

Northern Regional Advisory Board Minutes

May 12, 2026

The Trillium Health Resources Northern Regional Advisory Board meeting met face to face and by Webex on Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 4:00pm.

Members Present: Willie Smith, Anthony Shaffer, Vickey Manning, Dr. Michael McLain, Chenoa Richardson-Davis, Whitney Aydtlett, Sheron Mosby, Charles Jordan, Emmie Taylor, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Wanda Piland

Members Absent: Brian Rountree, James Ward, Dr. Patricia Wright-Wesson, Claire W. Mills, Dr. Kelvin Edwards, Bertadine Baker, Janet Rose, Ronnie Smith, William Mitchell, Jr.,

Staff Present: Bobbie Lowe, Sean Kenny, Tracey Webster

Guest Present: Nicole Barnes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McLain called the meeting of the Northern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:01pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2026, MINUTES (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)

Dr. McLain called for a motion to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes. The motion was moved by Emmie Taylor, seconded by Wanda Piland. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. ADOPTION OF MAY 12, 2026 AGENDA (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none

V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Emmie Taylor informed that she attended and enjoyed the NC Tide Conference.

VI. PRESENTATION: Martin Tyrrell Washington District Health Department

Nicole Barnes, Health Director of Martin Tyrrell Washington District Health Department gave an overview of Harm Reduction and its initiatives. MTW Health Department provides evidence-based harm reduction services to decrease the number of overdoses in communities. Works with compassion, giving people a place to heal. Has several initiatives to include The Hope Exchange, by which over 80,000 syringes have been distributed. Also provides Narcan, Narcan Trainings and Hope Stands. For more information contact Yerlin Villages at (252)793-1607.

VII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Dr. Robinson informed has been very busy and speaks about the retreat being very engaged. Dr. Robinson also informed about Trillium's awards ceremony, Thrive Local Luncheon for communities which had great attendance.

VIII. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Bobbie Lowe, reported the following:

- Medicaid Rebase funding was signed into law by the Governor on April 30th securing funding to cover the state's Medicaid program.
- North Carolina was awarded \$213M in federal funding through the Rural Health Transformation to improve healthcare for rural communities. This work will focus on the following: community rooted care, chronic disease management, behavioral health expansion, work force development, technology and innovation improvements. NC DHHS announced a Request for Applications process for qualified organizations to serve as designated NC Rural Organizations Orchestrating Transformation for Sustainability (NC ROOTS) Hub leads. Trillium was awarded to be Regional Hub Leads for Region 2 and 5. Region 1: Impact Health, Region 3: Vaya Health, Region 4: University of NC Hospitals (UNC), and Region 6: Access East Inc./ECU. Contracts will start in June and roll out as early as fall. This work will move very quickly.
- Trillium Health Resources announced a plan to transition to a unified claims system for Tailored Plan operations. All providers of behavioral health, physical health and long-term services and supports (LTSS) will submit claims through a single portal.
- Currently, physical health and LTSS providers who deliver services to Trillium members submit claims to Carolina Complete Health for payment. With the unified system launches, all claims for these services will be submitted to Trillium. This transition will enhance administration efficiency, transparency and accountability in claims processing and payment. The services network providers offer will not change - only the process for submitting claims will.
- The state is looking closely at services that have had significant growth. One example is Research-based Behavioral Health Therapy/ Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). This was a service that moved to open network. NC DHHS

are working to revise Clinical Coverage Policy that guides delivery and billing for ABA.

IX. CFAC REPORT

Sheron Mosby reported on the following:

- Northern Region CFAC is continuing to recruit new members.
- Nominations for Officers were held with Martha Green and Zac Commander being nominated for Chair, Paula Freeman and Sheron Mosby Vice Chair and Shonnette Ferebee for Secretary.

X. EVALUATION OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

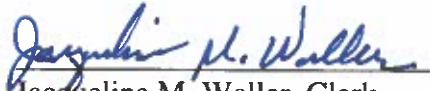
Trillium staff excused themselves from the meeting and the advisory board commenced with the evaluation period.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Dr McLain called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emmie Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk


Dr. P. Michael McLain, Chair

