

April 5, 2019

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$1.3M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through March stands at \$2.7M. We currently have our entire **\$7M** line of credit available. ****The last time we used our line of credit was October 2017****
- We will be going before the **Kane County Zoning Board** next Tuesday, **April 9** at 7 pm for them to consider an amendment to our PUD that would allow us to build a three-story educational building. Not surprisingly, we have been getting some push back from our closest neighbors but in working with our County Board member – Drew Frasz – I think that we have come up with an acceptable compromise. We will be meeting with the neighbors next Monday – along with our architect – to go over the revised plans.

The next step after the zoning board is the Kane County Board who will then consider the amendment. We will come before them on either **April 16** or **May 14**. I will keep you informed.

- As reported by Frank Murnane at the board meeting last night, the **capital campaign** hit the **\$2M** mark yesterday! I want to echo the thanks that Frank expressed last night for the efforts of the Capital Campaign Committee and the support of the board. Our goal is to be at \$3M by July 4 and \$4.5M by groundbreaking this fall.
- Mary Kobbeman, Lois Sheaffer and I attended the **IHCA Public Policy Forum** in Springfield on March 20. We got a chance to hear from the new Administrator of Medical Programs at HFS, Doug Elwell. One of the issues we discussed was the change in minimum wage to \$15/hour by January 2025. According to analysis by the IHCA, at a minimum, the change is going to cost our sector an additional \$300M and could cost as much as \$1.4B. It was encouraging to hear that Mr. Elwell understands the responsibility of the state as our primary “customer” and their need to step-up. He is also aware of the “tidal wave” of individuals in our state needing residential and vocational services. He is open to alternative group home (CILA) models.
- In early June I will be part of the Illinois delegation to attend the **American Health Care Association Annual Congressional Briefing** in Washington. As part of my visit, I will be making appointments with Representatives Underwood and Krishnamoorthi as well as Senators Durbin and Duckworth.
- I want to congratulate our new **Officers/Executive Committee** for FY20. Their term will begin on July 1.

- Chair **Frank Murnane**
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Executive Committee

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- Member-at-Large **Jim Armbruster**
- Immediate Past Chair **Duane Fitch**

- We signed the contract for the **3.5 acre** parcel in Elgin (3256 Longcommon Pkwy) this week and now begin the 60-day due diligence period. We will be meeting with officials in Elgin to ensure that we can – if so decided by the board - build group homes on the site. The parcel has seven, half acre sites that we feel would be very well suited for our first set of group homes.
- Please do not feel that you need to attend all of these. I want you to be aware of some upcoming special events:

✓ Volunteer Appreciation – St. Andrews	Sat, April 13	11 am
✓ Employee Appreciation – Prairie Landing	Sat, May 18	6 pm
✓ Run, Walk & Roll – Bloomingdale	Sun, April 28	8 am
✓ Pledge Run – Woodstock Harley	Sun, June 2	9 am
✓ Marklund Golf Classic – Cog Hill	Wed, June 5	9 am
✓ Summer Games – Geneva	Sat, June 8	9:30 am
✓ Summer Games – Bloomingdale	Sat, June 22	9:30 am
✓ Summer Games – Elgin	Sat, June 29	9:30 am

- You are invited to the **Employee Appreciation Dinner** on Saturday, May 18 (Cocktails – 6 pm, Dinner – 7 pm, Awards – 8 pm). Frank Murnane, representing the Board and the Selection Committee, will be presenting the Claire Haverkamp Award. Please let me know if you would like to attend. It will be held at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago.
- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining **Board dates** for **2019**: May 23 (Finance only), **June 27**, August 16 (Board Retreat), **October 24**.

Thank you for all you do to *make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities*.

God bless you!

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