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# January 17, 2024

# TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx.

<u>Members Present</u>: Melvin Alston, Rob Boyette, David Clegg, June Commings, Walter Ferguson, Carlvena Foster, Mary Ann Furniss, Deborah Herring, Jerry Jones, Charles Jordan, Steve Keen, Priscilla Little-Reid, Jerry Langley, Jackie Mclean, Sheron Mosby, Janice Nichols, Wanda Piland, James Simmons, Dr. Sheila Smith, David Stanley, Wixie Stephens, and Rob Zapple.

Members Absent: None

<u>Staff Present</u>: Cindy Ehlers, Joy Futrell, Senitria Goodman, Mike Lewis, Bobbie Lowe, Melissa Owens, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Dr. Michael Smith, Anthony Ward and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

Guests: Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary NC Medicaid (NC DHHS)
Sarah Gregosky, Chief Operating Officer Medicaid (NC DHHS)
Lisa Jackson, Liaison (NC DHHS)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Langley called the January 17, 2024, special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Langley called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Nichols so moved. The motion seconded by Commissioner Boyette and unanimously approved.

### III. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Fuller administered the Oath of Office to the following new board members: Melvin Alston, Rob Boyette, June Cummings, Walter Ferguson, Carlvena Foster, Jerry Jones, Steve Keen, Priscilla Little-Reid, Jackie Mclean, Sheron Mosby, James Simmons, and Wixie Stephens.

#### IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Each member of the Trillium Governing Board was given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

### V. DRAFT RESOLUTION

Ms. Goodman presented the draft resolution to the Board for consideration that was intended to address concerns raised by NC DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley in a letter Secretary Kinsley sent to the Governing Board on January 8, 2024; concerning a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors for Eastpoint Human Services on December 28, 2023. Commissioner Boyette expressed concern that the resolution virtually displayed during the meeting contained edits not included in the draft the Board received prior to the meeting. This concern was shared by Commissioner Alston and some members of the Board. Board members, including Deborah Herring and Janice Nichols, stated that



the revisions appear to be minor and did not change the meaning of the resolution, and proposed that the resolution be adopted as is.

Commissioner Zapple suggested that the amendments proposed by Commissioner Boyette be put in writing and presented to the Board for all to review and consider. Commissioner Zapple inquired if we do not move forward with the resolution, will Trillium have the authority to operate and conduct business. Ms. Goodman responded that the language in the consolidation agreement states that Trillium as the surviving entity has operational control over Eastpointe and Sandhills; and has the authority to execute its responsibilities as stated in the agreement. She also reminded the Board that the point of the resolution is to address NC DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley's concerns as communicated to them in his letter on January 8, 2024.

The Board decided not to move forward with the draft resolution presented during the meeting. Commissioner Alston entered a substitute motion to Commissioner Boyette's earlier motion to defer action on the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Alston amended his motion to defer action on the resolution to afford the Chairman time to schedule another special meeting next week, for the Board to submit and discuss amendments to the resolution.

Chairman Langley requested that if Board members have amendments to the resolution, to please submit them as soon as possible but no later than Friday, January 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

## VI. CEO OVERVIEW ON CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES

Ms. Futrell shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board outlining the consolidation plan.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Chairman Langley called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zapple so moved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster and was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

isa Fuller, Clerk to the Board

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