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Subject: Link and Option Center Follow Up
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Good morning,

This email is a follow up to my meeting yesterday with The Link and Option Center. As this is a relatively hot issue, I thought I would provide you with a written update in case there are additional inquiries. The meeting was held in the south suburbs at Victory Christian Ministries and facilitated by Apostle Carl White. As I mentioned, Twin Green, TLOC's executive director requested the meeting. Please let me know if you have questions.

Best,
Lorri

Highlights:

- There was a lot of back and forth regarding TLOC's fiscal issues but no substantiating evidence presented by TLOC clarifying issues or negating HCI's findings.
- Ms. Green did provide a revised Q3 report that she indicated was presented to HCI previously but HCI had no record of receiving the document and Ms. Green admitted that she hadn't attempted to verify receipt.
- Ms. Green indicated that the bounced checks were first caused by an unfortunate situation, which was never clarified; then a bank error in transferring money, which was never substantiated; and finally, late payments from the state, although no specifics regarding which agencies, amounts or contacts were provided.
- Ms. Green indicated $10,000 as the approximate amount of the shortfall that precipitated the bounced checks but could not explain why this happened in light of having over $100K in unspent funds available from FY12 (TLOC's actual unspent for all 4 grants totals $161,420.59 ($68,032 SNW/$56,306.39 HCI/$37,082.20 Southland)), which doesn't include additional payments made after execution of TLOC's Year 2 contracts
- TLOC indicated that all grant funds had been restored to the TLOC account but could not provide an answer to where the money came from to restore the accounts or why the accounts reached a negative balance if the money had been restored.
- HCI indicated that they recently received 2 calls from TLOC employees indicating that they still had not received back pay from TLOC and one employee also could not file unemployment because money had not been properly deducted from their pay. Ms. Green's response was that one of the individuals identified was a current employee and the other left in May.

Next steps:

- TLOC was informed that IVPA has not cancelled TLOC's SNW grant but that stringent reporting requirements would be put in place
- TLOC will respond to questions on HCI's fact finding document, presented at today's

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(8/21/12) meeting by Friday, August 24
    - TLOC will also explain where money used to restore IVPA grant fund accounts originated (NRI/SNW) and provide clear and verifiable explanation for cause of cash flow issues
- TLOC will submit cashier's checks for all unspent NRI funds (Since TLOC has indicated that funds have been restored, HCI and Southland are requesting that they be provided by Friday, August 24th as they are typically due 45 days after closeout of the grant.)
- TLOC was informed that a new contract for the NRI extension period would not be provided
- TLOC was also reminded that funds could not be provided to them outside of any contractual period. All services provided after June 30th (and continued to date) would be the responsibility of TLOC

Meeting Attendees: Victory Christian - Apostle Carl White – Pastor (facilitator), Pastor Keith Williams – NRI South Suburban Advisory Board Member, Kyanna Haynie; **Southland Healthcare Forum (Southland)** - Angela Page (left the meeting early); **TLOC** - Joe Bertrand, TLOC Board Chairman, Perrin Wetzel, Fiscal Manager, Twin Green, Executive Director, Carl McCormick, TLOC legal representative (From the Stuttley Group, LLC); **Healthcare Consortium of Illinois (HCI)** - James Lyles, NRI Fiscal Manager, Jaclin Davis, NRI Project Coordinator; **State Representatives -** Will Davis and Al Riley; **IVPA** - Denise Barnett, NRI Assistant Grants Manager and Lorri Jenkins, NRI Program Director

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