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

**Board of Director’s meeting**

**December 6, 2017**

**Executive Director’s Report**

**Outreach and Community Relations**

* On Thursday, October 12th, I attended the fourth and final of the County’s Opioid Forums in Germantown.
* On Tuesday, October 17th, John Ray and I attended the breakfast briefing on Paid Family Leave by Bond, Schoeneck and King in Albany.
* On Tuesday, October 24th I participated in a panel discussion on Financing of Maternal and Child Health Programs in NYS, at a summit in Albany sponsored by the Association of Perinatal Networks
* On Thursday, October 26th, we had a site visit (audit) from our Tobacco Contract Manager
* On Thursday, October 26th, I attended the presentation by SUNY Albany sharing the results of their study of Chatham Cares 4U.
* On Monday, October 30th, I attended the third meeting of Assemblymember Didi Barrett’s Human Services Advisory Council at the Omega Institute, in Rhinebeck. I am now the Chair of the “Emerging Issues” Committee, which will initially focus on the transition to managed care
* On Wednesday, November 1st, I participated in the semi-annual meeting of the Community Advisory Committee to the NYS Health Foundation in NYC.
* On Thursday, November 2nd, I participated as the official “Listening Panel” at the Listening Forum jointly organized by CPR and Friends of Recovery-NY (FOR-NY) in Germantown
* On Monday, November 6th, I attended the Marc Mero event, which was organized by Columbia Pathways to Recovery (CPR) and prominently sponsored by the Consortium
* On Friday, November 17th, I participated in the breakfast briefing for Supervisors hosted by the Safe at Home Subcommittee of the Columbia County Senior Advisory Council.

**Program Management**

* The contract renewal documents for the 5th and final year of the Navigator Program, which started on October 1, 2017, were approved.
* We continue to await approval for the revised work plan and budget for the Cancer Services Program that reflected reduced funding amounts. We are, however, getting reimbursed for expenses once vouchered.
* We submitted a subcontractor budget to our partners at the Columbia County Office for the Aging for the NYConnects Program for the period of October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, and are currently awaiting approval from the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA).

**Personnel Management**

* Ashling Kelly started work on Monday, October 30th as the Consortiums’ Office Manager. Ashling fills the last open position at the Consortium!

**Policy, Strategy and Program Planning**

* I continue to meet once every two weeks with the “Steering Committee” of the Opioid Epidemic Response Committee, which is currently working on developing an approach to a two-county collaboration, which entails morphing the Columbia Greene Controlled Substance Awareness Task Force into a Joint Commission
* On Friday, October 27th, I joined a group of behavioral health providers who were collaborating to submit a proposal to the State Office for Mental Health to form a behavioral health collaborative. The Consortium would be an “affiliate” in this arrangement.

**Upcoming Events**

* On Wednesday, December 6th, I will represent the Consortium at the Greene County Chamber of Commerce’s Holiday Party
* On Thursday, December 7th, I will participate in the meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Population Health Improvement Program of the Capital Region, administered by the Healthy Capital District Initiative
* I will be attending the National Rural Health Policy Institute in Washington, DC February 5th-8th, 2018 (please note that this means I will be absent for the February board meeting)

**Announcements**

* I recently became the Chair of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee of the Community Services Board (CSB)
* I recently was elected to the board of the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center

**Important Reminders**

* The Executive Committee will not meet in the month of December. Starting in 2018, Executive Committee meetings will be the first Wednesday every other month. The next meeting is therefore **January 3rd** at 9:00 a.m., to which all members are invited to further discuss the mission statement