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

**Executive Director’s Report to the Board, June 5, 2019**

**Program Updates**

**New program contract updates**

We have been working with NYSDOH to execute our new contracts for the Tobacco Control and Navigator Programs. The Tobacco Contract was approved on May 30, 2019. We were notified on June 3rd that the Navigator budget was approved.

Our Rural Health Network contract budget, which began on January 1, 2019, must be modified. This will be accomplished later this month.

**Transportation Program Update**

On April 11th, we executed a second Memorandum of Understanding with CMH for transportation services that permit us to transport patients from the Hospital’s Psych Unit to locations beyond the courthouse.

We continue to be dispatched trips through the Circulation Platform by care managers who are coordinating with us closely. We have also been successfully reimbursed for those trips.

**Personnel Updates**

* The Consortium’s paid intern, who will work 21 hours per week in the NYConnects Program from June 3rd through August 30th, started earlier this week. Lisa Thomas has arranged her schedule for the first month, which will include the opportunity to attend the ACUU Conference as well as participate in a number of outreach events. She will also accompany the two other Information and Assistance Specialists to their off-site service delivery sites, including DSS.
* A new driver, Hal Hughes, started his employment with us as a driver, and another driver is currently being processed for hiring.

**Board and Community Relations—Recent Past**

* Attended the New York State Public Health Association Conference in Cortland, NY on Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd.
* Participated in the semi-annual meeting of the Community Advisory Committee at the NYS Health Foundation in NYC on Monday, May 6th
* Met with BHNNY about their Community Health Worker Initiative on May 9th
* Participated in the semi-annual meeting of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Board on May 10th
* Participated in an in-person meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catskill-Hudson Area Health Education Center in Newburgh on May 17th
* Attended the Rural ReEntry Conference on May 22nd
* Moderated the Opioid Forum jointly hosted by CMH, Twin County Recovery Services and the Greene County Rural Health Network on May 22nd
* Attended theAssembly Hearing on Rural Health at the Empire State Plaza on May 31st in the company of colleagues from NYSARH who testified. The Testimony was recorded and is available at <https://www.appliedweb.org/bulletin/new-york-state-assembly-hearing-rural-health-care-services-may-31-2019>.

**Board and Community Relations--Looking Ahead**

* On June 6th, Karen dePeyster, Lisa Heintz and I will attend the Greene County Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Gala in Coxsackie.
* One June 11th, I will participate in the training on patient engagement at TCRS
* On the evening of June 11th, I will be providing a Grantwriting 101 workshop to the board members of Columbia County Pathways to Recovery, CCPR, at the Ghent Town Hall
* On June 19th, I will be attend the Open House of the Capital Behavioral Health Network
* On Monday, June 24th, I will be in NYC, attending an in-person meeting of the Stakeholder Workgroup on Public Reporting of Primary Care Quality
* From Monday, July 29th through Monday, August 5th, I will be on vacation in Nebraska and Kansas, but very much back and looking forward to our next board meeting on August 7th!