



Director's Report
Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Announcements

- Sean O'Neill, Juneau ORCA Activity Coordinator has been promoted to ORCA Juneau Lead.
- Brittany "Arizona" Jacobs has joined the Ketchikan staff as our new VISTA placement. In response to board questions, please find our application to VISTA in this month's packet. The application explains the goals of the placement. VISTA's are capacity building placement and are therefore limited to 49% direct service. This is opposed to the Jesuit Volunteer program, which mandates a minimum of 51% direct service.
- The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is sponsoring the first ever Alaska IL Conference in Anchorage on February 17 & 18th @ the BP Energy Center. We will attempt to bring all staff. Unfortunately it's the same weekend as a Jesuit Volunteer retreat so our two JV's will be unable to join us.
- The Alaska CIL Network has agreed to hire the same lobbyist we had last year, Heather Brakes, to represent us. Access Alaska will once again be the agency of record. Our portion of her \$20K fee is equal to our percentage of CIL funding, or 20.27% or \$4,050. We will use local cash/discretionary funding for this fee.
- Leslie Wood traveled to Wrangell and Petersburg this month.
- Dave Nuetzel will travel to Kake on September 29th. SE Senior Services will pay for the travel as they have some funds they need to spend by the end of the month.
- Wildflower Court is applying for a Certificate of Need (CON) for 4 new nursing home beds and asked if we would write a letter of support. They have 16 people on the active wait list, 32 on the inactive list and an occupancy rate of 98.2%. I am leaning toward supporting the effort.
- Agreed to lease an additional 100 sq. feet on the first floor in Juneau as we are 'bursting at the seams'!
- I'll be on vacation starting October 10th and returning to the office on October 25th.

Mark Your Calendars

- ❖ Saturday, October 8 is the Juneau Auction/Dinner Gala @ Centennial Hall. We have chosen a tropical theme including hula dancers.
- ❖ Friday, November 18 is the Ketchikan Auction/Dinner Gala @ The Landing

- ❖ Have a Heart for SAIL will be held in February in Sitka this year. We are looking at Friday, Feb. 3rd or Friday, Feb. 10th. Stay tuned!

Grants

- Received \$2K from Douglas-Dornan Fund (administered by the Juneau Community Foundation). \$1K for ski and snowboard scholarships and \$1K toward Breckenridge adaptive ski training for Megan Ahleman and Sean O'Neill. We also applied on behalf of the Sitka Playground project which was awarded \$2,500.
- Submitted a grant application to the City of Sitka and we are being recommended to receive \$8,835. This represents a \$4K increase over the prior year.
- We applied for \$2,500 from the United Way of SE Alaska for our rural outreach program and unfortunately came out empty handed this year.
- Thanks to Suzi for signing, securing a notary stamp, and delivering our Ketchikan Borough grant.
- We've yet to hear from the Administration on Community Living (ACL) on our grant application to increase our capacity to serve 'Indian Country'. Project is slated to start Oct. 1st, so we are hoping to hear soon.
- Received approval from the Trust for \$8,200 toward building an app platform and a picture editing component. We've contracted with an Anchorage firm, Designori.

Fees for Service

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Community Rehab Provider Services

Our Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) project in the Ketchikan alternative high school is under way. Youth are being interviewed for spots in the program. We anticipate 7 or 8 youth in this cohort. Adrienne Nappier, our Ketchikan Independent Living Advocate (ILA)/ORCA staff will lead the effort. Our new VISTA placement, Arizona, assist, providing support and capacity building activities. Ketchikan Program Director, Keith Smith, will periodically check in and the school district has assigned a para educator to the project.

In Haines, our PETS project is underway at the high school with 3 enrollees.

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

Again, giant thanks to both Sierra and Tristan for jumping hoop after hoop to get us approved to provide this Veteran's Home and Community Based Service program. We are in the home stretch of approval.

Home Modifications for Aging in Place (HomeMAP)

- The State is preparing to release a new round of home modification grants. We are advocating for continuation of mandatory comprehensive home assessments.
- Sherri von Wolfe, SAIL Accessibility Specialist, is working with Access Alaska to wrap up their last dozen or so HomeMAPs. We charge 10% of the earned revenue plus a Quality Assurance (QA) fee.

United Human Services of SE Alaska (UHS) Update

In Juneau, our 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.

Financial

Thanks to the awesome work of our contractor, Susan Listberger of Bookkeeping Plus, we once again will have zero findings in our fiscal audit.

Rick Jones of Kendall, Prebola and Jones CPA's, the firm we hired last year to assist us filing an Indirect Cost Rate (ICR) with the feds, has been delayed in reviewing our draft audit. He hopes to complete his work the week of September 26th. Consequently, our audit report has been rescheduled from our September meeting to our October meeting.

Looks like we ended solidly in the black, even when we put depreciation 'above the line'.

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.

Set for the Tropics

Saturday, October 8 • Centennial Hall



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