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

**Executive Director’s Report to the Entire Board at its Meeting of June 6, 2018**

**Program Updates**

NYConnects Program Update

Subsequent to my last report, NYSOFA issued an allocation table for the NYConnects Program which allotted $99,928 to Columbia County for the 12-month period starting April 1, 2018. We have prepared a draft budget for this amount and will submit to NYSOFA when requested. In the meantime, we are hoping to contract with the County for this amount so that expenses, which we are incurring, can be reimbursed timely.

NYConnects staff are currently delivering a significant amount of off-site programming, as follows:

DSS                   Every Thursday 9-3

Copake              1st Friday of the month 9-1

New Lebanon    3rd Friday of the month 12-3

Canaan               Last Wednesday of the month 10-2

Bliss Towers      Every Tuesday 1-4

Navigator Program Update

We have submitted a budget and work plan for the 7-month contract that begins on October 1, 2018 and ends on April 30, 2019. Approval is pending. NYSDOH has stated the RFP will be released in the early summer.

In addition to 21 other locations throughout Columbia and Greene Counties, Navigator Program staff are now delivering off-site programming at Bliss Towers every Tuesday from 1-4.

Rural Health Network Program Update

Following the restoration of funds to the RHN Program at the 2017-2018 funding levels, we submitted a new budget in the amount of $142,037, with justification and a revised work plan. The RHN RFP was issued on May 11th. Happily, there are no provisions which would preclude our application. Applications must be completed entirely on the NYS Grants Gateway and are due on June 28th.

Transportation Program Update

The Transportation Program has begun its work with the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, or VEIC, to conduct a thorough evaluation and strategic planning study of the program, funded by the Foundation for Community Health.

DSRIP

On April 30th, we executed a Phase III contract with BHNNY and on Monday, May 14th, met with Meg Wallingford, the new COO, to discuss possible contract work

**Board and Community Relations**

Since our last board meeting in April…

* On April 16th, I facilitated a meeting of providers of prevention, treatment and recovery services organized by Beth Schuster at Twin County Recovery Services
* On April 19th, I attended the Community Forum on Mental Health Issues and Services hosted by the Coxsackie-Athens School District, which I helped to organize
* On April 20th, I attended a workshop on Value Based Payments organized by MHA
* On April 26th, the Tobacco-Free Action Program hosted its annual Partners in Prevention Breakfast at Solaris
* On April 27th, I participated in the statewide PHIP contractor call to discuss transportation
* On May 1st, I was a guest on the radio show hosted by Eric Martin on Oldies 93.5
* On May 3rd, most Consortium supervisors attended the JSEC training at CGCC on social media
* On May 22nd, I attended the semi-annual meeting of the NYSHealth Foundation’s Community Advisory Committee in NYC
* On Thursday, May 24th, we had our 20th Anniversary Celebration at Hudson Hall on Warren Street. The event was attended by 75 people, including 13 current staff members, 6 former staff members, and 8 board members. We were the grateful recipients of a citation from the NYS Assembly via Assemblymember Didi Barrett’s Office, a proclamation from the NYS Senate via Senator Kathleen Marchione’s Office, a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman John Faso’s Office, and a letter of congratulation from Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

**Upcoming Events**

* On Saturday, June 2nd, I will be attending the Hospital Ball at the Point in Catskill.
* On Monday, June 4th, I will be attending the Foundation for Community Health’s Annual Meeting at Geer Village in Canaan, CT from 5-8 pm, where I will be presenting on the Transportation Program.
* On Tuesday, June 19th, I will be attending the Greenport Gardens Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
* On Monday, June 25th, I will be attending a luncheon of the Twin County Recovery Services Board of Directors at Creekside in Catskill
* On Wednesday, June 27th, I will be attending the PHIP Advisory Committee Meeting at St. Mary’s in Troy