NHPCO's 29th Management and Leadership Conference Session 6J - Walking the 990 Tightrope March 28, 2014: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

# Today's Presenters

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# Form 990 – *Informational* Return

- Form 990 is a critical document -- two key enterprise risks:
  - Public Relations -- The Form 990 is the most comprehensive, publicly-available source of information about the activities of your organization.
  - Maintenance of Exempt Status -- The IRS and state and local taxing authorities will use the Form 990 to assess compliance with tax laws and adherence to mission and practices as an exempt organization.

# What's Important?

- 1. Maintenance of Tax Exempt Status
  - Revenue Sources are activities in alignment with the tax exempt purpose
     Compliance with Federal, State & International tax requirements
     Conducting only appropriate activities prohibited from political activities
- 2. Fulfillment of Exempt Purpose

  - Statement of Functional Expenses (Part IX) are funds used to support the exempt purpose? Provide in Program Service Accomplishments (Part III). Description should include: Specific measurements clients served, days of care provided, number of sessions or events held, or publications issued;
- held, or publications issued:

  Objectives current and long-term goals;

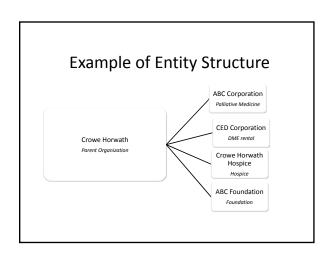
  Reasonable estimates for any statistical information.

  Endiralising how much does it cost your organization to raise a \$.

  Total Contributions Fundating Expenses

  Appropriate board composition and management team to be effective
- 3. Stewardship of Assets
- Appropriate compensation Monitoring of conflicts of interest Active participation in governance





### The Real World - Media Perception

"Hospice reported its largest expense paid to any contractor or entity was \$xx million for management services to the sole member."

### REALITY

- Little regard for corporate structure that typically includes centralized services at top level.
- Perception that funds are being diverted to a parent company.

# Example of Intercompany Transactions Over HURSON, P. Ov

# Compensation Oversight & Review Process

- 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?
- a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	PROCESS USED TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL	THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USES A COMPARATIVE SALARY SURVEY AND AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT FOR THE PRESIDENT AS CO. THE COMPENSATION COMPENSATION COMPENSATION SAPPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS REVIEW LAST TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2013 AND IS DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MUTIES.
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## The Real World - Media Perception

"The average compensation of the top 12 executives has grown by \$xxx ......etc."

### REALITY

- · Perception that officer compensation is set by the officers.
- Oversight by Board and Compensation Consultants typically ignored.

# Form 990 Update – Core Form Part VII Compensation

- Part VII, Compensation: Hours devoted to related organizations
  - The IRS has split columns (A) and (B) into two lines per person.
     Organizations now report the hours worked for the reporting organization and related organization(s) on the same page.



### The Real World - Media Perception

"The CEO devotes 40 hours a week to a related nonprofit organization and one hour a week to Hospice."

### REALITY

 Typically ignore the fact that organizations are intermingled and that officer time cannot always be accounted for by company.

# Schedule J: Compensation Information | Description | Desc

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### The Real World - Media Perception

"Staff cuts as executive pay rises"
"Groups seek donations for Hospice while boosting executive pay"

### REALITY

- Be sure to clearly identify that compensation is for a Calendar Year, particularly is you file on a Fiscal Year – events may not match the timing of compensation.
- Perception that donations go straight to executive pay.
- Have a clear policy that matches donations and grants to funded programs – be obsessive about following this in practice.

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### Adding Transparency to Schedule O

- Make sure Doctors are clearly identified by full title: Dr. John Smith, M.D.
- Make sure Doctor's fees are clearly identified: Dr. Smith's compensation includes his fees for patient visits.
- Break out special payments such as retention bonuses: Mr. Smith received a \$10,000 retention bonus that was established by the Board in previous years.
- Be clear about what else is included in compensation: Mr. Smith's compensation includes the same health care benefits that ALL employees receive.

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# Conflicts of Interest/Family & **Business Relationships**

- 26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization is say year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II .

  2 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof. a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member dura or these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV .

  28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV). Part IV instructions for applicable lifting thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):

  a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV .

  b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV .

  c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV .

# The Real World - Media Perception

"ABC Hospice does business with firms connected to board, executives"

### REALITY

- · Implication that such transactions are illegal.
- Ignores the fact that these were properly disclosed in the 990 and approved by the Board.

# Governance: Independent Board

	Foundation
Number of voting members of the governing body	15
Number of Independent voting members of the governing body	15
% Independent	100%

- A member of the governing body is considered to be **"independent"** only if all three of the following applied during the tax year:
  - The member was not compensated as an officer or other employee of the organization;
  - The member did not receive total compensation or other payments from the organization exceeding \$10,000; and
  - Neither the member, nor any family member of the member, was involved in a  $\mbox{\it transaction}$  with the organization.

## Schedule G: Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities



### Schedule F: Statement of Activities Outside the US

Tax-exempt organizations must report detail related to foreign activities with aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 (or investments over \$100,000) on Schedule F

1	For grantmakers. Does the assistance, the grantees' el grants or assistance?	ligibility for th	e grants or as	sistance, and the selection	criteria used to award the				
2	For grandmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other estimates outside the United States.  Activities per Report. Of the following Part I line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space in meeted.)								
_	p≱ Region	(b) Number of offices in the region		(3) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to reoperats located in the region)	(a) if activity loted in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(i) in region	expenditures for and investments in region			
(1)	)								

General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

### Schedule F: Statement of Activities Outside the US

an	Y Foreign Forms		
1	Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to the Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Copporation (see Instructions for Form 926).	✓ Yes	
2	Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Central Foreign Girls, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A).	Yes	2
3	Did the organization have an connectible interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 6471, Information Return of U.S. Renorm With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations, (see Instructions for Form 6471).	✓ Yes	
4	Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 6621, information Resum by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund, (see Instructions for Form 6621)	☑ Yes	
5	Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships, see Hartuctions for Foreign Partnerships, see Hartuctions for Foreign Returnships, see Autocolons for Section 8865).	Yes	
6	Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Vex." the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713).	☐ Yes	<b>2</b>

## The Real World - Media Perception "About \$xx million of the hospice's assets are invested in 'Central America and the Caribbean.""

### REALITY

- Donors and the community are rightfully concerned about any offshore funds.
- Form 990 classifications leave little room to fully explain, so it makes an interesting headline.

### What is an Alternative Investment?

- An alternative investment is an investment product other than traditional investments such as stocks, bonds or cash.
- For example, alternative investments include venture capital, private equity, hedge funds, limited partnerships, LLCs and other derivative funds.
- Many of these investments are off-shore funds.
- Investments may cause additional filing requirements with IRS Penalties for not filing forms can be extreme

- Many investments create UBI

  Can result in taxation at the federal and state levels

  Often, the amounts of UBI are not known until after year end, so this can result in an unpleasant surprise

### Using the Form 990 to tell your best story...

- Allocation of Functional Expenses to Program Service, Management and General and Fundraising
- Fundraising Expenses to Total Contributions
- Officer Compensation to Total Compensation
- Officer Compensation to Total Salaries
- Working Capital Ratio
- · Etc. etc.



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### Questions

