**February 2019**

**Executive Directors Report**

**USOR Program Audit**

In the past, USOR has come for an annual fiscal and program audit. However, because of previous fiscal audit processes, only a program audit will be conducted on February 19-20.

**UDOT Audit**

Please find audit report in board packet.

**DWS Youth Funding**

DWS has offered one time funding of $450,000 to be divided evenly among six Centers for Independent Living. The $75,000 will be designated for expansion of youth programs throughout the service area. It will be available at the beginning of FY19.

**Office for Victims of Crime**

Grant funding is available for grants for programs related to victims of crimes in underserved Populations. The office is seeking to sponsor the Center’s for Independent Living to bring programs to their service areas. The CIL in Logan has been doing this type of outreach since 2002. I will be discussing the possibility of RRCI participating in this type of programing. Still gathering information.

**Building Update**

1. I have requested that Keystone Marketing change the gofundme to request $485K instead of $3M. It’s more attainable on paper.
2. One of my counterparts in Ogden has raised $400K over the past six years toward their building. He has learned that there is a legislative committee called Business Economic Development that, with a legislative sponsor will match up to $300-400K (or so) with state funds toward capital expenses. I’m watching the process closely. If we can raise the $485K and get a match… it would be pretty awesome.
3. I have a new contact through DSU (Savanah Frandersen, savanah.franderen@nm.com, 801-598-0517)) who will be connecting me with two individuals whose main purposes are to connect the university with good works in the community. Adam VanDer Torin (801-678-1022) is the chair of the Business Senate and Scott Mathie (951-595-1403) is the chair of the student government. Once I have a personal introduction with these guys, we can see if we can get some fundraising momentum through DSU toward the building.
4. RRCI has a new board member in Cedar City who is in upper management at IHC. He sent the Community Health Coordinator over so he can better understand RRCI’s mission and services. At first, Jordan Merrill (435-251-3234 or 435-231-5027c) was only interested in learning about how they can provide a $1000 sponsorship for our Fun Run coming up. However, he caught the vision and began discussing how, at times IHC has a surplus that they give back to the community. Sometimes they award as much at $80-100K. I will stay in touch with him as Friends of RRCI would be within their purpose to support the community.

**Larger Space in Cedar:**

Staff and board are still watching for an appropriate site.

**Executive Director Health**

Barb has been diagnosed with Ductal Cell Carcinoma, a form of breast cancer. She has undergone 3 treatments with 5 more every other week. She has been able to maintain a fairly regular work schedule.

**Consumer Surveys**

Written Comments:

QUESTION # 9 How did staff help you the most?

* Understanding
* When I met it was really a good meeting. I just can’t remember when it was.
* Outside information
* Listened to mine and my family’s concerns and aided with paper work when needed
* Helped me work with DSPD to use my RP1 funding for RRCI services
* So helpful always there when I had questions and always willing to help.
* Give me ideas on how to improve on house cleaning
* They gave me a choice of wheelchairs and helped me select the right one that fit my needs.
* Help with obtaining hearing aids.
* Meetings and positive up lifting programs.
* Having positive and supporting personal conversations with Valerie

QUESTION #10: How can RRCI improve our services to help you more effectively?

* More time
* Stay in touch with me more often
* Reach out about rules, tell group the rules about transportation. Give more 1 on 1 time. Help connects with more resources.
* I think they do a fine job as is
* Not sure
* It’s not broke so don’t try to fix it!! Staff should go over all equipment making sure all bolts etc are tight. We had to do some tightening of bottom bracket.
* I am satisfied with the current level of service
* Work better with NFB I feel like you have the staff to help us as a chapter to help with our blind program

QUESTION #11 Please share any other thoughts you may have about your experience with RRCI and staff.

* Good
* I think that RRCI and its staff are really an on top of it organization. I just need to be reminded of things and events that are happening or going to.
* Excellent service
* Abby enjoys the Wednesday activities.
* Great people! They always make sure you’re doing okay and are always there to help
* Got someone to talk with or visit with.
* I’m totally pleased. Both with service and product. Thanks’ RRCI.
* Need to help NFB presidency how to be better leaders. Help with training. Our chapter here is growing very weak we need help. Thank you for what you do for our chapter, but I feel like we need leadership skills.
* Valerie is wonderful and easy to talk to. Thank you!