

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$290K** from the State of Illinois (we received \$2M last month). Our aging for Residential and Developmental Training, through March 31 stands at \$3.7M. A/R was at \$2.6M this time last month. We will be watching this very carefully to determine whether this is a trend. We have our entire \$5M line of credit available.
- We have received our permit from the City of Elgin for the construction of the **Marklund Day School – Elgin** expansion that started this week. It is projected to be substantially completed by June 9. We are very appreciative of **Dan Foley** (Cobra Concrete) and his offer to perform the concrete cutting needed in the project.
- It was a year ago when the potential **merger** with Little Angels CEC was first brought before the board. We have just completed our fifth month and feel that everything has gone very well. Since the Developmental Training program at Marklund is under one license, the merger triggered a reassessment of all the clients in our program. On a very positive note, the new assessment gave us a **\$100K increase** to our reimbursement rate.
- The **board-only** section of the Marklund website is now operational. I have attached the procedure for how to access the portal. The new IRS 990s are on the website. Please let me or Kelly (kkramer@marklund.org or 630-593-5472) know if you have any problems or questions.
- The **35th Annual Golf Classic** is just two months away. We will be holding it this year at the fabulous Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont on **Wednesday, June 7**. I want to thank **Bill Dolen** and **George Webster** for their continued leadership on the committee. I have attached the golf brochure with more information. We only have four foursomes left for Dubsdread! If anyone would like to come for only the buffet dinner/auction portion of the event from 4-6 pm you can purchase tickets for \$50. Please contact Heather (hgraves@marklund.org) for more information.
- Since the change in the designation of the Philip and Wasmond Centers from Skilled Pediatrics to MCDD (Medically Complex Developmental Disabilities) in July 2015, we have been working with an attorney through The Center (part of the Illinois Health Care Association) to get a **new reimbursement rate**. A “shell” bill was filed this year in the state legislature which is in preparation of the formal bill with the new rate in 2018. The proposed change would add almost **\$2.3M** to our gross income! The attorney feels that this could get approved as early as next year. It is an understatement to say that this would have a very significant and positive impact on our clients and staff.
- There will be a story featuring former Bears’ fullback, [Roland Harper](#), and his stepson Cal who has lived at the Wasmond Center for many years. Roland attended Top Hat this year and regularly visits Cal. It will be shown on Fox 32 (*Inside the Bears*) on: [Sat, April 8 @ 5 pm](#) and [Sun, April 9 @ 10:35 am](#). The segment will be a little longer than usual – 6 minutes total.
- Thank you for the great board turnout **last night** with a total of 14 in attendance. We made a quick shift three weeks ago when we realized how many were not going to be able to attend on March 30 because of Spring Break plans. *Thank you* for those who needed to adjust your plans

for last night. We have *officially* shifted the traditional end of March meeting to early April for 2018.

- I want to congratulate our new Officers/Executive Committee for FY18 (beginning July 1) who were approved by the Board last night:

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Executive Committee</u>
Chair	Duane Fitch	Duane Fitch (Chair)
Vice Chair	Frank Murnane	Frank Murnane
Treasurer	Mike Herlihy	Mike Herlihy
Secretary	Jeff Risch	Jeff Risch
		Jim Armbruster

- Here are the remaining **Board dates** for 2017: May 18 (Finance only), **June 29**, August 18 (Board Retreat), and **October 26** and new dates for 2018: **January 25**, **April 5**, May 24 (Finance only), **June 28**, August 17 (Board retreat) and **October 25**. Kelly will be sending Outlook invitations for the 2018 dates.

Thank you for ALL you do to advance our mission to...*make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.*

God bless you!

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