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

**Report to the Board, December 5, 2018**

**Program Updates**

Rural Health Network Program Update

On November 20th, we submitted a request to modify the budget of the existing RHN contract ending December 31, 2018 and it was approved the next day. At this time, we are on track to fully exhaust that contract by expensing a contract with Kathode Ray to create a website for the Columbia Greene Addiction Coalition, an entirely new phone system, and a new server and associated hardware to support our network.

On November 23rd, we were advised that our five-year contract starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2023 has been approved by the Office of the State Comptroller.

Navigator Program Update

On November 26th, Joseph Tine started work as a full-time Navigator, replacing Kelly McGiffert, who was promoted to a role within NYConnects.

NYConnects Program Update

The NYConnects Program now has three Information and Assistance Specialists—Lynda Scheer, Taylor Wenk, and Kelly McGiffert—who are very much enjoying the team approach. They have moved into the three-person office once occupied by the Cancer Services Program.

Securing Support for the Community Health Worker Project (the SUNY Women’s Health Project)

 We have been invited to submit an application to the Dyson Foundation for General Operating Support, which, if granted, will be used, in part, to support the Community Health Worker Project (formerly the SUNY Women’s Health Project) once it comes under the Consortium’s umbrella in the early part of 2019.

Tobacco

The Request for Proposals from the Bureau of Tobacco Control (BTC) at NYSDOH was issued on November 13, 2018. The RFP is largely unchanged from the last competitive procurement cycle, and certainly nothing in the RFP precludes us from applying. The allocation for Columbia and Greene Counties is $300,000, a slight reduction from our current $319,000. We have submitted a Letter of Intent to apply and Karen and her team are already preparing our application, which is due January 7, 2019.

DSRIP

I am happy to report that we are now contracted with Circulation, the web-based platform that is being utilized by the two Albany-area DSRIP Performing Provider Systems (PPS’s), the Alliance for Better Health (“the Alliance”) and Better Healthcare for Northeastern NY (BHNNY), and have received our first training. I expect that the first trip will be dispatched to the Consortium within the month.

In other DSRIP news, small efforts on my part have generated thousands of dollars in revenue for the agency. The Phase III contract provides many opportunities for earning, so I am actively trying to complete as many reimbursable tasks as I can.

**Board and Community Relations**

Past Events

* On October 12th, I attended the semi-annual meeting of the NYSHealth Foundation’s Community Advisory Committee meeting in NYC
* On October 18th, I met with Gertrude O’Sullivan from the Foundation for Community Health regarding the Transportation Efficiency Study
* On November 15th I attended the Capital Behavioral Health Network Member Meeting in Albany
* On November 30th, I attended CGCC President Jim Campion’s Community Breakfast, at which Terri McGee Ward, Elena Mosley and our own Greg Mosley were honored.

Upcoming Events

* On Friday, December 7th, I will attend the retirement party for the Greene County DCS, the Wonderful Maggie Graham.
* On Tuesday, December 11th, we will have an agency-wide staff training on Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment
* On Wednesday, December 12th, ReEntry Columbia will be having its Holiday Gathering at the First Reformed Church on Green Street, from 3 to 5 p.m.
* On Thursday, December 13th, we will welcome FCH-funded transportation programs from NY and CT
* The **Strategic Planning Committee** will have its next meeting on **December 14th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
* Linda Tripp, Chair of the Governance Committee, and Claire will have the first in a series of very informal lunch meetings with a small group of board members on January 14, 2019. This is an effort to engage and support relatively new board members or those returning from an absence. Another such meeting is currently being scheduled.