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

**Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of March 7, 2025**

**Participants**:

Board Members Robin Andrews (Chair), Marielle McKasty-Stagg, Maria Ostrander, Jolene Race and John Thompson and Staff Member Claire Parde.

**Discussion Topics:**

Members renewing commitment to board service; filling officer vacancy; planning for the annual recognition event

**Discussion Summary**:

**Reelection of current members**

Robin reported that all the members with terms expiring in April 2025 responded to her inquiry about recommitting to board service, and all but Scott Thomas indicated that they would do so. Therefore, the following members will be nominated for re-election to the Board at the Annual Meeting:

* Dan Almasi
* Nina Benvenuto
* Toni Carroll
* Bob Gibson
* PJ Keeler
* Jack Mabb
* Amanda Pierro
* Dorothy Urschel

**Filling officer vacancy**

Since Scott had been serving as Vice President, the Committee should suggest someone for Becky to appoint to that role. Four names were generated, in rank order. Claire will follow up with Becky about approaching each in turn until a member commits to the role. Once appointed, the Board would ratify the appointment at a subsequent meeting.

**Annual Meeting and Recognition Event**

The Committee discussed the Annual Meeting and Recognition Event, scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd.

The Committee identified a total of five people to receive the Friend of the Consortium Award. Four of these are board members—Chelly Hegan, Ken Stall, Scott Thomas and Robin Andrews—who have either already separated from the Board or about to do so; the fifth is John Ray, longtime Director of Finance who retired on December 31, 2024. Claire reported that John plans to attend in person but she knows at least three if not all of the board members are not able to do so. The excellent suggestion was made to obtain headshots and brief bios for those who cannot attend in person to project on a screen during the event. Claire will also prepare remarks about each honoree for Becky, as Board President, to read. For her part, Claire will offer the remarks about John, since he was a member of staff, but also ask Jack Mabb to comment, as he served as Board Treasurer and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for many years during John’s tenure.

The Committee also discussed caterers, parking, and supplying hard chairs for older guests to sit.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m.**