Regional Advisory Board met face to face and by WebEx on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Whitney P. Aydlett, Dr. Regina Dickens, Dr. Kelvin Edwards, Charles Jordan, Dr. Alex Kehayes, Sandra Layden, Dr. Michael McLain, Wanda Piland, Emmie Taylor and James Ward

**Members Absent:** Kimberly Clark, Ron Lowe, Kelvin McCord, William F. Mitchell, Jr., Donna Powell, Chenoa Richardson-Davis, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Brian Rountree, Ronnie Smith and Dr. Patricia Wright Wesson

**Staff Present:** Bobbie Lowe, Sean Kenny, Tracey Webster and Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. McLain called the meeting of the Northern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2023 MINUTES (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)**

Dr. McLain called for a motion to approve the December 5, 2023 Minutes. There was no quorum, therefore, the Minutes were not approved.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

IV. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Dr. McLain called for a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Emmie Taylor, and unanimously approved.

V. **BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Dr. McLain shared that he found an article in the Wall Street Journal on the illicit drug Xylazine (a horse tranquilizer called Tranq) which is becoming the new drug on the streets in North Carolina. Bobbie will send out the article on it to all board members and a video on it from board member Sandra Layden.

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## VI. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Commissioner Jordan reported that a lot of time was spent on the consolidation agreement. On February 1, 2024 Eastpointe and Sandhills will be coming over to Trillium. Trillium will be honoring contracts from providers in good standing and all staff will be offered employment if they choose to come over. The Governing Board is also reviewing Bylaws to work with the consolidation.

## VII. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Bobbie Lowe gave the following Regional Vice President Report:

- Tailored Plan Update. The Tailored Plans must go live by July 1 2024. We are continuing to work on network build and have continued to add new providers to our network. We will continue to pursue additional provides for our network after go live for some time, members will be able to see the providers they choose as long as the provider is enrolled with NC Medicaid. Negotiations continue with a few out of catchment hospitals. We are expecting readiness reviews for Tailored Plan to resume around January.
- We did have our Health Opportunities Pilot review in December and it went very well. Trillium HOP team was already prepared to launch 2/1 including Edgecombe, however despite this DHHS announce they are delaying the launch now.
- Consolidation Update. The consolidation agreement was approved on 12/18. Trillium will be the surviving entity and effective 2/1 members and providers will transfer under Trillium.
- Bobbie reported that all of Eastpointe and Sandhills employee will be offered employment. Steps are being taken to ensure continuity of care and avoid disruptions. All Providers in good standing contracts with Eastpointe and Sandhills are being honored. Some services are going no prior authorization to allow members to continue to receive services
- We are starting to meet with county managers, DSS Directors, Health Directors, and Commissioners.
- On January 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a Reentry Simulation at ECSU from 8:30-1, there are still seats available
- On February 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting an African American Health Summit at New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. It will be covering topics such as sickle cell, maternal mortality rates, mental health service disparities, and heart disease.

- Last year from October to December there have been about 125 marketing events/outreach in the Northern Region, this includes setting up pop up booths at DSS's, Libraries, Health Depts, events, etc.
- We are making more progress with schools to roll out Sold Out Youth or Poe Center trainings.
- Bobbie introduced Tracey Webster and Sean Kenny to the Board. Tracey shared the counties she represents and Sean gave a brief overview of what he does regarding DSS.

VIII. CFAC Report


Ron Lowe was hospitalized and therefore not present. Bobbie shared that Northern CFAC is still seeking new members and that we need more advocates on the CFAC.


IX. Adjournment

With there being no other business, Dr. McLain called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was a motion for adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

  
Dr. P. Michael McLain, Chair

