

September 12, 2023

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, September 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Whitney P. Aydlett, Kimberly Clark, Dr. Kelvin Edwards, Charles Jordan, Ron Lowe, Dr. P. Michael McLain, Kevin McCord, Wanda Piland, Chenoa Richardson-Davis, Brian Rountree, Emmie Taylor, and Dr. Patricia Wright Wesson

**Members Absent:** Dr. Regina Dickens, Dr. Alex Kehayes, Sandra Layden, William F. Mitchell, Jr., Donna Powell, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Ronnie Smith, Terry Lee Tatman, and James Ward

**Staff Present:** Sean Kenney, Amy Modlin, Bobbie Lowe, and Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McLain called the meeting of the Northern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2023 MINUTES (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)

Dr. McClain called for a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 Minutes. The motion was so moved by Commissioner Rountree, seconded by Commissioner Aydlett, and unanimously 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 Emmie Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and unanimously approved.

V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

There were no board comments/concerns.

VI. Presentation on Housing

Amy Modlin gave a presentation on Trillium's Housing Department. She expounded on the following: 1) Housing Department Positions; 2) Housing Department Programs; 3) HUD Permanent Supportive Housing; 4) HUD Rapid Rehousing; 5) HUD Coordinated Entry; 6) Oxford Housing; and 7) A Brand New Housing Program.

VII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Commissioner Jordan informed us that the new chair of the Governing Board is Jerry Langley and the Vice Chair is Mary Ann Furniss. The other updates are in the CEO Report and Ms. Lowe will also give in her Director's Report.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bobbie Lowe gave the following Director's Report:

- **Tailored Plan.** The state announced a delay in Tailored Plan on today. A "go live" date has not been set as of yet. The expected date is between January and June of 2024. We will continue to pursue additional providers for our network build post go-live for some time period, members will be able to see the providers they choose as long as the provider is enrolled with NC Medicaid. There are a few hospitals we continue to work with to reach an agreement which include but are not limited to UNC Chapel Hill, Duke, and Atrium. It is more difficult to engage the hospitals in contract negotiations without a new date for Tailored Plan implementation, but we expect those to restart once a date is announced.
- **Other Updates and Information.** There continues to be activity in finalizing the budget which could have a direct impact on us. NC DHSS has made the decision to allow Health Opportunities pilot to go live in February 2024. This has been delayed for individuals who will be on the tailored plan, because this pilot is tied to Medicaid Transformation. Allowing this to be implemented will allow our TP eligible members to have access to Healthy Opportunities programs. Our counties included in HO pilots include: Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, and Chowan.
- We attended the NC Association of County Commissioners and had the opportunity to spend some time with many leaders from our counties.
- We will have the ribbon cutting in Halifax soon, After the completion of this playground, every county in the Northern Region will have an inclusive recreation option.
- Every community college in our catchment area will be getting a distribution of Naloxone kits.
- I wanted to point out a training program we offer. We have a robust community training plan. We have a program called Community Crisis Intervention. It is based of CIT which is the 40 hour first responder program we offer. This training

is online and self-paced and includes about 12 different segments on various topics around behavioral health.

- We are frequently trying to provide community outreach to help increase awareness, this morning I presented at the CDSA which covers many of our counties, Saturday I will be at the Mental Health Symposium at Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Lewiston and will be presenting and sharing information. We will also be sharing information at the Suicide Prevention Training at ECSU put on by Healthy Carolinians and ARHS on 9/21.
- I am continuing to reach out to school systems to offer fentanyl and substance abuse prevention. The first event will be held in Perquimans on September 26. Flyer included. Hopefully we will be able to get something in all our county school systems.
- Easter Seals Empower Program is having a golf tournament in Northampton County. This is to raise money for the Empower Program, Transition to Employment, and Transition to Independent Living Program in Hertford County.

We currently are trying to expand our services and network, we have several opportunities for network participation for the following: All Counties: Office Based Opioid Treatment Providers, Psychological Services, Forensic Evaluators

RFA for Work First Program SA: entire Northern Region

IX. CFAC Report

Ron Lowe shared that the Northern Regional CFAC had a meeting last evening whereby the liaison for DHHS attended. Ron plans on attending upcoming events in the county to represent CFAC. He also plans to connect with One Community.

X. Adjournment

With there being no other business, Dr. McLain called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was so moved by Ron Lowe, seconded by Wanda Piland, and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jacqueline M. Waller, Clerk

  
Dr. P. Michael McLain, Chair