

Southern Region Regional Health Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

Council Members	Voting Member Present = P Absent = A
Jeff Phillips, Chair	P
Beverly Morrow - Vice-Chair	P
Melissa Marshburn, Secretary/Cardinal Innovations Voting Member	P
Alyssa Harris	A
Angela Miccoluci	A
Dolly Clayton	P
Gwen Bartley	P
Janet Breeding	A
Judy Klusman	A
Marcella Beam	P
Neetu Verma	P
Nicole French	A
Pamela Rankin	A
Stephanie Starr	P
Wendy Growcock	A
Cardinal Staff	Non- Voting
King Jones, Member Engagement Director	P
Victoria Avramovic, Regional Affairs Director	P
Laura Wilkicki, Community Operations Business Administrator	P
Trey Suttan, CEO	P
Molly Dean, Chief of Staff	P
Kary Beaman, Sr. Instructional Designer	P
Guests	Non-Voting
Stacey Harward, DHHS	A
Terri-Lynn Fite, Secretary Southern Region Providers Partners Council	P
Lisa Berger, Rowan County DSS	P

1. Call to Order

Jeff Phillips, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and led the meeting. A roll call for attendance was taken.

2. Opening Remarks

King Jones introduced Victoria Avramovic as Cardinal's new southern Regional Affairs Director and a voting member of this council. This will be the last meeting King leads, and Melissa Marshburn will assume meeting facilitation for the next meeting. In January, King shifted into the member engagement area of community operations and has been transitioning this role to date.

3. Approval of the January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Jeff Phillips requested a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes as written and distributed.

Beverly Morrow motioned to approve the minutes as stated. Gwen Bartley seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

5. Union and Cabarrus County Disengagements Update – Trey Suttan

Secretary Cohen made the final decision to approve Union and Cabarrus to move to Partners Health Management beginning September 1; those providers will begin to be paid by Partners and capitation will begin. It's early on in the process and have begun to engage with Partners to transfer the roughly 12,000 members. We set up a dedicated team for the realignment with some outsourced assistance, Christine Dupuch from Canselor Collaborative. She is a former Department employee, and most recently former COO with Vaya - who led the process of disengagement from Vaya to Partners with Rutherford County.

Stanly County has requested disengagement, it's a possibility that the Secretary approves it. There were only three public comments on the Stanly County disengagement website and they were positive for Cardinal – against disengagement. Gwen Bartley has enjoyed working with Cardinal and stated that she anticipates the county members of this group will transition to Partners. As she also represents Rowan and Mecklenburg, she hopes she can stay with Cardinal council. Jeff represents CFAC and doesn't know how this will affect him.

Trey addressed a question about Forsyth's disengagement request. The County has not sent any paperwork to the Secretary. The majority of the concerns the County has expressed have been around the DSS population, they sent us a letter highlighting these concerns and we are making progress addressing all of them. We are hopeful this will turn the disengagement direction.

King has identified the council members that will be affected by the disengagement and has prepared some content for conversation. He displayed the member names and spoke of the affects he anticipates.

First Name	Last Name	Position
Gwen	Bartley	3rd Member/Family
Janet	Breeding	Non-CFAC Member
Dolly	Huffman Clayton	DSS
Angela	Micolucci	Physical Health
Beverly M	Morrow	Board of Directors
Pamela	Rankin	Behav. Health
Neetu	Verma	Stakeholder
Jeff	Philips	CFAC
Judy	Klusman	BOCC
Nicole	French	Flex position
Alyssa	Harris	Rowan CAC
Marcella	Beam	Cabarrus CAC
Wendy	Growcock	Stanly CAC
Stephanie	Starr	Union CAC

Conversations of perception and possibilities surrounded the above table. According to the Charter and each member's position, memberships would be affected. If a member is primarily Union or Cabarrus, unless exceptions made otherwise initiated by the council member, they will transfer to Partners. The Charter outlines the member structure, but there may be some flexibility. For instance, we could add members to get it up to 16 members. The stakeholder positions may have some flexibility, possibly adding a DSS representative so Lisa Berger could continue on as a stakeholder. Technically, Jeff Phillips/Chair/CFAC rep living in Cabarrus County will no longer be a member of the council; however, Jeff does work for a provider and he could take the behavioral health position that Pamela Rankin will likely be vacating since she is Union specific. Beverly Morrow just received word that she will be serving Rowan moving forward at for both CFAC and Board of Directors. There are no plans to realign the Southern Region with the loss of Cabarrus and Union at this time. The Cabarrus and Union Community Advisory Councils will move to Partners.

6. 2021 Regional Health Improvement Plan (RHIP) Build, King Jones

King presented an update on the process of choosing initiatives for each opportunity statement to continue our work on the RHIP.

Last week, Cardinal members of the executive leadership team did some research about the community reinvestment funds allocation process, and found that it would be possible to send out the funds directly for projects already in progress or soon to be, without going through the formal process to vote. This council will need to do some work in collecting the ideas and make their funding decisions by June 30th. The Community Advisory Councils could have good ideas here. We will reconvene in both mid-May and mid-June to review the potential projects to fund. King confirmed that this is only for the counties that will remain with Cardinal, with exceptions to programs involving one or more counties in addition to either Cabarrus or Union. Stanly funding would be dependent on the forthcoming disengagement decision (the full 90-days to decide might end just about early June). But we will continue as things are until then. The targeted amount of funds for the community reinvestments is about \$250,000 per region, and we intend to distribute this as evenly as possible. If there are two different projects being worked on, ultimately the decision is up to this group so we would need all the information about them to decide.

King briefly reminded the council of plan development efforts and over-arching opportunity statement – health disparity. He further explained that our goal today is to clarify the established initiatives of the five opportunity statements and decide which we will allocate the community reinvestment funds. King reviewed all five of the opportunity statements’ initiatives and gave the council the opportunity to comment on each one and decide.

Opportunity Statement #1: Eliminate the first one since Cardinal is already doing, and keep the second two.

- Increase providers located a county level
- Expand telehealth
- Bring initiatives into the community

Opportunity Statement #2: Keep all three

- Increase awareness of the requirements for specialty housing services and other support living options for long-term care options for IDD populations (ICF, AFL, etc.) and individuals with SPMI
- Add programs and/or supports to address SDOH
- Increase housing for complex individuals

Opportunity statement #3: Keep the first one and the last one

- Decrease opioid abuse
- Increase providers located at county level
- Add treatment facilities in the counties

Opportunity statement #4: Keep all three

- Increase programs to address Healthy Lifestyles/Physical Health and Health Disparities
- Increase regional training o the impact of trauma and resources to build resilience to have more trauma informed communities
- Increased integrated care

Opportunity Statement #5: Keep this one

- Build coalitions of community groups to educate parents, stakeholders, and providers on resources and processes and strengthen support resources.

Jeff Phillips requested a motion to approve each of the above initiatives that were selected for community reinvestment funding.

Gwen Bartley motioned to approve the initiatives as stated. Beverly Morrow seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next step is to set a date for our May and June meetings to review the funding needs for each of these. Melissa Marshburn will send out the request for availability and establish a date via email.

7. Adjournment

Jeff Phillips adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Submitted By: Laura Wilkicki, Cardinal Business Operations Administrator