



**Director's Report  
Board of Director's Meeting  
Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

**Announcements**

- Hired Maria Davies as our new Short Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) Program Coordinator. Maria has given her notice at REACH, her current employer, and will join us officially at the end of November.
- A couple former SAIL staff members have passed over the last few months. Ken Dean, former SAIL staff member and Interim Executive Director, passed away October 16th. I attended his celebration of life. Patty Baumgartner, former SAIL Older Blind Alaskans Coordinator, also passed this fall. As some of you may remember, Patty donated kilns and ceramics supplies a couple years back. We then partnered with the Sitka Fine Arts Camp to locate them on campus and found funds to build a ramp into the ceramics studio. Both Ken and Patty were strong advocates for people with disabilities.
- SAIL has signed a \$10,000 contract with the University of Alaska, Center for Human Development, to provide advocacy training in SE. Tristan is now a Level 2 trainer. We plan to train/mobilize advocates in the region and bring us closer to our goals of establishing local advisory boards and increasing our volunteer pool.
- I've accepted the position of Chair of the Foraker Operations Board, a two-year term, effective January 1.
- My two-year term as Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) expires January 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time I will become the Treasurer.
- We are applying for a new Jesuit Volunteer in each Juneau and Sitka.
- Earlier this month, I traveled to Sitka for a site visit and met with the head of the Playground committee.
- Effective immediately, due to family/personal reasons, Sierra will relocate to Juneau and go to 10-hrs/week until the end of the school year.
- Margaret Sebens, Haines Independent Living Advocate, will step up as the Haines Program Director until Sierra returns.

**Mark Your Calendars**

- ❖ It is official: Heart for SAIL will be held February 10th in Sitka.

**Grants and Fundraising**

- Received \$20K from the Trust for a Pre-Employment Transition Services grant. This is a pass-through for the Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation w/ a 15% administrative fee (for SAIL).

- Juneau Auction financial report included in your packet
- Ketchikan auction was a big success. Thank you, Suzi, for all your help. We grossed \$9,057. A full report on revenue vs. expense next mtg.

## **Fees for Service**

### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Community Rehab Provider Services

Our Haines project continues in partnership with the school district. Three youth are enrolled.

### Veterans' Options for Independence, Choice and Empowerment (VOICE) SE

We have recently received our first two referrals, one from Juneau and one from Wrangell. Guess we'll be getting our feet wet here shortly!

### Home Modifications for Aging in Place (HomeMAP)

Sherri von Wolfe, SAIL Accessibility Specialist, and I have been asked to sit on a Technology Work group for Medicaid Reform. The group asked us for a proposal as to how we suggest our product, Home Modifications for Aging in Place (HomeMAP) be integrated into Alaska as a Medicaid approved service or as a Home and Community Based Service (HCBS, waiver service). We worked with Deb Etheridge, Deputy Director for Senior and Disability Services (SDS) and have proposed going the route of HCBS.

## **United Human Services of SE Alaska (UHS) Update**

As shared previously, our Juneau lease expires March 1, 2018. Our Juneau office is less than desirable for numerous reasons, i.e., inadequate parking; arguably unsafe conditions to pull in and out of the office; folks who cannot use stairs must enter through the side of the building; and the space does not lend itself to maximizing shared-use spaces with the other nonprofit tenants.

The UHS board is exploring options including possible lease space in Vintage Park and possible lease or purchase opportunity in the Bill Ray Center, owned by First National Bank of Alaska.

Update:

- UHS is contracting with the McDowell Group to update the 2008 Nonprofit Center Demand study. SAIL may take on some of the workload to speed the process up. All SAIL staff time is directly billed to UHS.
- UHS has also hired Tracey Ricker Real Estate Consulting to work on the Bill Ray Center project.

## **Financial**

Good News: We have received notice that our health insurance rates have dropped by approximately 1% for the upcoming year.

This is to certify that SAIL has paid all payroll taxes, employee pensions & health insurance premiums due as of today's date. Additionally, this certifies that the Ex. Director reviewed all accounting adjustments w/ the bookkeeper.