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# SOUTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.

The Trillium Health Resources Southern Regional Advisory Board met on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., via WebEx call-in only.

#### **Members Present:**

Members Present via WebEx: Charlie Dunn, David Stanley, Janice Nichols, Lea Wolf, Marty Cooke, Mary Ann Furniss, Rob Zapple, Sherri Slater and Walter Scott

Members Absent: Jimmy Farrington, Kathy Webb, Lavern Coleman, Theron McKvian, and Wes Stewart

<u>Staff Present:</u> Candace Thompson – Project Coordinator for Innovative Development, Dennis Williams – Southern Regional Director, and Mandy Mizelle - Clerk

Guests: Tracey Hyde – IFS, Lisa Jackson – NC DHHS, Crystal Foster

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Zapple called the meeting of the Trillium Southern Regional Advisory Board to order at 4:04 p.m. on January 27, 2022.

# II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Commissioner Scott made a motion to adopt the agenda as written, with a second from David Stanley. The agenda was approved unanimously.

# III. CONSIDERATION OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MINUTES

Two edits were needed for the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes: Janice Nichols was updated to Members Present, and the guest caller's name was updated to Crystal Foster. Commissioner Zapple called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 18, 2021 as amended. Lea Wolf moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended, and Mary Ann Furniss seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## V. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mary Ann Furniss asked for an update on The Healing Place. Commissioner Zapple reported that a Certificate of Occupancy is slated to be received on August 31, 2022. Moving in of furnishings and set up





will take place in the September, with a Ribbon Cutting being announced at a later date – possibly late October/early November.

David Stanley discussed concerns from his DSS Director about finding placement for foster kids who may have experienced a crisis situation or difficult prior placements. He suggested possibly creating a Task Force to help work through some of these local challenges.

David Stanley also made suggestions for future presentations to the Board:

- Sean Kenny to speak about Foster Care Placements
- Local Healing Place representatives to provide updates and progress
- Report on Opioid Settlement funds distribution

#### VI. PRESENTATION: MOBILE CRISIS

Tracey Hyde from Integrated Family Services gave a presentation on what services IFS is providing in the Southern Region.

### VII. MOBILE INTEGRATED CARE UNITS

DHHS gave Trillium funds to launch 6 mobile clinics to serve rural communities. Ribbon Cuttings will be scheduled in late March/early April to kick off the openings of these clinics.

Candace Thompson shared a powerpoint presentation on the upcoming Mobile Clinics in the catchment area, and the services they will provide.

### VIII. CFAC REPORT

Mary Ann Furniss gave the CFAC report:

- January's meeting was virtual only
- There are 17 members on the roster. CFAC is actively recruiting for new members in Jones, Pender, Columbus and Bladen counties.
- Some members attended the i2i Conference in Pinehurst. It was a great opportunity to say goodbye to Leza Wainwright ahead of her retirement.
- CFAC goals for 2022:
  - o Restructure membership to include TBI as a fourth disability group
  - Develop some good strategies for better communicating and advocating with NC Legislature, drawing on the new Trillium Government Relations Director, Sue Ann Forrest.
  - O Develop and implement some plans for how to share what we know better with the communities around us
- Members shared about their ongoing work in the community with the various Collaboratives in the Southern Region.

#### IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dennis Williams gave the Director's Report:

- Tailored Plan Updates:
  - o Implementation has been postponed until December 1, 2022
  - o Trillium is continuing to make adjustments in structure, and has provided over 200 deliverables to the State so far, as part of the Tailored Plan requirements.
  - o Continuing to recruit for a variety of services: Autism, Psychological Services,

- LPAs, and also Farm Services Work.
- SOC Adjustments New staff has been hired to support the 3 Counties per SOC structure required for the Tailored Plan
- County Realignments: Halifax County joined Trillium in December 2021. Bladen County will join Trillium effective February 1, 2022.
- A new CFAC member representing Bladen County will join the committee in February.
- The Bladen County Board of Commissioners have voted on 2 individuals that will serve on the Southern Regional Advisory Board.
- Regional Directors will begin presenting Trillium's Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners in February.
- Sue Ann Forrest, new Director of Government Relations, will be presenting to the Board at the March meeting.
- Leza Wainwright will be retiring on February 2, 2022, and Joy Futrell will be stepping up into the role of CEO.

### X. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Commissioner Zapple adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

The March 24, 2022 meeting will be held via WebEx.

Respectfully submitted,