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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 19, 2024 **Meeting Time:** 3:00pm-4:00pm

Meeting Place: Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual 514 E. Main Street, Beulaville NC 28518)

Board Members Attendance: (Noted present with an “x” mark)

Name	In-Person	Virtual	Absent
Barbara Aycock, Wayne County	X		
Misty Byrd, Jones County			X
June Cummings, Lenoir County	X		
Jessie Dowe, Duplin County	X		
Charlie Dunn, Jr., Jones County		X	
Justin Edwards, Duplin County	X		
Jimmy Farrington, Carteret County	X		
Lynn Fields, Sampson County			X
Crystal Foster, Carteret County			X
Shevel Hunt, Craven County	X		
Steve P. Keen, Wayne County	X		
Janice Nichols, Pender County		X	
Suzanne Nix, Lenoir County	X		
Kari Sanders, Onslow County	X		
Walter Scott, Onslow County			X
JW Simmons, Sampson County		X	
Wes Stewart, Pender County			X
Lea Wolf, Carteret County		X	
Carli Woolard, Craven County			X

Staff Present:

Victoria Jackson, South Central Regional Vice President
Terrell Alston, Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment
Lisa A. Jarman, Clerk

Guests:

Mr. Frank Messina, South Central CFAC member
April Houston, South Central CFAC member



Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the September 24, 2024 Minutes
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Public Comment (3 minutes per comment)
- VI. CFAC Report
- VII. Provider Network Council Comments
- VIII. Regional Vice President Report
- IX. Regional Board Member Comments
- X. Governing Board Member Comments
- XI. Chairman Remarks
- XII. Adjournment

Minutes:

I. Call to Order	South Central Regional Advisory Board Chairman, Steve P. Keen called the meeting to order at 3:13pm.
Motion	N/A
II. Roll Call	South Central Regional Advisory Board Clerk, Lisa A. Jarman performed the roll call. Quorum was reached.
Motion	N/A
III. Approval of the September 24, 2024 Minutes	The minutes from the September 24, 2024 meeting were included in the meeting book and presented for approval.
Motion	Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the September 24, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Edwards made a second. The motion carried.
IV. Adoption of the Agenda	The agenda for the South Central Regional Advisory Board meeting of November 19, 2024 was presented for approval.
Motion	Commissioner Cummings made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Hunt made a second. The motion carried.
V. Public Comment	Mr. Frank Messina expressed his concern for ICF alternatives for consumers, especially for those with aging parents. He is concerned about the shortage of ICF and other facilities as well as staff shortages for the facilities. He continues to advocate for an explanation of where State and Federal funds are allocated.
Motion	N/A

VI. CFAC Report	No report provided.
Motion	N/A
VII. Provider Network Council	No report provided.
Motion	N/A
VIII. Regional Vice President Report	<p>Ms. Victoria Jackson provided updates on Tailored Plan, School-Based Therapy Services, Local Community activities, and SB425 Legislation.</p> <p><u>Tailored Plan Update</u> Trillium launched the Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plan on July 1, 2024. The Tailored Plans continue to manage services to meet the behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability needs of members but with the added management of physical health services, pharmacy benefits, non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) and other benefits for members. All areas are tracking well. Call volumes for our Member and Recipient Service Line, and NEMT remain a key focus area.</p> <p><u>School-Based Therapy Services Update</u> Ms. Jackson provided an update on the Request for Information (RFI) for School-Based Therapy Services that Trillium published on April 17, 2024. Sampson County, Clinton City Schools currently has school-based therapy with the Project Activate grant program. The team met with the superintendent of Clinton City Schools where they provided additional school-based therapy resources. They also discussed expansion possibilities with their current program.</p> <p>The team will continue to reach out to the other school districts in Sampson County to inquire about school-based therapy.</p> <p>Ms. Jackson reported that every county within the South Central Region has school-based therapy available for students.</p> <p>Ms. Sanders led the discussion about obtaining statistics on how many children are being served through school-based therapy per county. Commissioner Aycock suggested Dr. Whichard, Wayne County Schools Superintendent as a valuable resource for Wayne County.</p> <p><u>Local Community Update</u> Ms. Jackson stated that all nine annual presentations to the County Commissioners within the South Central Region have been completed.</p>

	<p>Participation in local community meetings continues through the Regional Vice President, Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment, and the Community Liaison Coordinators. For the month of September, approximately 110 engagements were completed within the South Central region.</p> <p>Trillium will host a Community Simulation on January 9, 2025 in Wayne County. The event gives participants an opportunity to navigate the challenges families experience supporting children with disabilities.</p> <p>The i2i Winter Conference is scheduled for December 11-12, 2024. Trillium will be hosting a Pre-Conference Session on December 9, 2024.</p> <p>Ms. Jackson provided an update on the impact Hurricane Helene had on Trillium being able to provide support to the Western part of the state, and to members in residential treatment. Trillium’s Care Management team reached out to approximately 295 members in the more heavily impacted counties. The team stayed in constant contact with the LME/MCOs directly impacted by the hurricane and they also gathered supplies and funding to support those impacted by the hurricane. The Provider Network team collaborated with providers to learn what their needs were and how to best support them.</p> <p>Ms. Jackson expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Dowe for his support during the recent NC Field event in Duplin County. The team volunteered at the event to provide food and information on health care.</p> <p>On November 20th, the team will present funding for an all-inclusive playground in Wallace, Duplin County.</p> <p><u>SB425 Legislation Update</u> The alternative Trillium Governing Board structure and his appointment of the initial board members is still pending Secretary Kody Kinsley’s approval.</p> <p>The Guilford County lawsuit is still pending.</p> <p>A detailed Regional Vice President’s report was included in the Board book</p>
Motion	N/A
IX. Regional Board Member Comments	<p>Commissioner Hunt provided information on the recent North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Goals Conference. The association discussed and voted on the top five goals that they will be lobbying for in the upcoming year.</p>

	Commissioner Cummings recognized and welcomed April Houston, South Central CFAC member and Director of RADD in Lenoir County.
Motion	N/A
X. Governing Board Member Comments	<p>Mr. Simmons expressed his appreciation for the work and support Trillium is providing in the Sampson County School system. He stated that the focus continues to be that of the needs of the community in all counties.</p> <p>Chairman Keen reviewed the CEO report that was discussed and presented at the October 24th Governing Board meeting. The report updated Tailored Plan activities, Hurricane Helene relief efforts, and local events.</p> <p>Chairman Keen led the discussion on pharmacy expenditures, misuse of prescriptions due to literacy issues in the more senior population. He requested a member of Trillium's Pharmacy Department to present at the January Regional Advisory Board meeting.</p>
Motion	N/A
XI. Chairman Remarks	<p>Chairman Keen stated that the Governing Board is awaiting Secretary Kinsley's response on the structure of Trillium's board.</p> <p>Chairman Keen expressed his appreciation to the members and guests for attending the meeting and thanked the South Central Trillium staff for their continued efforts to keep the board informed.</p>
Motion	N/A
XII. Adjournment	Mr. Keen asked for any further business to be brought before the Board. As there was none, the meeting adjourned.


 Steve P. Keen, South Central Advisory Board Chairperson

1-28-25
 Date


 Lisa A. Jarman, Clerk to the Board

Jan 28, 2025
 Date