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

**Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of October 27, 2021**

**Participants**:

Board Members: Robin Andrews (Interim Chair), Raina Cashdollar, Jeff Rovitz, Scott Thomas, John Thompson

Staff: Claire Parde, Ashling Kelly

**Discussion Summary**:

**Annual Recognition event**

The group agreed that the Consortium’s Annual Recognition Event, at which the Friend of the Consortium Awards will be conferred upon Jeff Rovitz and Linda Tripp, should be planned as a virtual event, pivoting to an in-person event if circumstances allow. Staff will contact CCE to obtain biographical information on Linda Tripp and Jeff will submit his own. Claire will offer remarks about Jeff, as he was president upon her hiring and mentored Claire, and about Linda, with whom she worked at CCE prior to her employment at the Consortium. The December Board meeting’s agenda will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Recognition event will begin at 3:15 p.m. Non-Board invitees will be sent the event link with a later start time so that they may join the event following adjournment of the business meeting.

**Governance Committee Chair**

Since Linda Tripp’s retirement, Robin has been serving as the Interim Governance Chair. Robin indicated that she is willing and able to continue serving in this capacity.

**Board Secretary**

Robin reported that her efforts to fill the role of Secretary have been unsuccessful thus far but she will keep trying. Robin will report on the Secretary search in her December report to the Board of Directors.

**Board Membership Changes**

Robin reminded the Committee that her second term as Board President ends in April 2022, so candidates for Board President will need to be identified. Scott Thomas indicated that he would consider the role, but cautioned that he would need to consult with the incoming Director of MHA, who starts work on December 1st, prior to making any commitments.

Claire reported that Linda Tripp recommended Rebecca Polmateer replace her as CCE’s network member representative on the Board; Claire will follow up on this idea by consulting with CCE’s Executive Director.

Dave Rosetti will be taking Jeff’s place as Executive Director at MHA. Once he arrives, Jeff and Claire will consult with him regarding the Mental Health Association’s representative on the Board.

The group noted the need to actively recruit younger members since many current members are approaching their retirement. Claire also expressed an interest in recruiting members from Greene County, and will consult with Mike Gelfand and Katie Oldakowski for their suggestions.

At the next meeting, the Governance Committee will review board member terms, attendance records, and generate recommitment letters for existing members whose terms will expire in April 2022.

**Next Meeting: January 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**