

Franciscan Ministries, Inc.
Executive Director's Report | October – December 2018

Our Lady of the Woods and Tamar's Task Force work

Work continued with both task force groups during the last quarter. The focus of Tamar's Task Force is to find a stable location for our ministry. The Our Lady of the Woods Task Force is focused on enrollment, subsidy management and sustainability to optimize reimbursement.

For Tamar's, an opportunity has surfaced to partner with Welcome Collaborative to share a building in OTR. In support of this effort, I have submitted a proposal to Impact 100 for Franciscan Ministries and Welcome Collaborative to renovate a building near St. Anthony Center. I have also met with Cornerstone Renter Equity Group (building owner), a local foundation board member, and Pastor John Suguitan (Welcome Home Collaborative) to discuss further funding to purchase and renovate the building.

The OLW Task Force has analyzed our rental rates, the subsidy available, and has engaged with Xavier Master's degree students to conduct an analysis of the current market and potential options that might allow us to draw down outside funding through government sources.

St. Clare Campus Peace Center

Beginning this year, the newly renovated Schervier Hall in the Peace Center (next door to the Barn) will be managed by Centennial Barn staff. Revenue from rentals will benefit Franciscan Ministries. Planning for this transition is underway.

Resource Assessment

I have met with the Executive Committee to discuss my concerns about Franciscan Ministries being spread too thin and not having the staff resources to successfully manage the variety and depth of work we have undertaken. This concern extends to our three-year strategic plan. To address part of this concern, I have re-engaged the Executive Service Corps (OneSource) consultants who worked with us in developing the plan. They will come back and assist our committees to help us revisit expectations and plans in light of our current activities.

Development Director

We are actively seeking full-time director for our fund development function. We have a listing posted with Indeed, JPS Non-Profit News, on our website, and on LinkedIn.