**Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, Inc.**

**Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of July 24, 2019**

**Attending**:

Board Members: Linda Tripp (Chair), Jeff Rovitz, Scott Thomas, John Thompson (by phone), Laurie Scott.

Staff: Claire Parde

**Discussion Summary**:

**Report on New Board Member Orientation**

Linda and Claire reported on the orientation provided to Casey O’Brien, Assistant Dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness at Columbia Greene Community College, who will be presented for election at the August Board meeting. The meeting occurred on July 18th in Claire’s office over lunch. Casey asked good questions and provided positive feedback on the process.

It was agreed that since Linda participated in that meeting, it makes sense for her to serve as Casey’s Board Mentor. In the future, we will ensure that we select Board Mentors prior to the orientation meeting so the Mentor can participate as well.

**Review of Board Mentor Program Descriptions**

The Committee revisited the Board Mentor Program Description for Mentors, as well as reviewed the recently drafted Board Mentor Program Description for New Board Members. Following minor revisions to the latter, these will be shared with the Entire Board as part of the Governance Chair’s Report at either the August or October meetings, time permitting.

**Plans for August Board Meeting**

Claire reported that the Alliance for Better Health will present to the Board at the August meeting. CMH has also been invited to present on recent changes to its obstetrical program.

**Representation from Network Member, CMH**

Claire reported that she has recently been discussing CMH representation on the Board with Jay Cahalan, the CEO. Given the demands on the time of senior staff members at CMH, it has been challenging to identify a person who could fulfill this role. It was suggested that it might be a Trustee might serve as CMH’s representative on our Board. Claire will pursue this idea with Jay.

**Plan for reporting on the Strategic Plan**

Claire reported that she presented a proposal for implementing the Strategic Plan to the Executive Committee, which was approved. She will prepare additional work for the Strategic Planning Committee to review at a meeting in September. Thereafter, this will be presented to the Entire Board in October.

Additionally, it was decided that the Strategic Plan will be referenced at every board meeting, most likely as part of the ED’s Report.

**Next Meeting:**

The group decided to eliminate the September meeting. Therefore, the next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 21, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.**