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## Southern Regional Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 -4:00pm

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The Trillium Health Resources Southern Regional Advisory Board met on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00pm via Webex call-in-only.

**Members Present:** Virtual Only

**Members Present via Webex:** Rob Zapple- Chair, David Stanley, Janice Nichols, Kari Sanders, Lea Wolf, Lisa Jackson, Mary Ann Furniss, Charlie Dunn Jr., Louise Miller

**Call-in:** Marty Cooke; Louise Miller

**Members Absent:** Danny Ellis, Mollie Glenn, Jerome McMillian, Jimmy Farrington, Kathy Webb, Lavern Coleman, Marty Cooke, Walter Scott, Wes Stewart.

**Staff Present:** Cecelia Peers-Southern, Regional Director, Desmetress Howard-Administrative Assistant, Holly Cunningham - Director of Contracting and Value Based Purchasing, Katie Hewitt - Practice Management Manager.

**Guests:** None

I. **Call to Order:**

Rob Zapple called the meeting of the Trillium Southern Regional Advisory to order at 4:00pm on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

II. **Adoption of Agenda:**

Rob Zapple called for a motion to adopt the agenda of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

III. **Adoption of the Minutes:**

Rob Zapple called for a motion to adopt the minutes from May 25<sup>th</sup>, minutes as written. Charlie Dunn Jr. made a motion for to adopt the minutes as written,

IV. **The Oath of Office:**

Kari Sanders was sworn in under the Oath of Office by Desmetress Howard-Administrative Assistant.

V. Public comment: None

VI. Board Comments and Concerns:

- Marty Cooke- None
- David Stanley- Brunswick County hosted to the for the Opioid Settlements monies
- Lea Wolf- Reported that there has been an increase of the overdose rate.
- Kari Sanders-Oversees the Opioid Settlement Funds. Onslow County is dealing opioid overdoses
- Janice Nichols- None
- Lisa Jackson- DHB
- Mary Ann Furniss- Commented on The Healing Place has 200 beds and 168 are being used.
- Louis Miller- None
- Charles Dunn Jr. - None

I. Presentation - Holly Cunningham-Director - Director of Contracting and Value Based Purchasing.

- Improving member health outcomes, reducing costs, while improving member and provider satisfaction.
- We have been partnering with members, health care providers and the community stakeholder in creating value-based purchasing that focuses on improving long-term health.
- A short video was given on “Project Transition” with Trillium, as we have helped our members to success.

VII. Governing Board Report:

Janice Nichols gave the Governing Board report:

- Pay Plan budget was approved.
- Resolution Adoption of the NCDOT for utility easement of .0144 in Jackson, NC
- Board approved the Salary increase of 3% COLA for Trillium employees, Effective 7/1.
- 2022- 2023 Budget was adopted.

VIII. CFAC Report:

Mary Ann Furniss gave the Southern CFAC report:

- Sue Ann Forrest -Director of Government Relations, gave a presentation about the Legislative
- Southern Region still needs 2 members.
- Central CFAC has 14 members, but 3 counties that has no representation.

**IX. Director's Report:**

Cecelia gave the report:

- The Governor's had decided not to sign the budget bill, Budget went into an effect as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. The decision will be made by DHHS Secretary Kinsley, no more 5 LME/MCO's or no less than 4, we are waiting hear if there will be any county realignment. Medicaid Expansion- Trillium except to receive 4000 new members increase.
- Innovation Waiver slots 350 around the State, funds which provides people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with services and supports in their own community. Waiting list is about 1800 members for our Southern Region.
- More funds from the state on Re-entry Population Building a care management team. Supporting them to the resources.
- Tailored plan go live no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2024 for 4 years.
- Trillium will continue to expand our network and more providers. Standard plan partner NC complete Health
- Healthy Opportunity pilot program trillium members will in February addition Medicaid funds, housing, and transportation access food inter-personal safety. Pilot counties in the Southern Region are Bladen, Onslow Columbus Brunswick, and New Hanover Pender. Community care of the lower Cape Fear is the lead organization.
- NC associations of County Commissioner county managers
- Benchmarks conference in Cherokee, NC support providers focus
- Eastern band of Cherokee Indian leadership and tour their hospital care model integrated care model
- ABC Funds Narcan kits sent to county and community colleges and training
- One community September National Suicide prevention month promoting (988) distributed swag items to 10,000 people One Community is working with Jones county schools. Sarah Hartz- Head od regional proclamation a County manager meeting Brunswick for Suicide awareness suicide presentation
- Organizational focus on Re-entry population, adding 19 staff new care management team
- Port Human Services community supervision MAT funding for Department of Correction for re-entry DOC probation on parole, New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow counties.
- DHHS is offering a sequential intercept model training on a point's legal system focusing on treatment and less on incarnation.
- Asked if anyone was interested in attending the I2I conference in Winston-Salem, Medicaid and Managed care.

**Rescheduled of the November Meeting:**

- All members agreed on next meeting November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**X. Adjournment:**

With there being no other business, Commissioner Zapple requested a motion to adjourn the meeting all the motion which was approved unanimously.

- Rob Zapple- New Hanover will receive 200 kits, Ricky Carlson-Southern District “Star Program”
- Janice Nichols- (Pender) thankful for the Idea, will receive 50 re-entry kits

Mary Ann Furniss commented Long-term recovery, and the Healing Place would be a great place to speak on this subject.

#### VI. Board Comments and Concerns:

- Marty Cooke: None
- David Stanley: (Brunswick) Community asking for options examples, home visits to prevent a health or mental crisis with resources. Rob Zapple suggested “CIT Team”. Kari Sanders (Onslow) gave information ex: Emergency Management using Opioid funds, by reaching out to DHHS for Adults. Novant has community health workers, neighborhood connections, training at the Community Colleges.
- Commissioner Charlie Dunn Jr- None
- Kari Sanders: (Onslow) Sworn in a new interim County Manager, David Smitheman
- Wes Stewart: None
- Janice Nichols: (Pender): Giving thanks to Brian Scott for the presentation
- Louis Miller: Giving thanks for the presentation. Being a former Law Enforcement, assisting with
- Mary Ann Furniss: Attended the Healing Place Graduation celebration, becoming peer mentors.
- Rob Zapple: Attended the Healing Place Graduation celebration Dinner. Also, giving thanks to Joy Futrell and Cindy Ehlers for attending.

#### VII. Governing Board Report-

Janice Nichols gave the report of the Governing Board.

- Jerry Langley is now the Chair of the Governing Board. Mary Ann Furniss is now the Co-Chair.

#### VIII. CFAC Report-

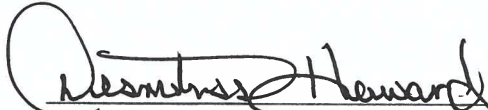
Our Communications team has setup a tool kit for recruitment of new members. This kit is a summary of what CFAC is and the role, being an independent group that is advising Trillium. Included social media all with member stories. Also, updated the Trillium Website that is readable.

Mary Ann had suggested to have Brian Scott Re-entry.

At the November meeting, we will take nominations and take vote on I'll be given as a new member to the Governing Board from the Southern Advisory Board adding to the Governing Board.

Marty Cooke has shown interest in being on the Governing Board.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Desmetress Howard, Clerk

  
Rob Zapple - Chair

