**March 2021**

 **Executive Directors Report**

**SelectHealth Grant:**

Michael cued me into a grant opportunity through SelectHealth. It’s for $3,000 and a pretty extensive marketing package. We would use the $3,000 to help support the youth mental health support groups, but I am particularly excited about the marketing package. It would be a great way to get the RRCI name out there. I’ve applied for the grant, so we should know sometime in April if we received the award.

**Staff Updates:**

To stay connected with staff and keep communication pathways open, I have implemented individual, one-on-one monthly check-ins with each staff member. This is a set time each month that staff members can know that they will have my undivided time to listen to them, hear what they are working on, and address any questions or needs they may have. So far, I have found this to be a wonderful way to connect with staff and create more unity in the office.

We are already seeing results since the implementation of our new position of Outreach and Resource Development. Ashley has been working hard to make herself and RRCI known in the business community by diving into opportunities provided by the Chamber of Commerce. She has joined two sub committees within the Chamber, been involved in a project for Habitat for Humanity, and set RRCI up to be the beneficiary of a localized Chamber spotlight and fundraiser. Chamber members will be asked to donate money or supplies to be used in making hygiene kits for us. The kits will be used in our hygiene and emergency preparedness classes, and the spotlight will be another great way to get RRCI known in the community.

**COVID-19 Pandemic**:

Work with-in the pandemic has shifted to helping those who wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. One of our IL’s has taken it upon herself to be the resident expert in navigating the sometimes-daunting process of scheduling for appointments for the shots. We have also provided rides to those who could not otherwise find transportation. Those staff members who wish to do so, have also been able to start the vaccination process.

 **Center Happenings:**

The distribution of 72 kits and emergency preparedness classes has been going very well. Close to 25 kits have been distributed and 50 more have been ordered. This has been a wonderful opportunity to educate our consumers and help them feel a little more prepared for whatever the future may bring. In-person classes have been kept small so we can have proper spacing.

We will be slowly ramping up our in-person activities over the next few months. We’ll start with keeping numbers to around 7 to 10 consumers at a time depending on the space, (with face masks in place) and then move ever so cautiously from there. Hopefully we won’t ever have to scale back again, but we want to be sure we error on the side of safety as we move forward.

MARCH 2021 COMMENTS FROM CONSUMERS – Prepared by Sharrie Mora

QUESTION #9

HOW DID STAFF HELP YOU THE MOST?

• To understand

• Got me involved in meetings

• Frustrated -don’t know what service are.

• We had moved to St. George and I had no walker and was nearing the end of needing one.

• Barb Lefler was my daughter in law. I know a lot.

QUESTION #10

HOW CAN RRCI IMPROVE OUR SERVICES TO HELP YOU MORE EFFECTIVELY?

• To help others

• Problems with wheelchair

QUESTION # 11

PLEASE SHARE ANY OTHE THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH RRCI AND STAFF.

• Wheelchair does not fit him.

• Thank you!