

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

## **Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of February 29, 2024**

### **Participants:**

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

### **Discussion Summary:**

#### **Welcome and agenda overview**

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

#### **Reelection of current members**

Robin reported that everyone with terms expiring in April 2024 has committed to continuing to serve on the Board.

#### **Election of new members**

Robin reminded the group that we plan to nominate Karen Amanna, who is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director at Coarc, as that organization's Network Member Representative to the Board. While the timing of that action had previously been unclear, we learned that Karen will be assuming the role of Executive Director in June. Therefore, it makes sense to nominate/elect her in April. Robin will communicate with the existing Network Member Representative, Ken Stall, about this timing.

She also noted that two new organizations, Pine Haven and the Recovery Kitchen, have become Network Members, so we will be nominating their representatives in April as well. Robin and Claire have already had the opportunity to meet with Aislinn Smith, the Administrator at Pine Haven, and Jolene Race, the relatively new Executive Director of the Recovery Kitchen, and are enthusiastic about their participation on the Board.

#### **Election of Officers**

The Committee members were relieved and grateful to learn that Becky Polmateer is willing to serve as the Board President and will be nominated with Jack and Robin, who are happy to continue in their current officer roles. As a candidate for the Vice Presidency is still needed, the group agreed that Robin would email the Board again with an update and a request to reconsider the VP role. She will make plain that their participation in the Executive Committee can supplant any of their current committee obligations. The Committee also reviewed the list of current board members for possible candidates for the VP role in case Robin's message didn't generate a response, and she needed to try direct outreach/arm-twisting.

#### **Regular Business Meeting and Annual Meeting and Recognition Event**

Claire reported that the planning for the regular business meeting and the Annual Meeting and Recognition Event is coming along nicely. We have confirmed the date of Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for the meeting and event, both of which will take place at the Wick in Hudson. The regular business meeting will commence at the usual time of 2:30 p.m. to be followed by the Annual Meeting and Recognition Event at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the Committee meeting adjourned.