

Board of Directors,

## Happy Coast Guard Day!

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received just over **\$1M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Developmental Training, through July 31, stands at \$4M. We currently do not owe anything on our \$5M line of credit.
- The **Board Retreat** is just **two weeks** away (**Friday, August 18**)! We will meet at the Wasmond Center for a short tour of the new school at 9 am and then reconvene in the multipurpose room at the Ann Haskins Center in Bloomingdale. The day will conclude after a short board meeting at 2:15 pm. A board packet will be sent next week with more details. I have attached the retreat agenda for your convenience.
- In the **FY18 State budget** that was passed last month there was provision made for a **75 cent/hour pay** raise for our direct care staff. The language in the budget states that the implementation has to be in “rule” which means the legislation does not include a distribution mechanism. The Department of Human Services – Developmental Disabilities (DHS-DD) is supposed to have the rule completed by August 6. We should know soon after that date the specifics of how the money will be distributed and what position are included. We expect the pay to be retroactive to July 1.
- The **Marklund Day School – Elgin** expansion is done. We have our Certificate of Occupancy, have been approved by the State Fire Marshall and been inspected by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). As of yesterday (August 3) we have been *officially* approved by the ISBE as a school cite! Classes will start on August 23! ☺ We already have five students ready to start!
- Each of our locations – including the individual homes – now have **new branded signs**! They turned out beautifully. We still need to get lights on the Wasmond Center sign which should be completed later this month.
- I attended a multi-chamber event in Geneva yesterday (August 3) that hosted **Congressmen Randy Hultgren** and **Peter Roskam**. I had a chance to talk to each of them about protecting the core of the Medicaid program – the elderly, blind and those with developmental disabilities. They assured me that any change to Medicaid would not threaten those we serve. I spoke to Randy about our opposition to Medicaid block grants to the state. He certainly understands the issue and is supportive. Randy even made specific reference to Marklund in his remarks. He visited the Geneva campus in September 2012 and said that he wanted to come back for another visit soon. He might even come to the pancake breakfast next month! I also met with a new staffer for **State Senator Karen McConnaughay** who wants to visit the Geneva campus with Karen soon.
- The **FY18 Calendar of Events** is attached. All of the board events that are underlined should already be in your Outlook calendar. I encourage you to attend as many of the events as your personal/professional calendar allows.
- Here are the remaining **Board dates for 2017: August 18** (Board Retreat), and **October 26; 2018: January 25, April 5**, May 24 (Finance only), **June 28, August 17** (Board retreat) and **October 25**. Outlook invitations for all of these dates have been sent.

I look forward to seeing you at the **Board Retreat...in just two weeks.**

We are grateful 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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**Marklund  
Board  
Calendar of Events  
2017-2018**

**2017**

August 18	9 am – 4 pm	<b><u>Board Retreat/Exec Committee</u></b>	MDS (start at MWC)
September 16	8:30 am – noon	<a href="#">Pancake Breakfast</a>	MHC
September 23	6 – 10 pm	<a href="#">Angel Songs Soiree Dinner/Auction</a>	Sanfilippo Estate Barrington
<b>TBD</b>	6 – 7:30 pm	Governance	MHC
October 22	8 am	<a href="#">5K/1 Mile Run, Walk &amp; Roll</a>	MHC
October 26	7 – 8:30 pm	<b><u>Finance/Board</u></b>	MHC

**2018**

January 25	7 – 8:30 pm	<b><u>Finance/Board</u></b>	MHC
February 3	6 pm – 12 am	<a href="#">Top Hat</a>	Marriott Marquis McCormick Place
<b>TBD</b>	6 – 7:30 pm	Governance	MHC
April 5	7 – 8:30 pm	<b><u>Finance/Board</u></b>	MHC
April 29	8 am	<a href="#">4 Mile Run, Walk &amp; Roll</a>	MPC
<b>TBD</b>		REST	
May 24	5:30 – 8 pm	Finance	MHC
June 6	9 am – 6 pm	<a href="#">Golf Invitational</a>	Cog Hill
June 9	10:30 am – 1 pm	<a href="#">Summer Games</a>	MHC
June 16	10:30 am – 1 pm	<a href="#">Summer Games</a>	MPC
June 28	7 – 8:30 pm	<b><u>Finance/Board</u></b>	MHC



**Next meeting is at the  
Marklund Hyde Center (MHC) - In Geneva  
Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

***If you are not able to attend the board meeting, please let Kelly ([kkramer@marklund.org](mailto:kkramer@marklund.org)) know if you will be calling in.  
The conference call-in number is 1-800-510-5879, guest #095522.***