** Piedmont Triad Regional Council**

**Executive Committee**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

12:00 noon

PTRC Headquarters

1398 Carrollton Crossing Drive

Kernersville, NC 27284   
**These Members Present:**

Commissioner Kevin Austin, Yadkin County

Mayor Jimmy Blake, Town of Biscoe

Councilman Darryl Carter, City of Eden

Mayor Alvin Foster, Town of Yanceyville

Chairman Darrell Frye, Randolph County

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**Pilot Mountain**

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Commissioner Nathaniel Hall, Caswell County

Councilwoman Peggy Leight, Town of Walkertown

Councilman Rick McCraw, City of King

Commissioner Rick Morris, Stokes County

Commissioner Scott Needham, Town of Pilot Mountain

Commissioner Mark Richardson, Rockingham County

Councilman Donald Scarborough, City of High Point

Councilwoman Ann Schneider, Town of Oak Ridge

Commissioner Don Truell, Davidson County

Commissioner Brent Ward, Town of Mocksville

Commissioner Steve Yokeley, City of Mount Airy

**Members Absent**

Councilwoman Marikay Abuzuaiter, City of Greensboro

Mayor Buddy Boggs, Town of Haw River

Commissioner Eddie Boswell, Alamance County

Commissioner Alan Branson, Guilford County

Alderwoman Renee Bryant, City of Randleman

Council Member Jim Butler, City of Burlington

Commissioner Fleming El-Amin, Forsyth County

Councilman John Larson, City of Winston-Salem

Commissioner Wayne Moore, Town of Jonesville

Terry Renegar, Davie County

Commissioner Dottie Robinson, Montgomery County

Commissioner Van Tucker, Surry County

Mayor Larry Ward, Town of Denton

**Chairman Steve Yokeley welcomed the PTRC Executive Committee and called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. He welcomed Pilot Mountain’s delegate, Commissioner Scott Needham to his first meeting. Mr. Yokeley requested a moment of silence and then led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

1. **Presentation: Medicaid Transformation, Bob Cleveland, Aging Planner**
   1. Mr. Bob Cleveland stated that Medicaid is going to transition from a fee for service to managed care.
   2. Our understanding of healthcare is changing. It has been found that only 20% of our overall health is determined by medical interventions. The largest determining factor for health at 40% is socioeconomic factors. Health behaviors determine 30% of health. That tells us that social supports do more than medical interactions to determine health. That can be seen as a basis for the need for this transformation in our healthcare system.
   3. Mr. Cleveland stated that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) was given permission by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to use Medicaid funds to pay for non-medical services that impact health in the state’s transition to Medicaid Managed Care.
   4. NC DHHS is investing $650 million over 5 years in 2-4 regional pilots to address non-medical drivers of health. Regional pilots must cover two–three counties and have a mix of urban and rural communities. The initiative is called “Healthy Opportunities”.
   5. Pilots will include healthcare systems, community-based organizations, managed care companies and others to provide services to Medicaid recipients who have both a medical and social need.
   6. There are 4 domains of healthy opportunities: food, housing, non-medical transportation and interpersonal violence. Under the food category falls nutrition education, SNAP and home delivered meals. Housing improvements may include mold remediation, weatherization, etc. The transportation aspect focuses on decreasing social isolation because it has been found to be as detrimental as smoking to your health.
   7. These pilot programs will test evidence-based interventions designed to reduce costs and improve health by more intensely addressing housing instability, transportation insecurity, food insecurity, interpersonal violence and toxic stress for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. If chosen, PTRC would serve as the conduit of services to the person which is something that we already do.
   8. PTRC’s involvement began last fall with the convening of monthly meetings of the region’s healthcare systems and human service organizations in an attempt to bring a Medicaid Pilot to the Piedmont. Our effort is titled “Healthy Opportunities of the Piedmont.” At the monthly meetings, the counties of Forsyth, Guilford and Rockingham were identified as the three counties to initially be served by the Pilot.
   9. PTRC was chosen by the members to serve as the Lead Pilot Entity for the Pilot initiative.
   10. The Lead Pilot Entity’s responsibilities include developing an HSO network, advising care management teams, providing financial and quality oversight, convening key pilot stakeholders, providing technical assistance and collecting and submitting data. Many of which we are already doing.
   11. This summer, NC DHHS will release the RFP for the Medicaid Pilots. PTRC and our network plan to apply. In November 2019, the Pilots will be announced. Following that announcement, pilots will have one year of capacity and infrastructure building. $100 million is potentially available for these efforts.
   12. Mr. Matthew Dolge added that this is moving fast and the money is already starting to flow. PTRC is seen as a statewide leader and we could very well be chosen as one of the Pilots. This would be a major undertaking that would require the creation of a whole new department. The annual budget of this project is equal to our entire organizational budget. But we are confident in our ability because we are already doing these things and we have many necessary relationships already established. Because of the scope of this we want you all to be informed every step of the way.
2. **Presentation: Anticipated Revenue for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Ms. Robin Shelton, Finance Director**
   1. Ms. Robin Shelton stated that the finance department is taking this opportunity to let the Board know how the budget for the upcoming fiscal year is looking. These are all tentative as no organizations have released their final numbers yet. This is just our anticipated projections.
   2. As of now, we anticipate an increase of $866,078 to our overall budget.
   3. Our fringe benefits rate will see an anticipated increase of 2%. This increase is driven by the state retirement plan and health care costs. We think we will see a decrease in our indirect cost rate of 2.5%.
   4. We will present the full budget packet to the Board at the June meeting.
   5. Mr. Matthew Dolge added that from a healthcare standpoint we had a good year. Our renewal rate was better than we expected with an increase of around 4.8%. We left this item higher in the budget to help build our reserve since we are self-insured. The state retirement system sent out their projections for the year and it was a sizeable increase for the next 3 years. But all in all, it looks like a strong year for us and we feel confident about it.
3. **Action Item: Request for approval of March 6, 2019 PTRC Executive Committee minutes, Steve Yokeley, PTRC Chairman**
   1. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Darrell Frye.
   2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peggy Leight.
   3. Request for approval of the March 6, 2019 PTRC Executive Committee minutes was approved.
4. **Action Item: Request for authorization to submit contract bids for North Carolina Department of Public Safety’s “Recidivism Reduction Services,” Matthew Dolge, Executive Director** 
   1. The Criminal Justice Department requests approval to submit bid proposals to the NC Department of Public Safety for renewal provision of “Recidivism Reduction Services” programming in Davidson, Davie, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties.
   2. This program supports contracts for local community corrections programs that provide evidence-based cognitive behavioral instruction classes, substance abuse treatment and support services to high-risk/high-need adult probationers. The Department will work with local “Project Reentry” community partners in delivering the services.
   3. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Kevin Austin.
   4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rick McCraw.
   5. Request for authorization to submit contract bids for North Carolina Department of Public Safety’s “Recidivism Reduction Services” was approved.
5. **Action Item: Request for authorization to submit the State Fiscal Year 2020 Aging Funding Plan and to enter into contracts with the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, county governments, and funded partners for the grant period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director**
   1. Each year the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging (PTRC AAA) receives federal and state funds to support county programming for adults 60+ and their caregivers.
   2. The Home and Community Care Block Grant funds are administered by PTRC AAA and are allocated to our 12 counties based on the North Carolina Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF). The formula is weighted based on population with each county receiving a base of $60,000. Funded Partners for HCCBG are recommended by County Planning Committees and contracts are with PTRC AAA and each county. A 10% local match, cash or in-kind, is required.
   3. The Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) funds for State Fiscal Year 2020 are distributed to our region by county. Each county receives a base of $5,000 and additional funds based on the population over age 70. No match required.
   4. The Legal Service funds for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 are required and mandated by the Older Americans Act. There are to be distributed to Legal Aide of NC ($46,447), Davie County -Senior Services Dept. ($1,898) and YVEDDI, Inc.($8,034). A 10% local match of cash or in-kind, is required.
   5. Mr. Kevin Austin asked if they could see the formula. Mr. Dolge stated that it’s the state’s formula, not ours but we can provide all the information that was given to us.
   6. There being no more questions, a motion was made by Mr. Mark Richardson.
   7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Don Truell.
   8. Request for authorization to submit the State Fiscal Year 2020 Aging Funding Plan and to enter into contracts with the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, county governments, and funded partners for the grant period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 was approved.
6. **Action Item: Request for approval and acceptance of $634,500 in funds from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director**
   1. The Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) submitted a Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) grant in March 2019 support the development of a model regional network for engaging community members, local governments, non-profit organizations, and businesses in creating an inclusive, healthy, and resilient local food economy. The application requesting funds of $634,500 was approved by the BCBS Foundation on April 26, 2019. The grant award was leveraged using local match funding of $171,500 over 4 years. The sources of this match are $35,000 in USDA grant funding already awarded, $90,000 in local program matching funds and $46,500 of in-kind funding from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council over a 4-year period.
   2. The funds will be used to implement a food system assessment, an initiative to coordinate and support food network stakeholders, improve data collection and analysis for smaller agricultural operations, provide infrastructure for resource sharing, coordinate virtual and in-person convening to build relationships and reduce barriers for participation by building ownership and supporting policies that grow the food economy within the Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council’s 12 county region. There is also funding for a full-time coordinator over the course of the grant period.
   3. Mr. Nate Hall asked how these dollars can be accessed at the county level. Mr. Dolge responded that we are providing staffing support and will be helping with a model for grant funds. Every county will be a part of this assessment and it will help determine the needs within the region.
   4. Mr. Kevin Austin asked who the points of contact in the counties are. Mr. Dolge stated the Food Council representatives and the cooperative extensions.
   5. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Mark Richardson.
   6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Austin.
   7. Request for approval and acceptance of $634,500 in funds from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation was approved
7. **Action Item: Request authorization to enter into contract with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina for funding in the amount of $138,000 with no required match for the period May 2019 – May 2020, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director**
   1. Mr. Matthew Dolge state that as a result of a presentation made at a Forsyth County CEO Human Service Organization gathering on January 11, 2019, Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust (KBR) personnel approached PTRC to apply for a health improvement funding opportunity titled Public Education on Value-Based Care. PTRC successfully won the grant award from KBR for $302,000. The KBR team shared our Request for Proposal response and budget with their colleagues at the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Foundation. In an unprecedented move, BCBS Foundation decided to co-fund our application with KBR citing, “a critical time for your leadership in the region and our state.” This funding will assist in educating North Carolinians about Medicaid Transformation and the need to prepare community-based organizations for this transition.
   2. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Darrell Frye.
   3. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peggy Leight.
   4. Request authorization to enter into contract with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina for funding in the amount of $138,000 with no required match for the period May 2019 – May 2020 was approved.
8. **Executive Director’s Report, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director**
   1. Mr. Dolge stated that the Bob Pate fund will be sponsoring with the Yadkin River Keeper to hold 3 paddles during the summer to bring people to the river.
   2. Please plan to join us at our Workforce Development Summit on May 29th at Grandover Resort. It will feature a national speaker, local employers, and an update on the Talent Alignment Strategy. We are partnering with the Piedmont Triad Partnership for this event.
   3. We will present our full budget at our June meeting.
9. **Around the Region**
   1. Mr. Don Scarborough announced that the High Point Rockers will play their first home game this week.
   2. Ms. Ann Schneider thanked Kelly Larkins and Anna Leonard for their work on the streetscape plan for Oak Ridge. The town is very excited about it.
   3. Mr. Brent Ward invited everyone to the Daniel Boone Family Festival on Saturday, May 4th in Mocksville.
   4. Mr. Scott Needham invited everyone to Pilot Mountain’s Mayfest on May 10th.
   5. Mr. Steve Yokeley announced the Budbreak Wine and Beer Festival which will be held on May 4th.

**There being no other business, a motion of adjournment was made by Ms. Peggy Leight and seconded by Mr. Rick McCraw. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.**

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**Steve Yokeley, PTRC Chair Katie Mitchell, Clerk to the Board**