

**Notes from the Board of Directors Meeting of June 7, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Beth Schuster at 2:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present at Roll Call: Robin Andrews, Jim Campion, Michael Cole, Jack Mabb, Tam Mustapha, Arthur Proper, Jeff Rovitz, Beth Schuster, Laurie Scott, Tina Sharpe, Ken Stall, Sarah Sterling, and Nancy Watrous

The following members were absent at Roll Call: Lisa Evans, Chelly Hegan, PJ Keeler, Theresa Lux, Kevin McDonald, Onat Sanchez-Schwartz, Scott Thomas, John Thompson, Linda Tripp

Staff members, Claire Parde and Tony Markham, were also present.

**Consent Agenda**

**Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Directors moves to accept the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of April 5, 2017, the Executive Committee meeting of April 26, 2017, the Personnel Committee meeting of May 12, 2017, the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of May 23, 2017 and the Executive Committee meeting of May 24, 2017.**

**Motion made by Tina Sharpe, seconded by Jeff Rovitz and unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer, Robin Andrews delivered a brief financial update/recap, emphasizing the positive cash position of the Consortium.

**President’s Report**

There was no President’s Report.

*[Scott Thomas entered the meeting at 2:37 p.m.]*

**Executive Director’s Report**

Claire Parde presented her Executive Director’s Report (see attached) offering the following highlights:

Claire gave the latest updates on Medicaid transportation, including the return of the PROS business surrendered by Adirondack Cab Co. The Consortium subsequently had to submit a flat fee bid to serve all clientele originating in Columbia County with a destination of 713 Union Street, which was successful. The transition from fee-for-service to contracted service delivery commenced on June 1, 2017.

There was a brief discussion by the Board of the bid process.

Next, Claire gave an update on the unfavorable state budget cuts that negatively impacted three of the Consortium’s programs:

1. The Rural Health Network Development Program (cut by 21.1%).
2. Cancer Services Program (cut by 9%)
3. NY Connects (base funding eliminated for next grant period beginning 10/1/17)

There were many questions for Claire and a lengthy discussion regarding the impacts to the various programs, staffing, expenses and the cost-accounting of administrative salaries. Claire reiterated that at this time, there are no plans for staff reduction, but will keep the Board informed of any and all developments.

*[Jeff Rovitz exited the meeting at 2:57 p.m.]*

Claire informed the Board she had reached out to Terry McGee Ward, Director of the Greene County Bureau of Youth and Aging, to propose they subcontract with the Healthcare Consortium for Greene County NY Connects. Claire told the Board she would keep them apprised of developments.

Next was an update on DSRIP. Claire determined that it is not in the best interest of the Consortium to move forward with a Phase II contract at this time. This decision will have no impact on the Consortium’s network member status, participation in the Project Advisory Committee, or any of its subcommittees. At this time, Claire opened the floor for further questions.

*[Theresa Lux entered the meeting at 3:15 p.m.]*

**Strategic Gossip**

Claire provided an update on the County Opioid Epidemic Response Committee, which has formulated recommendations to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors that have been formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and is currently creating working groups. .

*[Jeff Rovitz re-entered the meeting at 3:36 p.m.]*

The Board also discussed MCAT extensively. Beth Schuster suggested an MCAT review at a future Board meeting and additional follow up at Executive Committee.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by President Beth Schuster at 3:44 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Tripp, Board Secretary**

**ADDENDUM**

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

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 7, 2017**

**Executive Director’s Report**

**Update on Medicaid transportation**

Good news! Adirondack Cab Company surrendered service delivery to PROS clientele and the trips reverted to us, effective Monday, April 10th. We were subsequently contacted by MAS on April 27th and asked to submit a bid (flat fee per individual) to serve all clientele originating in Columbia County with a destination of 713 Union Street (MHA). We negotiated with MAS to submit a bid for PROS clientele originating at group homes only (with the addition of one client who we have historically transported at Whittier), which we did, for $17.00/person, on May 5th. We transitioned from FFS to contracted service delivery on June 1st.

**Update on funding cuts**

The state budget was unfavorable to public health programs, including three housed at the Consortium:

1. Our Rural Health Network Development Program contract (April 1, 2017-March 31, 2018) was reduced from $240,000 to $189,383, a difference of $50,617, or 21.1%. We have submitted a revised work plan, budget and budget narrative, which are being very closely scrutinized. As this is considered a contract amendment, we expect the approval process to be lengthy and reimbursement of first quarter expenses to be delayed.
2. Our Cancer Services Program Infrastructure contract for period 5 (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018) was reduced from $140,000 to $133,000, a difference of $7,000, or 5%, and the contract for period 6 (April 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018) will be $66,500 (instead of $70,000). Our Cancer Services Program Clinical Services contract for period 5 5 (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018) was reduced from $25,000 to $16,332, a difference of $8,668, or 34.7% and for period 6 (April 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018) will be $8,166 (instead of $12,500). Revised work plans and budgets due June 12th.
3. We have been advised that the NYConnects base funding ($43,987) was eliminated from the state budget for the next grant period beginning October 1, 2017.



In summary, the estimated reduction in revenue in FY17 is $60,711 and the estimated reduction in revenue for FY18 is $57,396. This does not reflect that the 5-year contract for the Rural Health Network Development Program ends with the current contract year. It is unclear whether future funding for the program will be at current reduced levels, if offered at all.

**Update on DSRIP Participation**

After consulting with the Project Management Office at Better Health for Northeast New York (BHNNY), formerly known as the Center for Health Systems Transformation at AMCH, I have determined that it is not in the best interests of the Consortium to execute a Phase II contract at this time. This will have no impact on the Consortium’s status a network member, ability to participate in PAC and other committee meetings, or eligibility for vendor services contract (forthcoming).

**Policy and Strategy**

* We continue to keep a careful watch on national health care policy initiatives.

**Program Planning**

* We continue to meet with core members of the Opioid Epidemic Response Subcommittee. Commissioner Gibson and I will serve as co-chairs of the Legislative Affairs Working Group.
* We continue to meet regularly with CC4U and CPR about the launch of the recovery helpline.

**Personnel Management**

* We are currently advertising for the Youth Engagement Coordinator for our Tobacco Control Program.

**Board and Community Relations**

* The Tobacco Control Program hosted its annual Partners in Prevention Breakfast on Thursday, April 27th from 8 to 9:30 at Solaris on Warren Street in Hudson. I and several staff members attended.
* I attended the CMH Annual Volunteer Service Recognition Luncheon at Winding Brook Country Club in Valatie later the same day.
* On Tuesday, May 16th, I attended the NYSHealth Foundation’s Community Advisory Committee Meeting, where I spoke about the Consortium’s work and health priorities in the Upper Hudson Valley.
* On Thursday, May 18th, I attended the PHIP Advisory Committee Meeting at Saint Mary’s Hospital in Troy.
* On Thursday, May 18th we hosted the Annual Recognition Event at the Falls, which was attended by 69 people, including 13 board members and 14 staff.
* On Thursday, May 25th I and several staff attended the Interagency Awareness Day at CGCC. The Consortium had 3 tables.
* On Thursday, June 1st I attended the community meeting in Philmont, at which Carl Quinn of CPR and Pete Volkmann of CC4U spoke.
* On Saturday, June 3rd I attended CMH’s Hospital Gala at Catskill Point.

**Upcoming events**

* On June 8th, we will be attending the Greene County Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Recognition Event in Windham.
* On June 15th, I will attend the NYSHealth Foundation’s Reception in Albany, and the VIP Reception beforehand.
* On June 27th, I will participate in the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Council assembled by Assemblymember Didi Barrett at the Omega Institute.
* On Thursday, June 29th, I will participate in a full-day strategic planning session with the NYSARH Board of Directors in Rochester, NY.
* Vacation from Thursday, July 13th through the following week, returning Monday, July 24th.
* On Friday, July 28th, I will be overseeing the PAS It On table at the Greene County Youth Fair.