**May 2022**

 **Executive Directors Report**

**Community Connections:**

This past month has brought a wealth of networking opportunities. I was invited to the Cedar City IHC to present to the hospital’s board of directors. This was a most productive meeting. From this we were invited to present to all the doctors and received a referral for a potential new board member! I’ll be sending more information about this new candidate as I receive it.

I also had the opportunity to meet with Derek Nunner and his COO from the Community Foundation of Utah. They are a statewide foundation that brings donors and nonprofits together. They were in the area seeking to get a better understanding of the non-profits in the southern half of the state and heard that we were a must see. Since they are an organization from which donations flow it was an excellent connection to make. I’ve already heard back from him regarding two potential funding sources.

**Multicultural Resources Training:**

The whole RRCI staff received training from Eduardo Ortiz, PhD, senior research associate with Utah State University on the topic of the “Consideration about Intersectionality between Disability and Equity Diversity & Inclusion - Cultural Responsiveness and Mental Health.” This was a most enlightening training where we were able to learn more about health disparities between different cultural sectors, how to reach out to underserved populations in our area and touched on microaggressions and implicit biases. We hope to have Dr. Ortiz back for more in-depth training on these topics later this year.

**Friends of RRCI updates:**

I am disappointed to report that the Board of the Ted Warthen Foundation chose to sell the property instead of letting RRCI and Memory Matters take it over to expand their mission mandate. It was a tough blow since we had put in so much work and had the support of the Warthen family backing us. However, in the end it was the Boards decision to make.

**See survey results for April compiled by Sharrie Mora below:**

APRIL 2022—CONSUMERS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 11,12,13

QUESTION 11 HOW DID STAFF HELP YOU THE MOST?

* Getting wheelchair
* Really helped me reaching goals for the last two-three years
* Always willing to help when needed.
* Securing helpful equipment.
* Making us feel important and finding what would really meet our needs.
* Activities mainly, some counseling.
* Yes I am very pleased with the help that I received from Tim==safety bars
* Helped get shoes.
* Helped get my magnification device.

QUESTION 12—HOW CAN RRCI IMPROVE OUR SERVICES TO HELP YOU MORE EFFECTIVELY?

* Good communication, as much community interaction as we can get for more awareness. Doing awesome so far.
* Other more partnerships with Dixie State College.
* I don’t know. Thank you for your help!
* I think you do a great job.
* More, communications
* Check in with people more often instead of once a year.

QUESTION 13—PLEASE SHARE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH RRCI AND STAFF.

* Its so nice to have someone care about your personal problems.
* Thank you for what you do and provide.
* Everyone was so nice and I especially like the people who installed our lift. Thank you so much.
* For a time I had my concerns about RRCI. Has been operating with changes.
* It’s a very good community help.