

Friday, July 1, 2022

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$2.1M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through June stands at \$4.9M. Although we borrowed up to \$300K from the line of credit during the month, the entire \$7M is currently available.

**HFS** awarded us another **\$300K** toward COVID related staffing expenses incurred from July - December. It won't be hard to spend!

- **Rule 115**
  - The good news: the revised Rule 115 was released on June 10.
  - The bad news: it still prohibits our LIFT model to build small clusters of homes. This is more restrictive than the settings rule released by CMS.

Along with our State Rep. Anna Moeller, I will be meeting (via ZOOM) with **Secretary Grace Hou** (IDHS) next Tuesday to discuss.

- The Board approved the following at our meeting last month:

**FY23 OFFICERS**

Chair	Mike Herlihy
Vice Chair	Carol Donahue
Treasurer	Jerry Finis
Secretary	Jim Armbruster

**Executive Committee:**

Chair	Mike Herlihy
Vice Chair	Carol Donahue
Treasurer	Jerry Finis
Secretary	Jim Armbruster
Immediate Past Chair	Frank Murnane, Jr.

The following committees were also approved:

**Development:** Jim Armbruster, Howard Brandeisky (Chair), Carie Carney, Carol Donahue, Karyn Fitch, Laura Karlins, Ari Smith

**Governance:** Jim Armbruster, Howard Brandeisky, Mike Herlihy (Chair), Laura Karlins, Frank Murnane Jr., Jack Zimmerman

**Finance:** Gerry Estes, Dan Foley, Jerry Finis (Chair), Yaneth Medina, Frank Murnane Jr.

- Deep appreciation for **Jeff Risch** (since 2010) and **Duane Fitch** (since 2013) for their service on the board and to **Frank Murnane, Jr.** for his leadership as the Board Chair over the past three years.
- Please welcome our two newest board members: **Karyn Fitch** and **Dan Whiston**:
  - **Karyn** has been involved with Marklund since 2013 and has attended many of our special events. She is the Director of Revenue Cycle Management for Physicians Immediate Care, LLC. She lives in West Chicago.
  - **Dan** is a litigation attorney and partner at SmithAmundsen LLC. He lives in Mill Creek and has a son with special needs. He founded a non-profit organization in 2012 to support research in and advocacy for rare diseases.

- Our **Voter Voice** program currently has 627 active participants; this is our *Marklund Action Network*. We utilize this group to advocate for bills that we feel are important to Marklund both on the state and federal levels. I thought you might be interested in how many of our elected officials are covered by those in our network:
  - U.S. House of Representatives: 13 members (out of 18)
  - IL State Senate: 32 members (out of 59)
  - IL State House of Representatives: 43 members (out of 118)
 Thank you for your leadership and participation in our network.
- We received our permit for the **Nathan Education Center** this week (June 28) from the City of Elgin...finally! It took about a month longer than we had initially thought. We anticipate having walls delivered by mid-September.
- Registration for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **Run, Walk & Roll 5K/1M Geneva** is now OPEN! To register, sponsor or create a Team please visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/geneva-rwr> This event can be done in person or virtually. Thanks to the Fitch Foundation (Karyn and Duane) for signing on as our Title Sponsor!
- We have raised \$58,700 to date for **Project Playground**, our annual MWC Peer-to-Peer fundraiser. Our goal is \$80K and we will continue the campaign into FY23 Q1. Thanks to our Board members who have already supported this fun project! For more information: <https://p2p.onecause.com/projectplayground>
- Please “Save-the-Date” for our Annual **Leadership Giving Circle** Donor Reception on **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 pm at Aurora Country Club.
- Appreciation to **Laura Karlins, Yaneth Medina** and **Frank Murnane Jr.** for agreeing to serve on the Claire Haverkamp Award Committee this year. The award will presented on Wednesday, October 12.
- I have attached the following:
  - Current **board list**. Please check your information to make sure that it is up-to-date. Thanks!
  - An **article** that we put in our weekly staff newsletter yesterday regarding the passing of the *leadership baton* from Frank to Mike.
- Just as a reminder, the remaining Board meeting dates for **2022** are: **August 18** (Board Retreat), and **October 27**. The dates for **2023** are: **January 26, April 6**, May 25 (Finance), **June 22**, August 10 (Board Retreat), and **October 26**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook.

Thank you for your continued commitment to those we serve. The guidance and support that you provide is vital to making our mission and vision a reality.

Wishing each of you a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration!

God bless you!

Gil

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