

Aug. 6, 2021

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received just under **\$2.0M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through July remains at \$4.1M. The entire \$7M line of credit continues to be available.

We have submitted all required paperwork to obtain full forgiveness of the \$3.9M PPP loan.

- We are still waiting for the exact reimbursement methodology from the State of Illinois for the increase to our budget for FY22. It looks like we will receive around **\$700K** more than the budget that was passed last week. We had hoped to have these numbers finalized by early August so that we could revise our FY22 budget at the board meeting following the retreat. It took six months to receive this last year but we are still hoping to have the information for our October board meeting.
- **Congresswoman Lauren Underwood** toured the Foglia Education Center on July 12. She asked to meet with us so that she could hear about how we used the PPP loan. We also talked to her about a school restraint bill that is being discussed in D.C.
- On July 26, Mary and I met with **State Representative Anna Moeller**, last year's recipient of our Advocacy Award, at her office in Elgin. We brought her up-to-date on the challenges of the CILA application process and our plans to build a small CILA cluster on our Elgin parcel. We also shared our plans to develop the site on Hunter Dr. and expansion of the Marklund Wasmond Center. Anna also asked for the comments that we sent regarding the changes to Rule 115.
- Registration is now open for our **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Run, Walk & Roll 5K/1M - Geneva**. We are looking forward to this being our first in-person run since October 2019! We already have over 100 signed up so it is looking very good for a strong showing. Please go to: <https://p2p.onecause.com/rwrgeneva/home?bbblinkid=251952673&bbemailid=32008767&bbejrid=1998583930> to sign up.
- My **annual goals** for FY22, that were approved by the Executive Committee last month, are attached as are the results from this past year.
- **Rule 115 Update:**
  - JCAR posted draft **Rule 115** for First Notice/45 public comment period earlier this year. Due to the overwhelming responses and feedback (134 responses received), the Division, along with BALC and DHS Legal, is reviewing and discussing the feedback. Once changes have been made, the draft will be sent back to DHS Rules Bureau who will prepare it for JCAR. We *anticipate* Rule 115 being posted for Second Notice around November 2021.

JCAR (Joint Commission on Administrative Rules) is co-chaired by State Representative Keith Wheeler (our 2020 and 2021 Advocacy Award honoree). We are confident that Keith will be extremely helpful in utilizing the extensive comments that we submitted in order to allow for our CILA "cluster" concept.

- We have been nominated for the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce's "**Best of Bloomingdale**" again. We last won this honor in May 2017.
- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining Board meeting dates for 2021: Thursday, August 12 (Board Retreat) and **October 14**. The Board dates for 2022 are: **January 27, April 7**, May 19 (Finance), **June 23**, August 25 (Board Retreat), and **October 27**. The latest board list is attached; please let me know if you have any changes.

- The **Board Retreat** will be held at the Foglia Education Center next **Thursday (August 12)** from **8:45 am – 2:30 pm**. No ZOOM will be available for the retreat so it is hoped that everyone can attend in person. We have a lot to cover! We will have a softball game with the residents so please wear comfortable clothes and we will take a group picture just before the game.

**\*\*The retreat packet was sent yesterday; a pdf of the material is attached. I should have estimates on construction costs for the locker room, maintenance building and MDS/CDS Elgin by early next week. I plan to email those to you no later than Wednesday.\*\***

I hope you had a great U.S. Coast Guard Day this week (August 4)! I look forward to seeing you next week at the retreat. Thank you for all that you do to make our mission and vision a reality.

God bless you!

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