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

**Executive Director’s Report to the Board, August 7, 2019**

**Program Updates**

**New contract updates**

Both the new Tobacco and Navigator contracts are now fully executed. The new Tobacco contract started Monday, July 1, and the new Navigator contract started on Thursday, August 1st. As usual, wage adjustments for program staff were tied to the new contract year, and were felt in the first August payroll.

**New project update**

The Helpers for Health Project, which began on April 1st, is going well. The activities include outreach, education, and individual service delivery, which began on May 15th. We are very excited by the initial level of activity and by the types of service that have been requested and delivered.  While we are currently providing help to address obstacles to accessing healthcare services, we would ultimately like to provide support to people trying to manage health concerns. Toward that end, we are preparing ourselves for the next phase of service delivery, which will use motivational interviewing techniques for goal setting and coaching. NOTE: On Thursday, August 8th, the Helpers for Health will have a Wellness Fair at Bliss Towers

**Transportation Program Update**

On June 12th, Jim Funk and I were interviewed by phone by NORC at the University of Chicago for the Transportation Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) of the National Academy of Sciences. The hope is that a description of our program will be include in a guidebook to help communities improve transportation to healthcare services. In the guidebook, best practices and innovations for improving access to healthcare will be highlighted, including those that improve transportation to healthcare services.

On July 30th, we sent a letter to providers requesting donations to offset the expenses associated with transporting clients to and from their place of business. Each letter was tailored to the recipient, indicating how many patients were delivered in how many trips and at what cost to our program in the first half of 2019. We will track if these letters generate any inquiries or donations.

**Community Health Planning Update (contracted by CMH)**

* On behalf of CMH, I remain actively engaged in the community health planning process, in close coordination with the Columbia County Department of Health and the Greene County Department of Health. We’re currently in “prime season” for this effort which will continue into the fall. The goal for producing the Community Services Plan for the hospital (which may be a joint document with both health departments, tbd) is the end of October. NOTE: On Monday, August 19th, the Community Health Improvement Planning partners will host another meeting to identify particular strategies

**Dyson Foundation Update**

We have been invited by the Dyson Foundation to submit an application for ongoing Operating Support for a two-year period. The application was submitted on July 26th and I will meet with our contract manager, Jen Drake, next week to discuss. The expectation is that our application will be considered at the September meeting of Dyson’s Board.

**Board and Community Relations**

* On June 6th I attended the Greene County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Gala
* On June 11th, I provided my training on grant writing to the Board of Directors of Columbia County Pathways to Recovery
* On June 19th, I attended the Open House of the Capital Behavioral Health Network, of which we are a member
* On June 24th, I attended the second meeting of the Primary Care Quality Ratings Stakeholder Workgroup at the United Hospital Fund (UHF) in NYC. This group has been assembled by NYSDOH and UHF, and will meet once more in person in September and a last time by phone in November. It was worth the trip to make some new connections, including with a principal at Primary Care Development Corp
* On July 1st, I participated in an in-person meeting of the Congressman Delgado’s Healthcare Advisory Committee at the Greene County EOC in Cairo. I was an active participant and subsequently interviewed by a reporter from the Daily Mail. I expect an article is forthcoming.
* On July 9th and again on July 29th, I attended meetings of the Southern Hub Collaborative Group at CMH to hear a presentation from CCSI (a contractor) of a draft proposal to BHNNY for a Transitions of Care Project to begin October 1st.
* On July 10th, I attended the monthly meeting of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to discuss the new website of the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition, which we partially funded
* On July 18th, Linda Tripp and I met with prospective board member, Casey O’Brien, from CGCC for a new board member orientation.
* On July 20th, I met the East Coast Riders in front of the Human Services Building for a photo op to receive a $1,000 donation to the Consortium
* On July 25th, I helped PAS It On to manage its booth at the Greene County Youth Fair

**Upcoming Events**

* On Thursday, August 8th, I will meet with the new President of CGCC, Dr. Carlee Drummer, at the Consortium’s office
* On Thursday, August 8th I will receive the donation from the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation to the Greene County Community Cancer Fund
* On Wednesday, August 14th, I will provide a workshop on grant writing from 12-3. All are welcome to attend
* Friday, September 13th through Sunday, September 15th, I will attend the Healthcare Trustees of NYS conference in Saratoga Springs
* On Monday, September 16th, I will attend the third of four total meetings of the Primary Care Quality Rating Stakeholder Workgroup in-person in NYC
* September 26-27, I will attend the annual conference of the New York State Association for Rural Health in Niagara Falls

**Key Board Dates**

* The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, August 22nd from 10 am to 12 pm
* The agency will have its annual Summer Potluck on Friday, September 6th
* The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 9 a.m.