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January 28, 2025

**TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES  
NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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The Trillium Health Resources North Central Regional Advisory Board met on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. at 1436 Highland Dr., Washington, NC 27889.

**Members Present:** Rob Boyette, Sameka Bennerman, David Clegg, Robbie Davis, Tia Foula, Luana Gibbs, Nina Griswell, Viola Harris, Deborah Herring, Jeff Hill, Tracey Johnson, Jerry Jones, Miranda Keel, Jerry Langley, Melvin McLawhorn, Thomas Midgette, JaNell Octigan, Wally Overman, Pat Prescott, Rob Ross, Amanda Smith and Lorraine Washington.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Terrell Alston, Bobbie Lowe and Lisa Fuller, Clerk.

**Guests:** None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Langley called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m.

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Fuller administered the Oath of Office to new board members Commissioner Robbie Davis, Nash County and Commissioner Thomas Midgette, Hyde County.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2024, MINUTES**

Chairman Langley called for a motion to approve the November 26, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Jones so moved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Harris was unanimously approved.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Langley entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Johnson so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Washington was unanimously approved.

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

- Ms. Washington shared concerns from members, as to the results of the Guilford County lawsuit, inquiring if there would be any interruption of member services. Chairman Langley stated that the lawsuit was related to governance, not to member services; Mr. Alston concurred.

- Mr. Overman inquired as to Trillium's position on "Kratom". An unregulated form of the drug (an alternative to opioids) is being sold at convenience stores and gas stations, targeting youth and adolescence. Dare County is proposing a resolution to have the unregulated use of the drug made illegal in North Carolina. Chairman Langley suggested, once the Dare County resolution is passed, to circulate the resolution to other counties for more support and bring the issue before the Trillium Governing Board.

Chairman Langley entertained a motion for Mr. Overman to bring the issue of "Kratom" before the Trillium Governing Board to oppose its unregulated use. Commissioner Jones so moved. The motion, seconded by Ms. Octigan was unanimously approved.

- Commissioner Ross requested an update on the restitution owed to Trillium from Legacy Eastpoint as a result of the internal audit findings.

## **VII. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT**

Chairman Langley announced that Mr. Overman and Ms. Washington are the representatives from the North Central Region, appointed to the newly formed Trillium Governing Board. Moving forward members will be appointed to the Governing Board by normal procedures, through the Regional Advisory Boards.

## **VIII. NORTH CENTRAL REGION VP REPORT**

In the absence of Mr. Peterson, Mr. Alston shared the following:

- As of January 1, 2025, Dr. Devdutta Sangvai was appointed as the Secretary of NC DHHS. LME/MCOs are scheduling time to meet with him.
- Mental Health Parity panel discussions started on January 21<sup>st</sup> with all LME/MCOs.
- Annual Board of County Commissioner presentations will begin in March.
- An RFI for Inclusive Playgrounds was sent to all counties in our catchment area. Greene County responded, we are working with the County Manager to continue the process.
- Edgecombe County - "Get of the List Initiative", a program designed to assist members in accessing services in a timely manner. Work sessions begin in February.
- Regional Operations staff during the month of December attended 329 meetings, conferences and events. If there are events you would like to have Trillium representation, please do not hesitate to contact our office.
- December 1, 2023, Medicaid Expansion extended health care to more than 600,000 individuals in North Carolina. The expansion was completed in half the time it was originally projected.
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) continues to be a priority.
- NC Tide Conference – March 30 – April 2, 2025, in Wilmington, NC. The conference will include a Re-Entry Simulation event on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- NC AHEC Behavioral Health Conference – April 30 – May 2, 2025, in Wrightsville Beach.
- NC Summit on Reducing Overdose – March 18-20, 2025, at the Raleigh Convention Center.
- NCACC Annual Conference – August 21-23, 2025, in Pitt County, Trillium will be a sponsor.

**IX. CFAC REPORT**

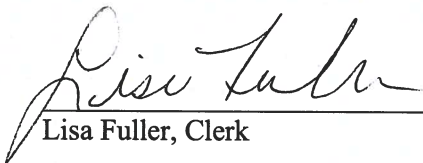
Ms. Washington highlighted agenda items from the January 15<sup>th</sup> CFAC meeting.

- The Trillium Provider Council presentation was tabled due to illness. CFAC members attended the quarterly COO meeting with Cindy Ehlers on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- State CFAC will have a panel discussion with the CEOs from the LME/MCOs on February 12<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh.
- State CFAC Legislative Day is scheduled for March 11, 2025.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

  
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Lisa Fuller, Clerk

  
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Jerry Langley, Board Chair