

The Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies Steering Committee wants to provide a brief update on what's going on with the Network's evolution.

As you know, the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS) and Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA) have been meeting for over two years to form what is now called the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies. The NJHSA will not be a merger but instead the creation of a vibrant association to help all Jewish Human Service agencies in North America serve their constituents more effectively. In order to help us accomplish our task, you guessed it, we've created lots of committees and subcommittees that are doing the heavy lifting. To guide the whole ship we have a Steering Committee comprised of:

1. Kim Coulter, President & CEO, JVS, Toronto
2. Paula Goldstein, CEO, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Philadelphia
3. June Guterman, Co-chair, CEO, Jewish Family Service, Columbus
4. Judy Halper, CEO, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Minneapolis
5. Danielle Hartman, CEO, Rales Jewish Family Service, Boca Raton
6. Jim Kahn, Co-chair, Immediate Past President AJFCA and Jewish Family and Children's Service, Philadelphia
7. David Marcu, CEO, Israel Elwyn
8. Perry Ohren, CEO, Jewish Family Service, Detroit
9. Larry Reader, President AJFCA and Past President of Jewish Family and Children's Service, Houston
10. Leah Rosenbaum, CEO, JVS, Detroit
11. Jerry Rubin, CEO, JVS, Boston
12. Howard Sitron, CEO, Jewish Child & Family Services, Chicago
13. Judy Freundlich Tiell, Executive Director, Jewish Family & Career Services, Louisville

The Steering Committee has been working very closely with consultants from Conscient Strategies, Hannah Romick and Nancy Kaplan.

And all of us have been working very closely with Genie Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, IAJVS, and Irv Katz, Interim Chief Executive Officer, AJFCA.

There are subcommittees in the following areas, most of which are currently working, some of which are done and some which will begin their work in the near future:

1. Launch Conference
2. Communications and Member Retention
3. Executive Search
4. Finance
5. Fundraising
6. Programs
7. Organizational Culture
8. Governance and Board Structure
9. New Members
10. Advocacy
11. Revenue Research and Modeling
12. Legal
13. Name
14. Location
15. Structure, roles and responsibilities

These groups are populated by Steering Committee members along with executives from other IAJVS and or AJFCA member organizations (if you are interested in committee work please contact Hannah Romick athannah@conscientstrategies.com).

There's a lot of activity going on in almost all areas, specifically CEO Search, Launch Conference, New Members, and Fundraising. We are pleased to report that we are on schedule to be operational in 2017. We will be reporting progress in this publication every other week as well as answering questions and concerns that arise.