

# The Healthcare Consortium

## Notes from the Board of Directors Meeting of June 5, 2024

### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

*This meeting was held virtually on the Zoom web platform. All voting was done contemporaneously via computer audio.*

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Polmateer at 2:32 p.m.

The following members were present at introductions: Dan Almasi, Karen Amanna, Robin Andrews, PJ Keeler, Theresa Lux, Jack Mabb, Victoria McGahan, Marielle McKasty-Stagg, Amanda Pierro, Becky Polmateer, Jolene Race, David Rossetti, Scott Thomas, John Thompson, and Kathleen Eldridge.

The following members were absent from the introductions: Toni Carroll, Bob Gibson, Maria Ostrander, Art Proper, Aislinn Smith and Dorothy Urschel.

Also present were guests Scott Emery, Chief Strategy Officer from Health Alliance, Nina Benvenuto, Administrator, Columbia County Office for the Aging as well as staff members Claire Parde, John Ray, and Lisa Thomas.

### **II. Presentation on the 1115 MRT Waiver by Scott Emery, Chief Strategy Officer from Healthy Alliance**

Scott Emery, Chief Strategy Officer for the Healthy Alliance, presented to the board about the 1115MRT waiver. The presentation was recorded, with Scott's permission, and was subsequently shared with all Board members.

### **III. Communications/Board Discussion: Presentation on audit scope**

Becky reminded the group about Interagency Connections Day on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Greene Community College.

Theresa advised the group that Catholic Charities is hosting a Gala for Good at Siena College on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$125.00.

Claire noted that The Healthcare Consortium is working on building followers on social media and will gladly promote events for Network Members.

#### **IV. Reminder of the Duty to Disclose**

Becky reminded the group to please remember their duty to disclose any interests that may give rise to a conflict when the Board acts.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

The Board considered the following meeting minutes:

- Board of Directors regular and annual meetings of April 11, 2024
- Executive Committee Meeting of May 1, 2024
- Corporate Compliance Committee Meeting of May 1, 2024
- Governance Committee Meeting of May 15, 2024

*The motion to accept the minutes/actions of the Board of Directors regular and annual meetings of April 11, 2024, and all Committee meeting minutes was made by Amanda Pierro, seconded by Jack Mabb, and unanimously approved.*

#### **VI. Treasurer's Report**

Jack Mabb reviewed the Fiscal Highlights Report, which was similar, in many respects, to that made in April. The cash balance is up. Accounts receivable are manageable. Investments are doing well, up \$15,000 for the year. There is some volatility, but we are playing the long game. TJ Pellitteri from North Country Financial Group LLC is very attentive. Board members can review the full report on our website by visiting the board folder. The password is "board."

#### **VII. Governance Chair's Report**

Robin Andrews provided a report from the Governance Committee. She noted that there will be two in-person Board meetings. One will be held October 2024 with the expectation to meet at a Network Member's site and learn more about the agency. The other will be April 2025 for the Annual Meeting and event to follow.

Robin reported that the Governance Committee will circulate the Biennial Board Assessment by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> via Google Docs, with the request that members complete it by July 6<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to assess how the Board is functioning and whether there are any opportunities for improvement. New Members are encouraged to comment even if they think they aren't equipped to respond.

New Board members (Karen, Aislinn, Jolene, Maria and Nina) and their mentors (Amanda, Bob, Dan, Victoria and PJ) will attend a New Board Member Orientation Session next week at which Claire will provide an overview of services. If you'd like to sit in on this meeting, please let Claire know. Robin thanked those Board members who volunteered to be mentors.

Finally, Robin presented Nina Benvenuto for election as the Network Member Representative for the Columbia County Office for the Aging.

*The motion to elect Nina Benvenuto as the representative for the Columbia County Office for the Aging to complete the term ending April 2025 was made by Theresa Lux, seconded by PJ Keeler, and unanimously approved.*

#### **VIII. President's Report**

Board President Becky Polmateer advised the Board that there are two new pieces of legislation that pertain to pregnant and nursing women. They are the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (federal law), which provides for accommodations, and updates to NYS Labor Law 206-c, which provides for paid breaks to express breast milk. Updates were made to relevant policies, now needing approval.



*The motion to approve revisions to Policy 203.1: Disability Accommodation and Policy 501.5: Nursing Mothers was made by Amanda Pierro, seconded by Robin Andrews, and unanimously approved.*

An update on the Strategic Planning process was provided. A meeting was held to discuss the process for developing a plan for the next five years. It was a rich and lively conversation, during which it was decided that we currently have a good, succinct plan in place that just needs to be revised and updated; the sense is that this will only require a few meetings, rather than the extensive, monthslong process required to develop the current plan. The meetings will be in- person at Cornell Cooperative Extension. Scott, Jack, Robin and Becky are already committed to the process with Claire and her colleague, Nathan, and other members are welcome to participate. Anyone interested should let Claire know in the space of a week. Claire will consult with Becky and send out a more formal invitation to participate via email to the full Board.

The results of the audit have not been received from the Bonadio Group yet. It will need to be approved. Becky asked for volunteers to join an ad hoc committee of Independent Directors to review it when it is complete. The Committee will hear the audit and vote to accept it. It should be ready any day now. We need to accomplish this by 6/30. The meeting will be held on Zoom and be less than an hour. Jolene, Theresa, David, Amanda, Karen and Jack volunteered to sit on this committee.

#### **IX. Executive Director's Report**

The Tobacco Control Program ends 6/30. We received guidance today regarding the equipment inventory.

The second annual CARTS fundraiser will be held on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Upper Depot Brewery in Hudson. Sponsorship packets will go out this Friday. Invitations will go out the end of June. The Board and Committee Meeting calendar was updated to reflect this event.

#### **X. Adjournment**

The business of the regular Board meeting being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by a motion from Karen Amanna.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Robin Andrews, Board Secretary**

