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

**Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of July 27, 2022**

**Attending**:

Board Members: Robin Andrews (Chair), Becky Polmateer

Staff: Claire Parde, Ashling Kelly

*Although unable to attend the meeting, Committee member Casey O’Brien reviewed the assessment results and submitted his thoughts and comments to the committee via email.*

**Discussion Summary**:

**Review of Full Board Assessment**

The Committee reviewed the compilation of responses to the Board Assessment. There were 14 respondents, which was considered a 100% response rate, given that our two newest members were excused from the exercise. While there were a few responses indicating disagreement on individual items, no item had more than one respondent indicating disagreement, and the responses to most items were clustered around the agree/strongly agree response options. For these reasons, the Committee felt that, overall, the survey response was indicative of an engaged and cohesive Board.

In the Board Evaluation section, Q17 that states, “The board periodically evaluates its own effectiveness, assessing members individually and as a group” generated the most varied response, including three members who indicated that they were “not sure.” Given that the survey is itself a tool for evaluating the effectiveness of the board and its members, the group wondered if there was some confusion about its purpose. They also wondered if the Board may have other expectations for how this might be done, such as one-on-one interviews. Robin noted that if the Board appeared to be facing more challenges, it might make sense to check in with members individually. However, in the absence of that need, the Assessment Tool is the Committee’s principal method for evaluating the Board’s function.

Also of note, in the Meetings section, in response to Q29 that states, “Our board meetings are frequently fun,” most respondents were neutral. This lukewarm response may be related to the meeting modality, which has been virtual for over two years.

Responses regarding online committee meetings and hybrid board meetings indicated that most respondents were satisfied with the current format.

Q15 in the Self Evaluation section asked respondents to list 3-5 issues on which the Board should focus its attention in the next year. The comments generated a few themes, including financial sustainability, board composition, and programming. Because the purpose of the assessment is to provide feedback and direction to the Governance Committee, the group discussed ways they might respond to some of the issues raised. Including certain topics and issues in the discussion portion of the board meeting agenda and consumer focus groups are possibilities the committee will explore further.

**Next Meeting:** October 26, 2022