

## **BUDGET NARRATIVE FOR FIRST QUARTER 2014 SUBMITTED: May, 2014**

### **Community Education Channel (Sec.6.4.1)**

The Community Channel's mix programming themes continues. Programs featuring sports, education, community interest events, health care and entertainment are on the channel. A program on the affordable health care act and other current issues have aired during the third quarter. MATA has aired debates, voter laws, covered political appearances, interviewed nonprofit representatives regarding services available to the public and much more.

The building is still for sale, but has not been listed with a realtor for nearly two months. Discussion regarding shared use with the Election Commission continues. Should MATA and the Election Commission not be able to share the building, it will be listed for sale again.

MATA joined a Professional Employer Organization (PEO) names Idilus in June 2011. As a small organization obtaining medical coverage at a reasonable costs was not possible. The purpose of a PEO is to enable small organizations to unify for the purpose of obtaining benefits at a better price. The PEO service also was expected to provide human resource services. The first year of service was excellent. The second year began to reveal problems with responsible service delivery. The problems continued to mount which resulted in MATA providing a letter of termination. Since MATA had to pay Idilius for the payroll and benefit expense, March 31<sup>st</sup> was selected to avoid any financial confusion the accounting records. Problems with the PEO extended beyond the termination date and impacted the timely delivery of this report.

When joining the PEO it is necessary to drop all benefits because member organizations are technically employees of the PEO. Consequently, MATA has had to reinstate all benefits for employees. The benefit reinstatement process has been ongoing since February 2014. It is expected to be complete in May 2014. MATA was able to keep the medical benefit received through the PEO. It provides wonderful coverage, low deductible and reasonable premiums. A budget adjustment will be made once all the benefit expense is in place.

The Profit and Loss Statement indicates MATA is on track. Expenses are below the projected level for this period and the quarter ended with a surplus. Overall, the financial situation remains stable at this time. The cash flow improved due to reduced debt.

### **Educational Subsystem (Sec.6.4.2)**

The consortiums are still working cooperatively with MCM. ESCC continues to air MPS School Board meetings on channel 14. Given the time frame for the shared use, the educational channel is not available to ESCC during the time of the Board Meetings. HECC continues to pay MATA for service.

