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

**Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of September 23, 2020**

**Attending**:

Board Members: Linda Tripp (Chair), Jeff Rovitz, Scott Thomas, and John Thompson

Staff: Ashling Kelly

**Discussion Summary**:

**Review of Full Board Assessment**

The Committee reviewed the compilation of responses to the Board Assessment. There were twelve respondents; this reflects a 71% response rate, which the group felt was a great percentage. While there were a few disagree and only two strongly disagree responses, the Committee felt the overall evaluation from the Board was exceedingly positive, a pretty even distribution of agree and strongly agree. Members felt this indicates a need for some adjustments rather than changes.

In the Board Evaluation section, the Committee agreed that the wording of Q2, regarding review of the Consortium’s Mission Statement, may have caused confusion, and will examine the wording in a future meeting.

Additionally, Q15, “The board takes responsibility for recruiting new members,” had a significant number of neutral responses. As there is often little opportunity for Board members to recruit new members because most of the Board consists of Consortium members, this may not be appropriately worded.

While reviewing the responses to Q33, which solicits suggestions of what the Board should do differently, the Committee noted a request for feedback from people the Consortium serves. They agreed that hearing personal stories about how consumers found the agency, how they were helped, and how that has affected them, may be useful and interesting to Board members.

By and large there was great agreement that “we enjoy being together” and “our time is well spent”, which brought a smile to the face of all at the meeting.

As far as the Self Evaluation section goes we found all agree and strongly agree responses with just a few neutral responses. This helps us to feel that our vetting and on-boarding process for new Board members is adequate. That all Board members understand the mission of the Healthcare Consortium and can describe the work it does shows the depth of commitment Board members have to their participation and the Consortium.

Q15 in the Self-Evaluation section, respondents were asked for three to five issues the Board should focus its attention on in the next year; funding, planning for the future, and, advocacy were mentioned several times.

The group discussed Q16, which asks what the organization’s most important impact should be in the next ten years; the Committee felt that ten years may be too long a time period to project forward, and it was suggested that a shorter time period, possibly three years, would be better.

When the committee next meets it will look at both some of the possible issues with the assessment form itself as well as the few areas where responses indicate a possible need or adjustment to how the Board operates.

When Linda provides the committee report at the next Board meeting she will also offer to all Board members a request that anyone who sees areas where the Board might improve its functioning to contact her directly so she might better understand the member’s ideas and thoughts.

Because the October 28th meeting was moved up to September to allow time to review the assessment results prior to the October Board meeting, the committee discussed whether to meet again before year’s end. Linda will discuss the possibility of a December meeting with Claire.

**Next Meeting: TBD**