

Advocacy:

- Convened a subcommittee of member agencies providing workforce services to identify advocacy priorities and convened a follow up meeting with the National Skills Coalition to process further and seek joint advocacy efforts.
- Participating in time limited Board sponsored taskforce on protocols regarding the issuance of Statements.

Annual Conference Committee

- Over 1,700 registered participants including over 850 first time attendees and 7 prospective member agencies. Over 200 representatives from NAJC attended.
- \$83,000 raised from 21 sponsors (exceeding budgeted goal by over \$30,000).
- Over 50 workshop sessions.
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback, despite the technical bumps.

Best Practice:

- Secured grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Weinberg Foundation to support a collaborative effort with Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and RespectAbility to compile best practice workforce initiatives to support persons with disabilities.

Board Education:

- Developing plans for a New Board Orientation (scheduled for May 19th at 10am ET), to support the incoming board members while also serving as a refresher for those continuing on the Board. Also working on a Self-Assessment Survey for members of the FY 2020/21 Board.

Budget and Finance:

- Reviewed financial statements for period ending March 2021.
- Continued discussions related to drafting of an Investment Policy Statement and securing new fund manager to support management of reserve fund.

Canadian Agencies:

- Continued efforts to develop national unemployment response to address COVID related unemployment in the Jewish community with JVS Toronto and Ometz as lead agencies supporting smaller communities with limited or no employment services.
- Welcomed Atlantic Jewish Council, Beth Tikvah of Hamilton and Tamir of Ottawa as new member agencies.
- Met with representatives of the Azrieli Foundation to explore partnership opportunities with the soon to be established Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence and also with Canada's involvement with Jewish Disability Awareness Month.
- Prepared session content featuring Canadian representatives at the NJHSA conference.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee:

- Sponsored a webinar for the Network to share the findings of the recently completed NJHSA/ HIAS DEI survey.
- Beginning work to develop a series of NJHSA definitions associated with DEI and Racial Justice.
- Hosted Networking Lounge at the conference which was well attended and generated much interest. Will be meeting to process next steps.

Executives' Networking Forum:

- Committee will be established shortly. Confirmed Al Benarroch of JCFS Winnipeg and Lori Moss of JFS Indianapolis as Co-Chairs. Dates confirmed for January 8-10, 2022 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Grants and Opportunities:

- Beginning work to develop a series of operating guidelines to guide future grantmaking efforts of the Network.

Innovation:

- Met with Jewish Poverty Challenge consultants to review learnings of Year Two of the Challenge.
- Began discussion of next steps for the Network's Center for Innovation and Research, including the hiring of a VP of Strategy and Partnerships who will drive the efforts of the Center.

Lay Leadership:

- Over 200 lay leaders from member agencies attended the annual conference.
- The content for lay leaders, including the Lay Leadership Plenary featuring Joan Garry was planned by the Lay Leadership Committee.
- Interest was expressed for the establishment of an ongoing Lay Leadership Affinity Group that would meet on a quarterly basis.
- The Committee will meet to process feedback and next steps for future offerings.

Membership:

- Since last Board meeting, welcomed 3 new member agencies (Atlantic Jewish Council of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Beth Tikvah of Hamilton, Ontario and Tamir of Ottawa, Ontario).
- Met to develop onboarding protocol for new member agencies.