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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 24, 2024 **Meeting Time:** 3:00pm-4:30pm

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 Aycok, 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

Lisa A. Jarman, Clerk

Guests:

Holly Connor, South Central Regional CFAC Chair



Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Oath of Office**
 - **Misty Byrd, Jones County**
 - **Carli Woolard, Craven County**
- IV. **Approval of the July 23, 2024 Minutes**
- V. **Adoption of the Agenda**
- VI. **Public Comment (3 minutes per comment)**
- VII. **CFAC Report**
- VIII. **Provider Network Council Comments**
- IX. **Regional Vice President Report**
- X. **Regional Board Member Comments**
- XI. **Governing Board Member Comments**
- XII. **Chairman Remarks**
- XIII. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

I. Call to Order	South Central Regional Advisory Board Chairman, Steve P. Keen called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.
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. Oath of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Misty Byrd, Jones County ➤ Carli Woolard, Craven County <p>Chairman Keen welcomed new board members Misty Byrd and Carli Woolard. The Jones County Board of Commissioners appointed Ms. Byrd to serve on Trillium's South Central Regional Advisory Board and the Craven County Board of Commissioners appointed Ms. Woolard to serve on Trillium's South Central Regional Advisory Board.</p> <p>The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Byrd and Ms. Woolard by Lisa A. Jarman, Notary Public of Lenoir County and Advisory Board Clerk.</p>
Motion	N/A
IV. Approval of the July 23, 2024 Minutes	The minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting were included in the meeting book and presented for approval.

Motion	Commissioner Aycock made a motion to approve the July 23, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Dowe made a second. The motion carried.
V. Adoption of the Agenda	The agenda for the South Central Regional Advisory Board meeting of September 24, 2024 was presented for approval.
Motion	Commissioner Cummings made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Dunn made a second. The motion carried.
VI. Public Comment	<p>Ms. Holly Connor, South Central CFAC Chair congratulated Mr. Terrell Alston for being selected as the Partners in Public Health award recipient for 2024 and praised his contribution to public health in the state of North Carolina.</p> <p>Ms. Connor acknowledged the challenges and concerns of school-based mental health. To have more of an impact on mental health for students, she encouraged involvement and community support in the System of Care County Collaborative meetings.</p>
Motion	N/A
VII. CFAC Report	<p>Ms. Holly Connor provided an overview of recent regional CFAC activities. She stated that Mr. Alston has created a needs and gaps form to assist in tracking issues related to needs and gaps in services. She expressed the need for additional members throughout the catchment area, specifically representing the MH/SU population. Commissioner Cummings inquired about the application process to join CFAC.</p> <p>Ms. Connor shared a public comment from the previous South Central CFAC meeting. The concern was about wellness centers not being funded like they had been in the past. Ms. Connor has requested additional information from the individual.</p> <p>Chairman Keen requested a list of the South Central CFAC member information per county to include population and any vacancy. He also requested the meeting information, membership requirements, and for it to be distributed to the Regional Advisory Board members. Vice Chair, Commissioner Sherry Hunt reviewed the CFAC membership shared previously with the South Central Regional Advisory Board members.</p> <p>After discussion it was suggested by Ms. Jackson and agreed upon by Ms. Connor that Mr. Terrell Alston, Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment present on CFAC during the November meeting.</p>
Motion	N/A

VIII. Provider Network Council	No report provided.
Motion	N/A
IX. Regional Vice President Report	<p>Ms. Victoria Jackson provided updates on Tailored Plan, 1915 (i) Services, School-Based Therapy Services, SB425, Children and Families Specialty Plan, and Local Community activities.</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 and other benefits for members including value added services. Information on these services can be found on Trillium’s website using the following link: https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/trillium-advantage</p> <p>Ms. Jackson reviewed some of the challenges experienced during the transition and the ways in which issues were mitigated.</p> <p>To assist members and providers through this Tailored Plan transition, Trillium has offered Provider Information Sessions and trainings. These recordings can be found on Trillium’s website.</p> <p>Provider office hours were offered as well. The recordings for these sessions can be found on Trillium’s website using the following link: https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/for-providers/tailored-plans-information-for-providers</p> <p><u>1915(i) Services and Ending of 1915(b)(3) Services</u> The 1915(i) services and the ending of 1915(b)(3) services were reviewed.</p> <p>Trillium Care Managers/Care Coordinators continue to collaborate with providers of 1915(i) and 1915(b)(3) services to ensure a smooth, uninterrupted transition for members.</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. There was a substantial response from providers to the RFI and subsequently, a Request for Proposal was issued. The report outlined the coverage status for school based therapy per county in the South Central Region.</p>

Mr. Keen led the discussion on the importance of providing services to schools and how some of the problems and issues in young people are related to behavioral health.

SB425 Legislation

Ms. Jackson reminded the board members that on June 27, 2024, the North Carolina Senate considered a Proposed Conference Committee Substitute on Senate Bill 425, an Act Making Modifications to Laws Pertaining to Health and Human Services. The bill allows the CEO of Trillium Health Resources to submit for approval a new alternative board structure to the Secretary of DHHS. Ms. Joy Futrell has subsequently submitted her alternative board structure to Secretary Kody Kinsley for his review and approval. Secretary Kinsley will make the initial appointments to the Board. The RVP report outlines the proposed alternative board structure.

In response to this action, the Guilford County's Attorney's office filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgement and Motion of Permanent Injunction to maintain the status quo and block the implementation of the new law. On July 11, 2024, the hearing was heard in Guilford County where the judge determined the case should not proceed in Guilford County, and that Wake County is the proper venue.

On August 21, 2024, a hearing on Guilford County's Amended Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction was heard in Wake County. The Motion was denied by the three judge panel. The case is still pending in Wake County Superior Court. As of this report, no other court dates have been scheduled and each party must file their response to the Motion over the next two months.

Children and Families Specialty Plan

NC DHHS recently announced that Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC was selected as the health plan to offer the Children and Families Specialty Plan (CFSP). The plan is a single, statewide health plan designed to support Medicaid enrolled children, youth and families currently and formerly served by the child welfare system in receiving health care.

The CFSP will cover a comprehensive array of physical health, behavioral health, pharmacy, long term services and supports and Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) services and will address unmet health-related resource needs.

Local Community Update

Ms. Jackson stated that all Town Halls in the eighteen counties that realigned with Trillium in the consolidation have been completed. A

summary is currently being developed to identify common themes, compliments, and concerns that emerged from the events.

Ms. Jackson has completed eight of nine annual presentations within the South Central Region, with the Lenoir County Commissioner's meeting scheduled on October 7th.

Commissioner Hunt commented that she received positive feedback from the recent presentation to the Craven County Board of Commissioners and they look forward to the next presentation.

Commissioner Dowe commented that the commissioners appreciated the presentation Ms. Jackson gave on May 20th and that financial questions were answered satisfactorily.

Commissioner Aycock stated that the Wayne County Commissioners look forward to Ms. Jackson's next presentation now that they have a better understanding of Tailored Plan.

Trillium Health acknowledged and presented funding to the 9th and 20th Judicial District Recovery Courts at the Recovery Together ENC 2024 Conference held on September 13th. Ms. Jackson thanked Commissioner Cummings for providing remarks during the event.

The Trillium Family Weekend at Victory Junction has new dates posted. The dates and application deadlines can be found on Trilliums website. The link is: <https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/health-related-resources-needs/victory-junction>

Ms. Jackson outlined a new NC DHHS report that details the state's expansive and strategic efforts to transform the public behavioral health system to deliver high-quality, equitable, accessible care. The link for the report is: <https://ncmedsoc.org/ncdhrs-releases-new-report-on-transforming-behavioral-health-system/>

The State recognizes that there is a shortage for facility based crisis facilities for children and youth as well as behavioral health urgent care facilities. The State has provided funding for providers to help develop the facilities. A behavioral health urgent care facility for child and youth has been identified for Lenoir County. There are plans for crisis services facilities in Pitt County and New Hanover County. The development of these facilities will assist in preventing visits to the local Emergency Rooms for services.

	<p>Integrative Care of Greater Hickory has been awarded federal grant funding for treatment and recovery services for substance use disorder in rural communities.</p> <p>Ms. Crystal Foster requested additional information regarding the Sea-Level facility and asked if the facility would offer behavioral health services for children.</p> <p>The 18th Annual Eastern North Carolina Gang Conference is scheduled for October 10th at the Wayne Community College.</p> <p>Ms. Jackson shared that Duplin County has been awarded grant funding to help with an accessibility park for children that have I/DD needs. Grants are available to Tier One counties. The link for accessibility playground grant funding applications is: open (ncparks.gov)</p> <p>A detailed Regional Vice President’s report was included in the Board book.</p>
Motion	N/A
X. Regional Board Member Comments	<p>Commissioner Dunn welcomed and congratulated the new board member from Jones County, Ms. Misty Byrd.</p> <p>Ms. Nichols expressed her appreciation to the staff and to Ms. Jackson for her report and her continued hard work.</p> <p>Commissioner Hunt welcomed new board member, Carli Woolard. Ms. Woolard provided personal and professional background information.</p>
Motion	N/A
XI. Governing Board Member Comments	<p>Chairman Keen provided an update on the August 22, 2024 Governing Board meeting and reviewed information from the CEO report.</p> <p>He reviewed pharmacy statistics and expressed concern that according to the health assessment, prescriptions are being misused due to literacy challenges. Mr. Simmons asked that non English communicating individuals in our communities be considered as well. Ms. Jackson offered to present on the pharmacy piece of Tailored Plan or to request another staff member to present to the board. Commissioner Hunt stated that she is beginning to collaborate with local community pharmacies and looks forward to learning more.</p>

	<p>Ms. Foster posted a link to the NC DHHS Pharmacy Newsletter and stated it was a good source of information: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/2024-pharmacy-newsletters</p> <p>Ms. Foster posted a link to Trillium’s website regarding Pharmacy Prior Authorization information and forms: https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/tailored-plan-medicaid-providers-pharmacy-benefits/prior-authorization-forms</p>
Motion	N/A
XII. Chairman Remarks	<p>Chairman Keen stated that the Governing Board is awaiting Secretary Kinsley’s response on the structure of Trillium’s board. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Jackson for her support and hard work.</p> <p>Chairman Keen led the discussion regarding the November Advisory Board meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is during the week of Thanksgiving on November 26th. The board chose to meet on November 19th instead.</p>
Motion	N/A
XIII. Adjournment	Mr. Keen asked for any further business to be brought before the Board. As there was none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.
Motion	Motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn the September 24, 2024 South Central Regional Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Dowe made a second. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

Task items:

- CFAC population information by county to be distributed to Regional Advisory Board members.
- Ms. Jackson to provide additional information of the Sea-Level facility Integrative Care of Greater Hickory
- Mr. Bass to provide a list of TBI providers.
- Ms. Foster requested a copy of the Trillium FY 2024-2025 budget and the TBI allocation.


 Steve P. Keen, South Central Advisory Board Chairperson

11-19-24
 Date


 Lisa A. Jarman, Clerk to the Board

11/19/2024
 Date