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

**Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of January 25, 2023**

**Participants**:

Board Members: Robin Andrews (Chair), Becky Polmateer, John Thompson

Staff: Claire Parde, Ashling Kelly

*Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m.*

**Discussion Summary**:

**Board Composition**

Claire updated the committee on ex officio Board member and Treasurer Jack Mabb’s membership status. Upon retirement from his position as Public Health Director, he also resigned from the Consortium’s Board of Directors, leaving both the Network Member and Treasurer’s position vacant.

Jack would like to return to the Board as a Community Member, and is also willing to continue as Treasurer and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. According to the Board’s bylaws, he can be elected back to the Board as early as the February 1st Board meeting. The Committee was pleased that Jack wished to remain on the Board, and at the February Board meeting will recommend he be elected to the Board as a Community Member. Following that election, President Scott Thomas will appoint Jack to the remainder of the Treasurer’s term, and the Board will be asked to approve that appointment, also at the February meeting.

***John Thompson made a motion to recommend Jack Mabb for election to the Board as a Community Member for a term ending in April 2025 at the February Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky Polmateer and unanimously approved***.

Claire will follow up with Jack, copying Scott Thomas and Robin Andrews.

Victoria McGahan became the Director of the Columbia County Department of Health (CCDOH) on January 17th. Since the term of the Network Member (CCDOH) representative has about a year remaining, Victoria can be elected to fill that vacant seat immediately; therefore, it is suggested that she be nominated and elected at the next board meeting in February. Claire reported that Victoria is excited to serve as Board member. She will be taking a brief leave of absence, likely missing the April meeting. There will be an orientation done prior to her departure so that she is prepared for Board service when she returns in June.

***Becky Polmateer made a motion to recommend Victoria McGahan for election to the Board of Directors as a Network Member Representative for the Columbia County Department of Health for a term ending in April 2024. The motion was seconded by John Thompson and unanimously approved.***

While no officers’ terms are expiring, several membership terms will expire in April. Staff will prepare letters for Governance Chair Robin Andrews to send to those members whose terms are expiring, inviting them to renew their commitment to Board Service at the Annual Meeting in April. Additionally, the group agreed to change the term ‘Consumer’ for non-network Board members to ‘Community Members.’

The group discussed currently vacant Network Member positions on the Board, as well as potential members from the community. Claire will follow up on the Committee’s suggestions.

**Annual Recognition Event**

The group discussed the Annual Recognition Event, which, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, had been an in-person event held at an indoor venue; more recently, it has been incorporated into the annual meeting held remotely. Claire proposed returning to an in-person event. Claire also recommended that the CARTS drivers, past and present, be the event’s honorees, in recognition of their extraordinary service during the pandemic. The group agreed that honoring the drivers, a foundational part of the Healthcare Consortium, was a great idea. Potential venues, including outdoor spaces, were discussed and will be explored further. It was also recommended that the event occur later in the spring, with an eye on June.

Claire also proposed that the group make the event a fundraiser for the CARTS program. It was agreed that the agenda for the February Board meeting should include a request for volunteers to serve on an event planning committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

**Next Meeting: March 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**