

# Using Dashboards to Tell Your Financial Story

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#### **Objectives:**

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Determine what key information that needs to be communicated to their audience
- Identify the effective techniques for presenting and communicating financial information
- Develop meaningful financial reports in an easy to understand dashboard format

# **Changing Role of the CFO**

#### The modern CFO is a:

- strategist
- leader
- diplomat
- story teller/translator?





## **Chief Story Teller**



Access to data



Analytical skills



Dashboarding Techniques



Meaningful story of the:

- Past
- Present
- Future





## **Keys to Crafting Your Story**

Define the audience

Determine what information is important to convey

Identify the data that is available

Select the best presentation technique







# The Audience

#### **Define the Audience**

Board Department members managers Leadership Members







#### **Audience Needs**

Audience	Informational Needs
Board Members	Strategic/high level while meeting their fiduciary responsibilities
Leadership	Balance of strategic and operational
Department Managers	Performance focused, more detailed
Members	Measurable impact/Efficient use of funds







#### **Exercise 1**



On your worksheet, think about an audience to whom you need to present.

Who is your audience?

Also consider, what are their needs? What is their level of financial expertise?







# **Key Information**

# **Key Performance Indicators**









#### **Identifying Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

- There is no single KPI that is right for every situation
- To identify what is key to your audience, consider:





#### **Exercise 2A**

Identify and record 3 or 4 goals, risks or areas of interest for your audience.

They can be financial or non-financial

Remember: Make them measurable





#### **Examples of Common KPIs**



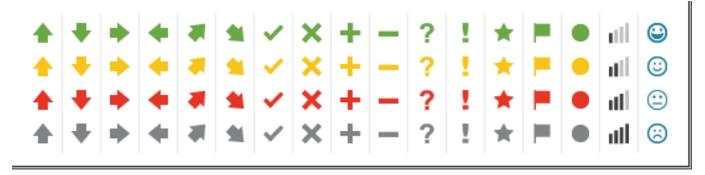
- Total Revenue
- Total Expenses
- Income from Operations
- Membership Revenue as a % of total revenue
- # of Members
- Member Retention rates

- # of paid event registrants
- # of Individuals impacted by education programs
- Revenue or Expense per FTE
- Total # of FTEs
- Net Promoter Scores



# **Making KPIs Meaningful**

- Need to be compared to a standard
  - Prior year
  - Budget
  - External Benchmarks
  - Competitors
- Visual indicators provide added impact







#### **Exercise 2B**

For the areas that you identified in 2A, identify the KPIs that you will track and report











## **Data Sources**



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#### Inside the Organization

- General ledger
- Association Management/Customer Relationship Management **Systems**
- Payroll systems
- Budget software
- Payment Management **Systems**
- Other software





#### **Data Sources (continued)**

#### Outside the Organization

- ASAE Operating Ratio
   Report
- CLA's Financial SCAN report
- Guidestar
- Charity Navigator
- External benchmarking tools/consultants





#### **Exercise 3**

What data sources will you use for your KPIs?

Who will you need to engage in order to access the information you need?









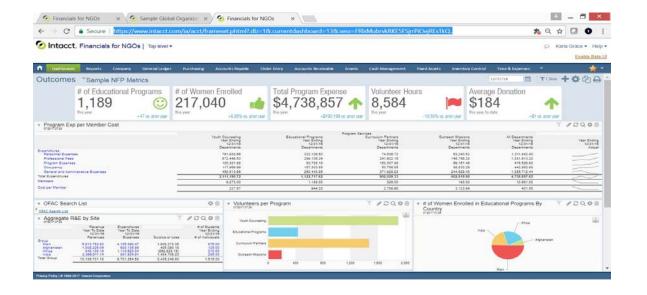




# **Presentation Techniques**

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- **Data Visualization** 
  - Charts
  - Graphs
  - Score cards
  - Heat maps







## Why Data Visualization

- Why Data Visualization?
  - Draw attention to what is important
  - Easy to understand
  - Information at a glance





# **Charts – Leverage Visual Indicators**

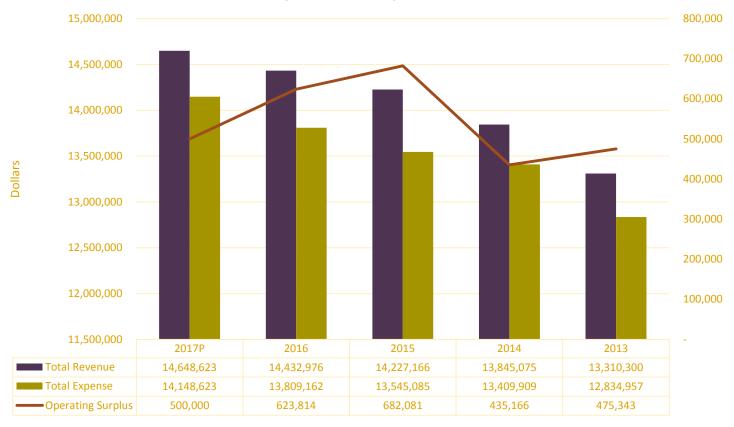
#### Statement of Revenues & Expenditures - Actual vs Budget

·	Year En 12/31/2		Year To Date 12/31/2015	Year To Date 12/31/2015	
_	Original Budget Ttl	Mid-Yr Recast Ttl	Mid-Year Recast YTD	Actual YTD	YTD Variance
▼ Operating Revenue					
Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00		(8,246.32)
Contributions	2,958,742.27	2,961,692.99	2,961,692.99		2,947,308.22
Member Fees	179,291.59	179,470.39	179,470.39		178,470.39
▶ Sales	1,152,974.68	1,154,124.54	1,154,124.54		1,154,124.54
Service Fees	1,644,025.76	1,645,665.37	1,645,665.37		1,645,415.37
▼ Investment Earnings					
Dividends	43,480.20	43,522.92	43,522.92		43,522.92
Bank Interest Earned	183,084.12	183,245.07	183,245.07		183,245.07
Realized Gain (Loss) Investments	617,152.63	617,759.23	617,759.23		617,759.23
Unrealized Gain (Loss) Investments	226,860.76	227,078.86	227,078.86		227,078.86
Total Investment Earnings	1,070,577.71	1,071,606.08	1,071,606.08		1,071,606.08
▶ Other Revenue	971,100.89	972,058.38	972,058.38		972,058.38
Total Operating Revenue	7,976,712.90	7,984,617.75	7,984,617.75		7,960,736.66
▼ Expenditures					
▼ Personnel Expenses					
Salaries	928,723.28	929,649.49	929,649.49		838,341.25
Bonus and Incentive	45,168.58	45,213.63	45,213.63		38,007.51
Life Insurance Premium	141,044.04	141,184.70	141,184.70		121,273.70
Retirement Matching	91,961.10	92,052.80	92,052.80		85,217.18
Health Ins. Premiums	170,784.98	170,955.32	170,955.32		157,832.00
Other Employee Benefits	58,196.75	58,254.79	58,254.79		54,374.57
Payroll Tax	197,059.10	197,255.62	197,255.62		181,536.40
Total Personnel Expenses	1,632,937.83	1,634,566.35	1,634,566.35		1,476,582.61
Professional Fees	1,443,142.48	1,444,569.93	1,444,569.93		1,433,069.93
Program Expenses	346,066.13	346,411.25	346,411.25		330,986.25
Occupancy	468,361.33	468,827.17	468,827.17		468,827.17
<ul> <li>General and Administrative Expenses</li> </ul>					
Advertising and Promotion	71,593.17	71,664.57	71,664.57		71,664.57
Bad Debt Expenses	12,680.69	12,693.33	12,693.33		12,693.33
Business Licenses and Permits	104,391.44	104,495.53	104,495.53		104,495.53
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	108,277.67	108,385.66	108,385.66		108,385.66
Insurance	249,789.52	249,937.18	249,937.18		230,677.18
Office Supplies	261,839.33	262,095.51	262,095.51		259,905.51
▼ Other Expenses	286 384 68	<b>୬</b> ହନ ନନନ ସନ	286 668 36		286 668 36



# **Graphs – Combination Graphs**

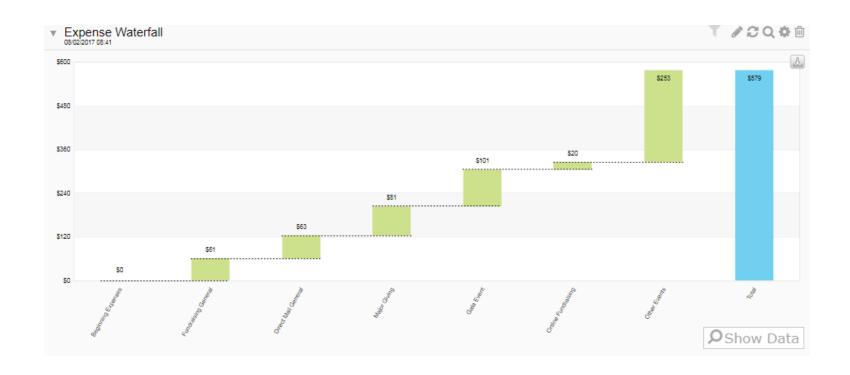
#### Revenue, Expense and Surplus - 5 Year Trend







## **Graphs - Waterfall**



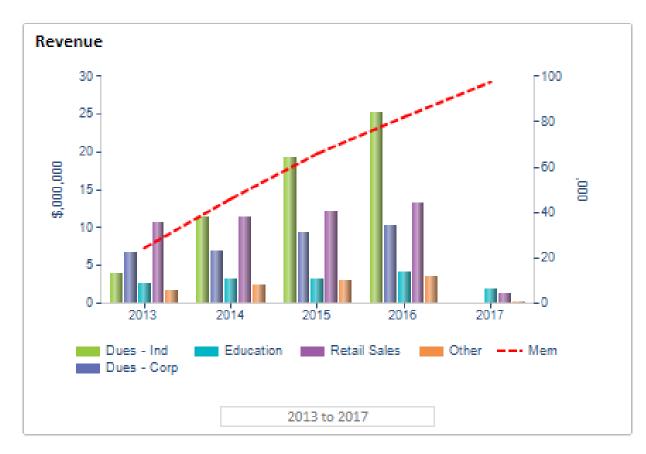


# **Graphs: Pie or Donut**





# **Graphs: Financial & Non Financial Data**









#### **Score Cards**

Cash Balance Revenues Expenses \$1,464,223 \$520,023 \$1,109,610 this year to date this year to date this month +\$624,722 vs. budget 60.29% of budget +\$331,953 vs. prior month











#### **Heat maps**





#### **Exercise 4**

Based on the KPIs that you selected, what are some of the ways you could present that information? Be specific – what charts, graphs etc. would you include in your presentation



# **QUESTIONS?**

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