

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**May 23, 2024  
 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

*The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Vaya Health conducted its regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at the Drake Educational Center, located at 210 Phillips Street, Franklin, NC 28734; with PUBLIC ACCESS via electronic communication only (real-time two-way audio and/or visual communication, i.e., telephone and Microsoft Teams).*

<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Attending:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
<b>Nancy Baker</b>	X	
<b>Ronnie Beale, Chair</b>	X	
<b>Dan Brummitt, Vice Chair</b>	X	
<b>Billy Kennedy</b>	X	
<b>Mike Norris</b>	X	

**Also participating in Executive Committee:**

*Tracy J. Hayes, Area Director & Chief Executive Officer; Steve Martin, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer; Larry Hill, Executive Vice President (EVP) & Chief Financial Officer; Danielle Wittekind, Chief Human Resources Officer; J.K. Coward, Board Attorney; Ricky Graves, Board Member & CFAC Representative; Chris Hyland, Consultant; Trevor Sharp, Service Desk Manager; Zane Ullman, Support Specialist II; Ashley Logan, Board Support & Administrative Professional; Christina Rose Carter, Executive Chief of Staff & Secretary to the Board; and no members of the public.*

**A. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Ronnie Beale, Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Mr. Beale introduced Mr. Ricky Graves, Vaya Region 4 CFAC Representative and Rockingham County resident, who has been appointed to the Governing Board. Mr. Graves provided a brief professional summary and thanked the Executive Committee for welcoming him to participate with the meeting.

Ms. Christina Rose Carter, Executive Chief of Staff & Secretary to the Board, facilitated roll call at the request of Mr. Beale, confirming a quorum of the Executive Committee.

**B. Approval of Agenda and March 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Dan Brummitt made a motion to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes, as presented. Mr. Billy Kennedy seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously approved.

**C. Report of the Chair**

Mr. Ronnie Beale, Executive Committee Chair, shared information about the Macon County Behavioral Health Task Force, which took place earlier in the day, with the committee, and thanked the Vaya staff and Vaya Board Members who attended.

**D. Report of the Area Director and Chief Executive Officer**

Ms. Tracy Hayes, Area Director & Chief Executive Officer, reminded the committee members of the upcoming Center for Integrative Health, insight 2 innovation (i2i) conference on Jun. 11-12, 2024 in Raleigh, NC. Additionally, Ms. Hayes shared that Vaya staff would be presenting at the conference, including Dr. Heather Cree, Vice President of Pharmacy Operations, and Ms. Ashley Parks, Child and Family Treatment Continuum Director. Ms. Hayes continued with a reminder of the i2i winter conference in Dec. 2024. Ms. Hayes encouraged any board members interested in attending to communicate with Ms. Christina Carter, Executive Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board.

Ms. Hayes continued the presentation with an update regarding the Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP) program that launched in 16 counties of Vaya’s catchment area on May 15, 2024. Ms. Hayes shared the HOP program is a first of its kind in the nation and is designed to deliver evidence-based non-medical interventions related to housing, food, transportation, interpersonal safety, and toxic stress to high-needs Medicaid enrollees. Ms. Hayes extended an offer to the committee for a presentation by Ms. Sarah Frei, HOP Director, to the Board of Directors. Ms. Hayes updated the committee on the collective LME/MCO April 2 presentation to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) on Medicaid. The presentation included an introduction of the North Carolina Association for Public Community Health Plans (NCAPCHP). The newly formed association is a collaborative effort and commitment to strengthening and sustaining North Carolina’s public health system.

Ms. Hayes then updated the committee on the submission of two (2) responses to separate Requests for Proposal (RFP) issued by the NCDHHS. Both RFP submissions are currently under review with NCDHHS. Mr. Billy Kennedy inquired of the staffing requirements anticipated if awarded either contract. Ms. Hayes responded, and briefly advised of the staffing preparations that are proactively underway to ensure timely success of staffing upon contract award.

Ms. Hayes then addressed the committee regarding the housing emergency in Henderson, NC impacting Vance County, where a local hotel was shut down with inadequate notice impacting working families in the community that do not have access to affordable housing. Ms. Hayes commended the Vaya staff and providers involved in mitigation, particularly Mr. Elliot Clark, Community Relations Director, who worked around the clock to ensure community families have the support and services they need, in the community where they live. Mr. Dan Brummitt shared the allegations against the hotel that prompted the closure are under investigation with local law enforcement.

Ms. Hayes concluded her report by informing the committee members of unexpected and disheartening news regarding the recent tragic loss of a long-time Blue Ridge/ Western Highlands/ Smoky/ Vaya staff member, Mr. Paul Tax, in an apparent hiking accident. Ms. Hayes shared with the committee the importance of this member of the Vaya family and stressed the significance of the loss of this individual to their family, the community, and to their fellow Vayans. Ms. Hayes, at the request of committee

members and Mr. Beale, asked Ms. Carter to share with the committee information regarding available support and donation contributions in support of the family.

At the request of Mr. Beale, Mr. Steve Martin, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, reminded the committee members discussion in closed session is to prevent the disclosure of competitive health care information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §122C-126.1, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes; or to consult with attorneys pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(3).

**Mr. Ricky Graves left the meeting.**

**E. Closed Session**

Mr. Ronnie Beale, Executive Committee Chair, called for a motion to enter closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of competitive health care information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §122C-126.1, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes; or to consult with attorneys pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(3); or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or conditions of appointment, of an individual public officer or employee pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(6).

Ms. Nancy Baker made a motion for the executive committee to enter closed session. Mr. Dan Brummitt seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee entered closed session at 2:03 p.m.

Mr. Dan Brummitt made a motion for the executive committee to resume open session. Mr. Mike Norris seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee resumed open session at 3:19 p.m.

**F. Other Business**

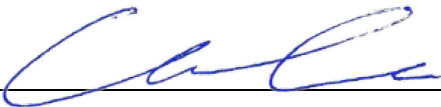
No other business was discussed.

**G. Adjournment**

Ms. Nancy Baker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mike Norris seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

  
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Christina Rose Carter, MPA  
Executive Chief of Staff & Secretary to the Board