

ABILA MIP FUND ACCOUNTING

“An Investment That Makes Sense With Wessel Consulting as a Key Part of our Team”



Cambria Residential Services, Inc.



Cambria Residential Services, Inc. (CRS), supports the lives of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with a disability related to mental health by providing high quality, state of the art services, including residential services in small community homes owned by the Agency. CRS is celebrating 35 years of excellence in human services.

CRS is supported by funding from federal state and local government. They are charged with complex tracking requirements; including budgeting, accounting, and forecasting for 24 residential homes. This includes following “eligible and ineligible” expenses related to the operation of each home that determine reimbursement rates. They are also tasked with each resident’s guardianship account activity. Along with that and their continued growth and increased funding audit regulations was the driving force in implementing MIP Fund Accounting in 2001.

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THE CHALLENGE

Complex tracking requirements for 25 residential homes individually and in combination as well as eligible vs. non-eligible expenses. Tracking of each resident’s rep payee/guardianship account activity.

SOLUTION

MIP Fund Accounting with full suite of modules, implemented and supported by Wessel Consulting.

RESULTS

- Monthly allocation of administrative costs to locations
- Tracking of rep payee/guardianship accounts in one company file.
- Ability to run financials and detail reports by individual.
- Monthly financial reporting packet is setup
- Fixed asset tracking with reports by location
- Payroll import each pay

<p>CUSTOMER: Cambria Residential Services, Inc. Administrative Office—Johnstown, PA Human Services 501(c)3 25 Residential Homes 130 Employees Annual Budget \$6.6M</p>	<p>PRODUCT: Abila MIP Fund Accounting 3 user</p>	<p>MIP MODULES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Ledger • Accounts Payable • EFT for Accounts Payable • Accounts Receivable Billing • Accounts Receivable Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocations Management • Bank Reconciliation • Budget Management • Fixed Assets • Data Import/Export • Forms Designer
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TIMELY ALLOCATIONS

Ramirez identified allocations and payroll import as two key time savers as a result of MIP. "In the past, allocations were done once a year; now, with the MIP Allocation Module, we allocate costs monthly and have timely and accurate financials as a result" reports Ramirez.

PAYROLL IMPORT SAVES HOURS OF REKEYING

CRS prefers to outsource payroll, but rekeying into an accounting system was time consuming. "Wessel worked with our team and now we simply import the payroll data into MIP – which saves hours of staff time each pay period".

FIXED ASSETS

The Fixed Asset module of MIP allows CRS to track their fixed assets by residential home – something that was managed prior by their outside accountants. Now they maintain an accurate and timely record of each home's assets and retrieving that information at any time is at their fingertips

REPRESENTATIVE/GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTS FOR EACH RESIDENT

Prior to MIP, this process was cumbersome with a spreadsheet maintained for each resident. "Wessel assisted us in creating a separate company database to track all income and expense activity for each resident. We can now generate reports for each resident's activity at the push of a button" says Ramirez "having that information at our fingertips is priceless!"

CUSTOMIZED REPORTS ARE KEY

"Having the ability to capture and track all the information in MIP is great, but having Wessel assist in the design of numerous customized reports allows us to retrieve that information in the format we need, whether it's for our Executive Director, our Board, or our various auditing agencies" says Ramirez.

SUPPORT! SUPPORT! SUPPORT!

CRS utilizes Abila support and are pleased that a "live" representative answers the support line. If a callback is required, Larry reports that "a return call is very quickly received and our issue is resolved. We also regard Wessel as a key part of our team – they are always available and are invaluable for onsite training of accounting staff and customized report design."

AN INVESTMENT THAT MAKES SENSE



"MIP is flexible and accommodates our needs. Even though we continue to grow and our tracking requirements become more complex, MIP's time saving features allow us to do more without having to hire additional staff."

—Larry Ramirez, Administrative Officer



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About Wessel Consulting: We are committed through practical advice and effective implementation to "Bridge The Gap" between client goals and the resources needed to accomplish those goals.

As certified public accountants and business consultants, we keep informed about significant developments affecting business and industry and the impact on financial reporting needs. The consulting services that we provide will assist you in selecting and utilizing information systems that will enable you to manage your business effectively.

With Wessel Consulting as your business partner, your organization will be prepared to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

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