

# CFI UPDATE

July 17, 2015

TO: EB, RMF, DBW  
CC: JEH, JHJ  
FR: MWH, TCD, RB, CMc

## Enclosed

- Financial Statements as of June 30, 2015
- CFI's Preliminary Balance Sheet as of July 10, 2015
- Expense detail by Account as of June 30, 2015
- Draft of Board of Directors meeting of June 8 & 9, 2015
- Draft of Current Grant Committee meeting of June 15, 2015
- A hard copy of the merged 2/24/15 BOD Strategy Discussion responses

**Financials** . . . for the period ending June 30, 2015. The Financial Statements show the Balance Sheet, as of June 30, 2015, with a market value of \$170,511,609 UP \$481,531, or 0.28% from December 31, 2014. Total return on Investments for the period ending June 30, 2015 is UP \$4,068,276, or 2.39%, with Investment Management Expenses at \$385,098 or .23%. Equity/Fixed Ratio was 68.74/31.26%. (TCD)

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**Coleman Fellows** . . . Please contact Lisa by July 30 if you wish to attend any or all of the Coleman Fellows Summit, scheduled for August 13-15 at the Hilton/Indian Lakes Resort in west suburban Bloomingdale, IL. We expect over 100 Fellows and others to attend this year's conference. On the evening of Thursday, August 13, Richard Edwards, who leads the iLearn Research Center at Ball State University will speak on innovation in online and blended learning methods in his address, "The Next Wave of Innovations in Higher Education." Friday and Saturday morning will include breakout sessions given by program leaders and veteran Fellows. A networking dinner will be held on the resort property on Friday night with the Summit ending midday Saturday. Board members and families are invited to attend. There is an option to play golf on Thursday afternoon prior to the opening dinner. Please let Lisa know if this would be of interest to you and we will make arrangements. (CMc)

**Digital Manufacturing Entrepreneurship and the Maker Movement...** On July 8, CMc and MWH (along with the new CEO of disabilities service provider Park Lawn) visited makerlabs in Park Forest and at Prairie State College. Both facilities are part of the SouthWorks MakerLab Network, the emerging consortium of labs CMc profiled at the June BOD Meeting. Park Forest, in partnership with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium, recently won a competition sponsored by the Small Business Administration for a \$50,000 grant for initial acquisition of equipment for the Park Forest Maker Space which includes two 3D printers, a laser cutter, an electronics lab, and computers and design software. The goal of the Maker Space will be to enable users to create prototypes of new products that can then be marketed for larger production and sale. The Maker Space will also provide a program of courses and workshops that will educate the members about production, marketing, patents, and other key issues involved in the manufacturing process. The Prairie State lab is integrated into the Industrial Technology wing of the college and has 3D printers, a 3D scanner, welders, electronics, mills, lathes, tooling and more. Two camps are being held this summer at the college for high school students, one on 3D printing and the other on electronics and programming...On July 14, CMc toured Chicago Innovation Exchange, the University of Chicago's recently opened co-working space and makerlab in Hyde Park. The University has acquired two large buildings and redeveloped them for this purpose in an effort to provide more opportunity for community members to benefit from University resources. Last month, Northwestern University opened its own version geared more for members of the university community (called "The Garage" and located in a newly opened parking facility on the Evanston campus). We will continue to watch the proliferation of makerlabs and assess grant opportunities that advance our Impact Plans. (CMc)

**Beloit College ...** In the last UPDATE we reported that Diep Phan has accepted the Coleman Chair.

Additional trips to campus and further conversations with the President and the Dean have been hampered by summer break. She will be teaching previously assigned courses principles of Econ., accounting, and int'l trade and finance. She is on sabbatical the following semester (sigh), and plans to use that time to develop a new course on entrepreneurship, which she plans to teach in the fall (this is a positive ).

Still a lot to do to help her get off to a good start. (MWH).

**DePaul . . .** Coleman Entrepreneurship Center Director Terri Lonier led the recent advisory board meeting before leaving for the Art Institute of Chicago. A pool of 60+ applicants has been reduced to 6. I have met with an interested advisory board member and will meet with another candidate tomorrow. I took advantage of the Advisory Board meeting to talk about other local Coleman funded programs (eg: Future Founders) that are benefitting DePaul students and to present a check for ½ of the capital funds approved for the renovation of the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center space. That work will begin now that school is out. (MWH).

**NFTE . . .**The two principle drivers of the NFTE Chicago program have resigned their positions. NFTE national has staff here two days a week for transition. They are in the process of recruiting new staff. At this point we are simply waiting for close out income and expense reporting. (MWH)

### **DISABILITY SERVICES**

**Intersect for Ability...** The network's strategic planning process has culminated in a decision to focus on "how we can best measure Quality of Life so we can improve the Quality of Life of the people we serve and secure the resources necessary to do so." This has been a topic of discussion for a couple of years which has grown in interest in recent months, particularly in the face of the State of Illinois budget crisis which highlights the risk to funding of services provided by Intersect members. As we have reported previously, advocates in the field (outside of Intersect) have been increasingly vocal in efforts to promote community integration and employment as the primary vehicle to achieve increased quality of life. Following the path of other states, Illinois has become an "Employment First" state which means it presumably favors efforts to achieve community employment over all other forms of support for individuals with I/DD. Advocates also strongly promote community residential options, particularly smaller group homes located in community settings as a better approach than campus-based residential options. The current uncertainty regarding the state budget for disability services heightens the vulnerability agencies feel when funding decisions (cuts) are made in a seemingly arbitrary fashion, disconnected to the quality of the services they offer. An initial meeting has been scheduled for members to look at tools used by each organization to measure Quality of Life and consider direction, resources and time lines for the project. The goal is to align around a single, practical Quality of Life measurement tool that could be broadly adopted and lead to improved decision-making regarding state funding. A funding request may be received later this year.

On a related note, there are two events scheduled for October which together help explain why a clearer understanding of quality of life is so necessary. As part of grant #5389, Center for Independent Futures (CIF) is holding a one-day symposium on Friday, October 16 entitled "Enhancing Capacity through Community Partnerships" at National Louis University in Skokie, IL. This event will bring together members of the seven family groups that have been part of CIF's *Enhancing Capacity Through Community Partnerships* initiative (funded through that grant and a prior one), human service agencies, quality accreditation agencies, local and state legislators and other stakeholders. Al Condeluci, an advocate, author, CEO of a Pittsburgh-based disability service provider will provide a keynote address and facilitate the symposium. One week later, from October 21-23, Misericordia will host a conference entitled "Together for Choice: A National Conference to Unite our Voices." This conference is intended to "create a united voice to advocate for the rights of families and individuals with I/DD to have free choice in the types of communities which best serve their needs and aspirations, while ensuring quality services and supports for all." The conference will involve participation by members of the Coalition for Community Choice, a consortium of organizations which serve individuals with I/DD (including many that serve individuals with autism and/or operate campus-based programs). Condeluci's focus is on helping to build the "social capital" of individuals with I/DD by increasing the number and quality of their relationships with other individuals (particularly those who are neurotypical). This goal necessitates community integration and presumes to help individuals with I/DD gain connections which improve quality of life. The Misericordia conference serves as a counterpoint to advocates like Condeluci and is intended to defend less integrated service settings as leading to high quality of life. Absent a universally embraced methodology for measuring quality of life, the philosophical dispute lurking beneath events such as these will continue. CMc will attend both events and we

hope the Intersect quality of life project can contribute to the overall understanding of how CFI can better achieve its Impact Plan goal of improving quality of life for those with I/DD. (CMc)

*Concerning the October 21-23, conference hosted by Misericordia: Sr. Rosemary and Geana Connelly submitted a letter of inquiry seeking Coleman support for the Choice conference. Following a phone conversation to discuss some of the details, I invited them to submit a current grant level request for up to \$25,000 in support of the conference. (MWH)*

### **CURRENT GRANT SUMMARIES**

**5506 - Elim Christian Services, IL** - Elim's HOPE Packs program gives adults with I/DD the opportunity to earn a modest paycheck by assembling school supply kits for disadvantaged school children in Chicago and nearby suburbs. It provides meaningful work for Elim participants as well as an opportunity to serve needy children with essential school supplies. The program targets public schools and Christian schools in low-income. We introduced them to Providence - St. Mel School several years ago. The proposal is to match contributions for the HOPE Packs program which are made by participants in the organization's Elim Team Tri initiative.

**5507 – PACT, Inc., IL** - PACT, Inc. and DayOneNetwork are Independent Service Coordination (ISC) agencies which provide contract services to the State of Illinois for case management for individuals with I/DD and serve as conduits between the State and provider agencies like UCP Seguin and Clearbrook. Individuals and families contact ISC agents to initiate a request for services and these agencies help them get on waiting lists and, when funded, direct them to service providers. The two organizations are contemplating a merger. DayOneNetwork's executive director has departed the organization and PACT, Inc.'s executive director along with both boards are engaged in an exploratory process. Annual savings are anticipated to be approximately \$100,000 in salaries and support costs such as IT and insurance. The grant will funds are to support a feasibility analysis as well as support during negotiation and implementation.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Increase Individual Giving...** We have invited more than 40 organizations to participate in CFI's #GivingTuesday / #ILGive Matching Gifts Program. As part of the program, CFI offers a match of donations made online on December 1, 2015 to these organizations to the degree to which the gift exceeds the donor's largest single donation (made on or offline) in 2014, up to a maximum of \$15,000 or \$20,000 to each organization (dependent upon how much it raised on the last two Giving Tuesdays). Additionally, MWH is leading an effort to encourage other local foundations to provide incentives to their grantees to participate in the broader campaign led by Donors Forum. CMc is heading up a Donors Forum subteam as part of the coordination effort of the broader campaign. Organizations have until August 1 to accept the terms of CFI's match. As of July 16, 30 had done so and we expect others to follow. (CMc)

**BOD Strategy Discussion...** Enclosed is a hard copy of the merged 2/24/15 BOD Strategy Discussion responses.