# WLS Trustee Institute Understanding Nonprofit Financial Statements Wednesday. June 7, 2017

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### **TOPICS TO COVER**

- Differences between Nonprofits and For-Profits
- Role of a Nonprofit Board
- Financial Statements
  - Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position
  - Income Statement/Statement of Activities

# Differences between Nonprofit and For-Profit Organizations

| Nonprofit   | For-Profit  |
|---|---|
| None  | Owners/Stockholders   |
| Provide services needed by society  | Earn profits for owners/shareholders  |
| Ensure that revenues are greater than expenses so that services can be maintained/expanded            | Sell goods and/or provide services  |
| Board of Trustees   | Owners/stockholders   |
| Exempt from paying income taxes if approved by the IRS  | Subject to income taxes   |
| Net Assets  | Stockholders' equity  |
| Grants, donor contributions, program fees, membership fees, fundraising activities, investment income | Sales of merchandise, fees for services, investment income, gain on investments |

# Role of a Nonprofit Board

- Overall legal responsibility for the work of the organization
- Short-term and long-term planning
- Hire a Director
- Oversight of operations:
  - ensuring that systems are in place for administering and using resources effectively guarding against mis-use
- of resources
- Ensure the organization's financial health

# Key Documents for Board Members

- Annual budget
- Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position
- Income Statement/Statement of Activities

### Financial Statements - The Basics

- Accuracy and consistency
- Timely availability
- Understandable in relation to the organization's overall activities

# Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet

#### What is it?

- Snapshot of the organization's overall financial situation
- Illustrates the organization's assets, obligations/liabilities, and net assets as of a specific date
- Facilitates understanding of current operations and what future operations might entail

Assets - Liabilities = Net Assets

### Statement of Financial Position

| _                                | 4/30/2017 | 12/31/2016 | YTD Change        | YTD % Change   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                  |           |            |                   |                |
| Assets                           |           |            |                   |                |
| Current Assets                   |           |            |                   |                |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents          | 3,300,008 | 3,691,561  | (391,553)         | -10.6%         |
| Unconditional Promises to Give   | 593,208   | 280,522    | 312,686           | 111.5%         |
| Accounts Receivable              | 151,396   | 72,116     | 79,281            | 109.9%         |
| Prepaid Expenses                 | 808,075   | 701,656    | 106,418           | 15.2%          |
| Total Current Assets             | 4,852,688 | 4,745,855  | 106,832           | 2.3%           |
| Long-term Assets                 |           |            |                   |                |
| Property & Equipment             | 847,793   | 912,638    | ( <u>64,846</u> ) | - <u>7.1</u> % |
| Total Property & Equipment       | 847,793   | 912,638    | (64,846)          | - <u>7.1</u> % |
| Total Long-term Assets           | 847,793   | 912,638    | (64,846)          | - <u>7.1</u> % |
| Total Assets                     | 5,700,480 | 5,658,494  | 41,987            | <u>0.7</u> %   |
| Liabilities                      |           |            |                   |                |
| Short-term Liabilities           |           |            |                   |                |
| Accounts Payable                 | 570,326   | 470,537    | 99,788            | 21.2%          |
| Deferred Revenue                 | 480,464   | 646,284    | (165,820)         | -25.7%         |
| Total Short-term Liabilities     | 1,050,790 | 1,116,821  | (66,031)          | -5.9%          |
| Long-term Liabilities            |           |            |                   |                |
| Capital Lease Obligations        | 0         | 0          | 0                 | 0.0%           |
| Deferred Rent                    | 243,377   | 146,026    | 97,351            | 66.7%          |
| Post-Retirement Benefits Payable | 4,023,673 | 4,023,673  | 0                 | 0.0%           |
| Total Long-term Liabilities      | 4,267,050 | 4,169,699  | 97,351            | 2.3%           |
| Total Liabilities                | 5,317,840 | 5,286,520  | 31,320            | 0.6%           |
| Net Assets                       |           |            |                   |                |
|                                  | 382,640   | 371,973    | 10,667            | 2.9%           |
| Total Net Assets                 | 382,640   | 371,973    | 10,667            | 2.9%           |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 5,700,480 | 5,658,494  | 41,987            | <u>0.7</u> %   |

# Statement of Financial Position - Detail

#### ASSETS:

- Shows what the organization has/owns
  - Current Assets assets that are currently cash and assets that will be available as cash in the near future
    - Cash: money in bank accounts, petty cash
    - Receivables:
      - Unconditional Promises
      - Accounts Receivable
      - Prepaid Expenses

# Statement of Financial Position – Detail (continued)

#### ASSETS:

- Long-term Assets assets that won't be converted to cash in the near term
- Long-term Pledges
- Capital Assets (land, buildings, leasehold improvements, furniture & equipment)

# Statement of Financial Position – Detail (continued)

#### LIABILITIES:

- Shows what the organization owes
  - Short Term (Current) Liabilities –
    obligations which must be met in the near
    term
    - Payables recognizes expenses on the income statement for which the organization has not yet paid cash (including payroll-related payables)
    - Deferred Revenue monies received before they are earned

# Statement of Financial Position – Detail (continued)

- LIABILITIES:
  - Long-Term Liabilities obligations which must be met in the long-term future
    - Capital Lease obligations
    - Deferred Rent
    - Post-retirement Benefits

# Statement of Financial Position - Detail (continued)

- What to look for/questions to ask:
  - What are the organization's assets?
  - How liquid are the assets?
  - Any restrictions on use of the assets (donor-imposed)?
  - What is the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities?
  - Increase/decrease in Net Assets from previous year?
  - What items are included in Accounts Receivable? Accounts Payable?

#### What is it?

- Representation of the organization's income and expenditures over a certain period of time
  - What has happened during the period
  - What revenues have come in and from what sources
  - What monies have been spent
  - Resulting surplus or deficit

# Statement of Activities/Income Statement

|                                 |           | <b>Current Period</b> | Current Period         |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                                 | 4/30/2017 | Budget                | <b>Budget Variance</b> |
| Revenue                         |           |                       |                        |
| Grants State                    | 186,083   | 186,083               | 0                      |
| Grants County                   | 83,333    | 83,333                | 0                      |
| Member Technology Fees          | 231,662   | 225,892               | 5,770                  |
| Fund Raising & Contributions    | 12,210    | 16,917                | (4,707)                |
| Interest                        | 652       | 400                   | 252                    |
| WEBS & Other                    | 3,500     | 3,442                 | 58                     |
| Restricted Grants               | 23,367    | 23,375                | (8)                    |
| Restricted Other                | 23,307    | 417                   | (417)                  |
| Total Revenue                   | 540,807   | 539,858               | 949                    |
| iotal Revenue                   | 340,807   | 339,636               | 343                    |
| Expenditures                    |           |                       |                        |
| Salaries                        | 182,921   | 199,025               | 16,104                 |
| Fringe Benefits                 | 97,838    | 95,758                | (2,080)                |
| Professional Fees               | 1,456     | 2,175                 | 719                    |
| Equipment                       | 402       | 18,183                | 17,781                 |
| Library Materials               | 58,736    | 57,088                | (1,649)                |
| Rent and Utilties               | 24,338    | 27,925                | 3,587                  |
| Repairs and Maintenance         | 32,912    | 34,975                | 2,063                  |
| Supplies                        | 1,001     | 2,500                 | 1,499                  |
| Telephone and Internet          | 26,063    | 30,733                | 4,670                  |
| Printing and Postage            | 6,894     | 5,275                 | (1,619)                |
| Bibliographic Fees              | 5,122     | 5,833                 | 711                    |
| Professional Development        | 2,476     | 4,425                 | 1,949                  |
| Travel                          | 3,092     | 3,179                 | 87                     |
| Memberships                     | 766       | 1,408                 | 643                    |
| Contractual Services            | 11,386    | 17,425                | 6,040                  |
| Delivery Service                | 38,875    | 32,792                | (6,083)                |
| Special Events                  | 4,462     | 8,000                 | 3,538                  |
| Insurance                       | 641       | 1,917                 | 1,276                  |
| Interest                        | 0         | 0                     | 0                      |
| Miscellaneous                   | 175       | 1,158                 | 983                    |
| Total Expenditures              | 499,556   | 549,775               | 50,219                 |
| Net Revenue Before Depreciation | 41,251    | (9,917)               | 51,167                 |
| Non-Cash Activity               |           |                       |                        |
| Depreciation                    | 16,211    | <u>0</u>              | (16,211)               |
| Total Non-Cash Activity         | 16,211    | 0                     | ( <u>16,211</u> )      |
| Net Revenue                     | 25,039    | ( <u>9,917</u> )      | 34,956                 |

| Current Year | •             | YTD Budget        |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Actual       | YTD Budget    | Variance          |
|              |               |                   |
| 744,361      | 744,333       | 28                |
| 333,333      | 333,333       | 0                 |
| 913,356      | 903,567       | 9,790             |
| 15,646       | 43,667        | (28,020)          |
| 1,974        | 1,600         | 374               |
| 14,048       | 13,767        | 281               |
| 93,789       | 93,500        | 289               |
| 0            | 1,667         | (1,667)           |
| 2,116,508    | 2,135,433     | (18,925)          |
| 763,604      | 796,100       | 32,496            |
| 372,543      | 383,034       | 10,490            |
| 4,801        | 8,700         | 3,899             |
| 15,082       | 72,733        | 57,652            |
| 215,240      | 228,350       | 13,110            |
| 114,810      | 111,700       | (3,110)           |
| 142,976      | 139,900       | (3,076)           |
| 7,343        | 10,900        | 3,557             |
| 106,076      | 122,933       | 16,858            |
| 13,588       | 21,100        | 7,512             |
| 26,071       | 23,333        | (2,737)           |
| 33,965       | 17,700        | (16,265)          |
| 8,771        | 12,717        | 3,946             |
| 8,376        | 5,633         | (2,743)           |
| 61,860       | 57,700        | (4,160)           |
| 132,134      | 131,167       | (968)             |
| 6,673        | 8,000         | 1,327             |
| 5,816        | 7,667         | 1,851             |
| 0            | 0             | 0                 |
| 1,267        | 4,633         | 3,366             |
| 2,040,995    | 2,164,000     | 123,005           |
| 75,513       | (28,567)      | 104,080           |
| 64,846       | <u>o</u><br>o | (64,846)          |
| 64,846       | <u>o</u>      | ( <u>64,846</u> ) |
| 10,667       | (28,567)      | 39,234            |

| Total Budget  |
|---|
| 2,233,000<br>1,000,000<br>2,710,700<br>119,000<br>4,800<br>41,300<br>280,500  |
| <u>5,000</u><br>6,394,300   |
| 2,388,300<br>1,149,100<br>26,100<br>218,200<br>685,050<br>335,100<br>419,700<br>30,900<br>368,800<br>63,300<br>70,000<br>53,100<br>38,150<br>16,900<br>185,100<br>393,500<br>12,000<br>23,000 |
| 500<br><u>13,900</u><br>6,490,700   |
| (96,400)  |
| <u>0</u><br><u>0</u><br>( <u>96,400</u> )   |
|   |

#### What is important about it?

- Shows sources of funding, how closely expenses are monitored, and whether or not programs are sustainable
- Best viewed in the context of the annual budget
- Should be understood in the context of the organization's history and external environment

- Income
  - State revenues
  - County revenues
  - Member fees
  - Restricted grants
  - Other earned revenue

- Expenses
  - Personnel
  - Other Than Personnel
  - Depreciation

What to look for/questions to ask.

#### **REVENUES:**

- Is income greater than expenses?
- Are revenues trending up or down?
- How secure are the funding sources?
- How diverse are the funding sources?

What to look for/questions to ask:

#### **EXPENSES**:

- Do the expenses relate to the mission and programs?
- Are there expenses that were not budgeted?
- Are costs for programs, admin and/or fundraising appropriate in relation to the overall budget?
- Is the organization current in paying its expenses?

# Other Questions to Consider

- Does the financial information make sense?
- Is financial information timely?
- Is the organization financially solid right now?
- Unfamiliar vendors?
- Trends of note in revenues or expenses?
- Is the organization well-managed?

### Resources

- Nonprofit Accounting Basics, Greater
   Washington Society of CPAs Educational
   Foundation, Washington, DC
- Financial Reports and Balancing the Mission Checkbook, Nonprofits Assistance Fund, Minneapolis, MN
- Reading and Understanding Nonprofit Financial Statements, Center for Nonprofit Excellence, United Way of Central New Mexico
- Interpreting Financial Statements, Social Venture Partners Boulder County, Boulder, CO