

## Soundings V1 Breakfast Briefing Wage and Compensation of the Nonprofit Sector

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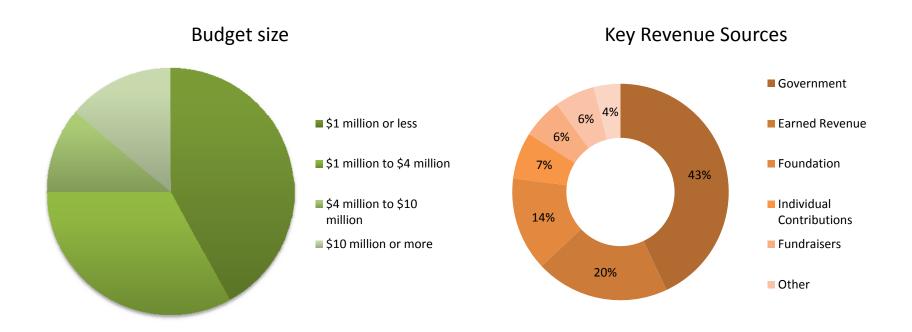
### **Advisory Group**

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### Soundings Leadership Group

200 Organizations from the 10-county region committed to completing 4 surveys a year. For Soundings 1, we received a 57% response rate.



### Objective is to answer 3 questions

- 1. Are nonprofits contributing to the issue of escalating poverty by providing low wages with limited benefits?
- 2. Are nonprofit employees able to retire with the type of wages and benefits they are receiving?
- 3. Are nonprofits still able to provide competitive compensation packages given the escalating cost of health care?

# Are nonprofits contributing to the issue of escalating poverty by providing low wages with limited benefits?

Based on a total of 7,121 full time employees across the organizations surveyed, below is the percentage of employees in each salary bracket by organizational budget size.

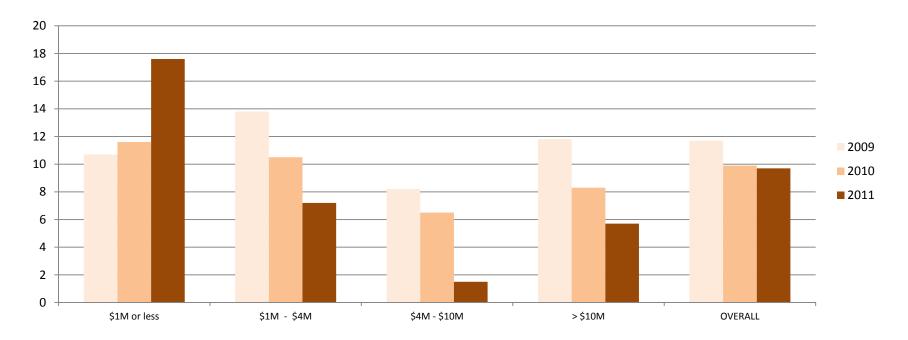
Annual Salary	\$1 million or less	\$1 million to \$4 million	\$4 million to \$10 million	More than \$10 million	Overall
Less than \$10,890	11.5%	6.8%	2.7%	8.5%	8.5%
\$10,891 - \$21,780	17.7%	17.6%	12.1%	11.7%	16.2%
\$21,781 - \$32,670	24.2%	25.9%	39.9%	33.3%	27.8%
More than \$32,670	46.6%	49.7%	45.2%	46.5%	47.4%

# Are nonprofit employees able to retire with the type of wages and benefits they are receiving?

	\$1 million or less	\$1 million to \$4 million	\$4 million to \$10 million	More than \$10 million	Overall
% that offer a plan	51.10%	89.20%	100%	100%	76.10%
Mean % employer contribution	3.30%	4.80%	3.80%	4.70%	4.20%
% that require an employee contribution	26.10%	18.20%	23.10%	46.70%	26.20%
% with no plans to reduce, suspend, or eliminate match	77.30%	80.60%	72.70%	87.50%	80.00%
% with 75% of more employees deferring enough for maximum employer match	90.90%	80.00%	37.50%	54.50%	68.80%
% with a defined benefit plan	37.50%	30.50%	38.50%	50.00%	37.20%

# Are nonprofits still able to provide competitive compensation packages given the escalating cost of health care?

Average annual percentage increase in health care insurance rates by budget size.



# Ways that nonprofits have responded to rising cost of health care

Methods	\$1 million or less	\$1 million to \$4 million	\$4 million to \$10 million	More than \$10 million	Overall
% that increased employee contribution	35.30%	51.40%	76.90%	75.00%	53.10%
% that decreased benefits	20.60%	17.10%	23.10%	0.00%	16.30%
% that implemented prevention programs	8.80%	14.30%	30.80%	62.50%	22.40%
% that used other ways in response to rising cost of health care	29.40%	34.30%	38.50%	43.80%	34.70%

### Discussion Questions

What surprises you?

What else would you like to know?

What are some policy implications?

How can we make good use of this data?

#### Themes from the Discussion

#### Education

- Employees (value of benefits, be smarter with use of benefits)
- Boards (provide wage and benefits presentation and also ask what their roles are in addressing this issue)
- Foundation (understand cost for services and implications of this data)

#### Research

- Benchmark against local for-profits sector (talent & contracts)
- Get clear about who are our competitors
- Look at connection between HR expertise and benefit costs and see if any correlations exist
- Create more progressive work places
- Split view of staff and executive staff increases
- Who's paying below poverty rate and what are those positions (compare to Pittsburgh living wage)

#### Policy/Advocacy

- Economic generation of the sector
  - Create a template for individual organizations to map out their economic impact
  - Communicate the role between government and nonprofits
  - Push back on insufficient fees 50 cents to the dollar issue
  - Supporting indirect and operating costs
- Clearly lay out the difference between delivery of service by nonprofits versus for-profits

#### Action

- Create an advisory group to research and monitor wage and benefits
- Explore pooled health care plan options, including the cafeteria model
- Understand alternatives people are using with regards to retirement benefits

### THANK YOU