

Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, Inc.

Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of January 17, 2024

Participants:

Board Members: Robin Andrews (Chair), Marielle McKasty-Stagg, Becky Polmateer, John Thompson
Staff: Claire Parde

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Discussion Summary:

Robin welcomed the committee members and oriented them to the task of preparing for the regular business meeting and the annual meeting of the Board this spring.

Reelection of current members

Robin noted that half of the board members need to be elected each year, as all have two-year staggered terms. The Committee identified those members with terms expiring in April 2024 and then reviewed their board and committee participation record to determine whether there are any attendance issues that might impact their eligibility for reelection to the Board. It was determined that all current members are eligible for reelection, though Robin will speak with one member to further discuss their board meeting attendance. As in the past, each member will receive a letter asking them to renew their commitment to the Board--except for Marielle, Becky and John, who all indicated their intent to renew at the meeting.

Election of new members

The Committee discussed whether we anticipate adding any new members to the Board. Claire noted that Karen Amanna is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director at Coarc and will be taking over as the Network Member Representative to the Consortium Board, although the exact timing of this is still uncertain. Robin and Claire will schedule a time to meet with Karen to discuss her nomination and election to the Board and when it would be best to pursue this.

Election of Officers

The Committee noted that all four officer roles are also due to expire in April 2024. Claire reported that Scott Thomas has indicated that he would prefer not to continue in the capacity of Board President, though he will certainly stay on the Board. Since it is not known what Jack's intentions are with regard to the role of Treasurer, Robin will contact him to inquire. And, as in the past, we will send a communication to all Board members asking that anyone with an interest in serving as an officer contact the Committee Chair.

Annual Meeting and Recognition Event

The Committee discussed April's regular business meeting, the Annual Meeting, and the Annual Recognition Event. The group agreed that pairing the Annual Meeting and the Annual Recognition Event on the same day would encourage participation in both in-person events. By contrast, the group realized that the regular business meeting need not occur the same day, and could be conducted on-line a different day entirely. Since the availability of Hudson Hall for the Annual Recognition Event will likely dictate its timing, the final determination about how to approach these different activities will be made at a later date. No matter how this is ultimately done, the Committee was in full support of posthumously honoring Karen dePeyster with the Friend of the Consortium Award.