

The Healthcare Consortium

Executive Director's Report to the Board October 2, 2024

The Highlight Reel:

- All NYS Grants and Contracts are being vouchered and paid promptly at this time.
- Our partners at the Columbia County Office for the Aging have secured a county resolution to contract with the Consortium for NYConnects, which will allow us to claim reimbursement for expenses incurred since April (~\$62K). Thank you, CCOFA!
- I have been attending webinars related to the Healthy Alliance's Social Care Network (SCN) and submitted the application to participate on 9/30
- We have redesigned the Consortium's brochure and some swag, including pens and mugs, are finalizing the CARTS new client packet, and will be moving onto the website shortly
- Lisa and I have been attending trainings regarding Accessibility in the Workplace, regarding employing individuals with disabilities. We're happy to report we have a pretty good handle on best practices but did learn some things that we will incorporate in our practice going forward.

Personnel Management

- **Recent hires**

I am delighted to report that we have made three hires since my last report, as follows:

- Peter Destyl, as a **Navigator**. Peter started working on August 20th and is currently engaged in the extensive training program required by the State.
- Greg Pettyjohn, as the **Director of Finance**. Greg started working on September 3rd, and is already receiving an excellent education from John Ray, alongside whom he will work for the next 6-8 weeks
- Shefat Mahmud Rad, as a **Program Assistant**. We have engaged Shefat on a temporary casual (per diem) basis, working two full days per week in order to ensure that we have Bangla language skills on staff. Shefat is managing the consumer reception functions at our front desk and also starting to respond to telephone calls and assist with scheduling. It is not clear that Shefat's English language skills are sufficient for the role, but we were willing to experiment with hiring this bright, determined young man.

- **Other searches**

We have decided to advertise continuously for Navigator, since the turnover in that program is highest, and will be interviewing a candidate on 10/2

- **Team building**

We had a very nice gathering of current and former staff at a picnic on Friday, 9/27

Fundraising and Development Report

- Good news! We submitted an application to the Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation for CARTS funding in 2025 and were advised that we have been awarded \$50,000 to be distributed over two years!
- We received \$25,000 in program funding for CARTS from the Foundation for Community Health and the second installment of \$50,000, also for CARTS, from the Home for the Aged.
- I have requested another opportunity to get in front of the Board for the Home for the Aged, which will likely occur in November or December, with the hope that we can secure more support for CARTS in 2025.
- Our application for ongoing CARTS program support in the amount of \$125,000 from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is pending.
- We submitted a request to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors for flat funding in the amount of \$52,000 for 2025.
- We submitted materials for the first phase of a three-part application process for the next iteration of the Foundation for Community Health's General Operating Support Program.
- We just received the Request for Applications (RFA) for the next 5-year RHN contract, due December 3rd
- Sydney and I recently met with Caitie Hilverman from the Spark of Hudson
- Our Fall Newsletter was distributed via email on Monday, September 30th
- The first-ever "Charity Night @ Night School" will benefit the Healthcare Consortium. Scheduled for **Thursday, October 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at #21 Second Street in Athens.**

Board and Community Relations

- Attended CHAHEC Board Meeting on 8/9
- Met with NYS Public Health Fellows with Greene County Public Health on 8/19
- Participated in the Rural Health Council's Bylaws Committee on 9/19
- Participated in the Prevention Agenda Workgroup (PAWG) meeting on 8/20
- Met with Commissioner Gibson and several members of the CCBOS to discuss transportation in the northern part of CoCo
- Met with Tony Trahan at OMH who specializes in Rural Behavioral Health
- Attended meetings related to the Healthy Alliance's Social Care Network on 8/27 and 9/24
- Hosted the Long Term Care Council Meeting at CGCC on 9/11
- Met with John Cahill, the new(ish) Dual Recovery Coordinator at DHS
- Attended the Rural Health Symposium, sponsored by NYSARH, in Binghamton on 9/19-20
- Attended the CSB Luncheon, which I helped to plan, on 9/25
- Attended the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on 9/26

Upcoming Board and Committee Meeting Dates

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| 10/24 | Strategic Planning Session #3 | 1:00 pm |
| 11/06 | Executive Committee | 9:00 am |
| 11/15 | Strategic Planning Session #4 | 1:00 pm |
| 11/26 | Budget and Finance Committee | 3:00 pm |
| 12/04 | Board of Directors | 2:30 pm |