



**STATE CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 **Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

<b>Location:</b> Hybrid Meeting Alliance Health 5200 Paramount Parkway West, Morrisville, NC 27560	<b>Replay the Meeting:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/39635ny4">https://tinyurl.com/39635ny4</a> <b>Password:</b> pWapTRV2
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<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	April DeSelms, Chair
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<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Public Meeting
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**ATTENDEES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**ABSENT**

NAME	AFFILIATION/CATCHMENT AREA	NAME	AFFILIATION/CATCHMENT AREA
Jessica Aguilar	Cardinal Innovations	Patty Schaefer	Partners
Jean Andersen	Cardinal Innovations	Lori Richardson	Sandhills
Kenneth Brown	Alliance	Heather Johnson	Cardinal Innovations
Bob Crayton	Cardinal Innovations	Robin Jordan	Cardinal Innovations
April DeSelms	Eastpointe	Jason Burke	Vaya
Crystal Foster	Trillium	Janet Breeding	Cardinal Innovations (call-in)
Pat McGinnis	Vaya	Orion Christy	Vaya
Susan Monroe	Vaya	Mark Fuhrmann	Partners
Johnnie Thomas	Alliance	Ricky Johnson	Trillium (Call-in)
Lorraine Washington	Eastpointe		
Brandon Wilson	Vaya		
Dreama Wilson	Vaya (Call-in)		

**GUESTS**

NAME	AFFILIATION/CATCHMENT AREA	NAME	AFFILIATION/CATCHMENT AREA
Stephen Kirby		Shirley Moore	Partners
Felishia McPherson		Ray Hemachandra	
Sarah Potter	Cardinal CFAC/Partners	Carolyn Manning	
Lara Kehle	KidSCOPE, Chatham and Orange Counties	Julie (no last name)	
Tammy Baity	NC Guardian ad Litem, Forsyth County	Amie Brendle	Partners
Chelsea Allen	Cardinal Innovations Healthcare	Colleen Danson	
Elizabeth Field		Stephen and June Lefebvre	
Holly Connor	IDD Onslow County Local Southern Trillium		

**STAFF**

NAME	AFFILIATION	NAME	AFFILIATION
Chief Deputy Secretary Kinsley	NCDHHS	Kate Barrow	DMHDDSAS- CE&E



DS Richard	DHB- NC Medicaid	Stacey Harward	DMHDDSAS- CE&E
Debra Farrington	DHB- NC Medicaid	Badia Henderson	DMHDDSAS- CE&E
Mya Lewis	DMHDDSAS- IDD	ShaValia Ingram	DMHDDSAS- CE&E
Kenneth Bausell	DHB- IDD	Suzanne Thompson	DMHDDSAS- CE&E
Chief Health Equity Officer Victor Armstrong		Susan Robinson	DMHDDSAS

## 1. Consent Agenda & Approval of September Minutes

<b>Discussion</b>	September minutes were tabled for the November meeting.		
<b>Conclusions</b>			
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	

## 2. Public Comment

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Jessica Aguilar brought copies of vaccine information in Spanish. Members are invited to share the information with Spanish speaking families in their communities. Materials are available electronically and paper copies.</p> <p>Jean Andersen commented that there is an issue involving access to transportation for folks receiving SUD treatment and an issue with the brokers handling the transportation. Have to give notice for a ride 2 weeks in advance, but individuals receiving services are sometimes only given 24 hours' notice to go in, they're unable to do that once the results, not being discharged.</p> <p>Pat McGinnis commented that this could really mean some people go back to jail or prison if they're not doing what they're supposed to do, and they're released from 1 of those places.</p> <p>Frank Messina made public comment about Trillium losing roughly \$5.4 million this past year. A letter was sent to State CFAC, local commissioners and other State representatives.</p> <p>June and Steve Lafave (sp?) made public comment related to appendix K flexibility. Is it permissible to issue standard denials for retainer payments to direct employees, direct care employees. Under the criteria of saying that the only way they can receive a retainer payment is if they show signs and symptoms of COVID. Received a denial for retainer payments.</p>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Kenneth Bausell responded to the comment about Appendix K, stating that he would have someone reach out to the family to answer specific questions related to the case.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	

### 1. Innovations Waiver: Updates & Q&A

**Kenneth Bausell**

**IDD Manager**

**NC Medicaid, Behavioral Health**

<b>Discussion</b>	Kenneth Bausell provided an update on the Innovations Waiver and fielded questions on proposed services.
<b>Conclusions</b>	



Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline

## 2. State CFAC Committee Work

<b>Discussion</b>	In lieu of subcommittee work, the State CFAC discussed the Trillium budget cuts.	
<b>Conclusions</b>		
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## 3. DHB Updates

**Deputy Secretary Dave Richard**  
**Debra Farrington**  
 NC DHHS

<b>Discussion</b>	Deputy Secretary Richard touched on the cuts to Trillium and the DMHDDSAS has been on calls with Trillium. Noted that Trillium was working to engage with community about that conversation. Debra Farrington provided an overview and updates in State Level and Managed Care. She reviewed the Ombudsman services and support data, Healthy Opportunities Pilot, and the Children in Foster Care. She also discussed updates related to Cardinal counties realignment and work being done with the receiving LME/MCOs to support the transition. Meeting with all the Tailored Plan entities to focus on business related activities.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Policy Paper on Children in Foster Care to be released in December for public comment. April DeSelms asked about requesting copies of the Tailored Plan applicants applications.	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline

## 4. Division Updates

**Deepa Avula, Interim Director**  
 DMHDDSAS NC DHHS

<b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Laws introduced Deepa Avula, Interim Director, to SCFAC. She gave a brief overview of her background working with SAMHSA at the federal level working in operations and policy development. She reiterated the importance of hearing from consumer and family members.	
<b>Conclusions</b>		
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## 5. Victor Armstrong

**Chief Health Equity Officer**  
 NC DHHS

<b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Laws announced that Victor Armstrong transitioned to a new role of Chief Health Equity Officer. CHEO Armstrong expressed his gratitude to members and opportunity to engage over the last year and half. Discussed the importance of including people with behavioral health and/or IDD as part of Historically Marginalized Populations, that people are not individually marginalized, but this identity impacts health disparities. He reiterated his excitement and gratitude working with members in the community and plans to bring his experience in behavioral health, IDD and TBI to his new role.	
<b>Conclusions</b>		



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**6. Draft DHHS Suicide Prevention Action Plan**  
**Susan Robinson**  
**NC Division of MHDDSAS**

<b>Discussion</b>	Susan Robinson reviewed the Draft Suicide Action Plan. She collected comments and feedback from participants through the chat.	
<b>Conclusions</b>		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Distribute materials for additional comments and feedback.	Susan Robinson Kate Barrow	

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>
Pat McGinnis motioned. Crystal Foster Seconded.	November 10, 2021