

Network of Human Service Agencies Update September 23, 2016

Tremendous progress has been made in the last few months developing the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (the Network). From this point forward there will be updates in this e-newsletter, reporting on subcommittees' progress, as well as answering questions and concerns that many have brought up in response to the recent survey. To start:

Fundraising: Potential donors are beginning to take notice. The Lodestar Foundation has recently awarded the Network a \$50,000 2:1 matching grant, and we are well on the way to obtaining the \$100,000 match from other sources. These monies, and other grants from funders with whom we are now engaged, will help build new programs and greater value for our members, as well as allow us to develop permanent revenue streams that will eventually decrease reliance on dues.

CEO Search: The search for a CEO of the Network is continuing. Thank you for all of your referrals. Those referrals and responses to our posts on Jewish Jobs and Bridgespan garnered a wide variety of applicants, representing great diversity in background and experience. As we move from an initial candidate screening to more in depth candidate interviews, we are very confident that we will be able to hire the best of the best to lead the Network.

Transition: Both AJFCA and IAJVS will hold Board meetings the last weekend in October to vote to create the new organization. AJFCA member agencies will also be called upon to approve the new entity by an email vote. We are currently working closely with our attorneys to manage the organizational and legal matters. The plan is to have the Network begin operations early in 2017. In the meantime, we are continuing to integrate the day-to-day work of the two Associations.