**DISABLED RESOURCES CENTER, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**

**Grants/Programs Received**

• Disability Capitol Action Day Scholarship for traveling expenses for 6 people

• Care1st Health Plan Contract for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

• METRO New Freedom Grant extended through 2016

• Bay Shore Congregational Church, in support of the Jerry Stein Memorial

 Scholarship Fund

• Sidney Stern Memorial Trust Grant for Housing Services Program

• Southern California Edison Grant, for Employment Services Program

• Department of Rehabilitation AB204/AT Grant

• Department of Health & Human Services Title VIIC Grant

• Department of Rehabilitation Title VIIB Grant for Transitional Funding to assist

 consumers transitioning out of nursing homes and convalescent care

• Pacific Hospital Foundation Donation for General Operating Expenses

• Otto P. Berdach Trust Grant for Emergency Housing Services

• John W. Porter Trust Grant for General Operating Support

• Department of Rehabilitation SSR/035 Grant

• Weingart Foundation Grant for General Operating Expenses

• Union Bank Foundation Grant for Homelessness Prevention Program

• Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Grant for Employment Services Program

• Metro Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

 Program Grant

• Supervisor Don Knabe Discretionary Funds

**Other Programs Generating Ongoing Support**

• Southern California Edison Care Capitation Fund Program

• Social Security Ticket to Work Program

• DOR Employment Services Program

• United Way Utility Assistance Program

**New Programs and Services**

• Through an ongoing collaboration with the Braille Institute of Los Angeles, consumers

 with blindness or visual impairment can arrange to borrow recorded “Talking Books.”

 Consumers can also come in to the Center to listen to a selection of “Talking Books,”

 on a playback machine that has been permanently loaned to the Center by the

 Braille Institute.

• Through an ongoing collaboration with the American Red Cross, DRC is a “First

 Responder” agency. Additionally, all staff and volunteers have been recertified in

 First Aid and CPR.

• Through an ongoing collaboration with the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency

 Communications Department, City of Long Beach, DRC now belongs to the

 California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services Office of Access and Functional

 Needs (OAFN). Thus, DRC is an official member of the California Community

 Network. All staff received Certificates of Completion in Disaster Preparedness from

 the City of LB.

• In collaboration with Long Beach Councilmember Stacy Mungo, 5th District, DRC

 began presenting a series of four Systems Change/ Independent Living Skills

 “Empowering Seminars.”

• In collaboration with the Long Beach Job Corps Center, DRC presents quarterly Staff

 Trainings on DRC’s services.

• In collaboration with Molina Healthcare, DRC launched the inaugural meetings of the

 Long Beach Disability & Senior Collaborative, held monthly.

• Through a collaboration with Long Beach Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital, DRC

 participates in the Transition of Care Program.

• DRC is a member of the Long Beach Job Corps Community Relations Council.

**Other Noteworthy Items**

• 12/17/2015--Long Beach Vice Mayor Dr. Suja Lowenthal presented DRC with a

 certificate for the 2nd District Stewards Recognition Program.

**DRC Achieved its Goals and More in 2015**

• In 2015, 28 volunteers and 12 interns served 6584 hours.

• 1,217 new consumers were served.

• 2,696 individuals received Information and Referral assistance.

• In 2015, 353 outreaches reached 12,505 people, compared to 2014, with 323

 outreaches reaching 11,502 people, an increase of 30 outreaches and 1,003 more

 people served.

**DRC Advocacy Highlights 2015: Local Issues (Staff Richard Hernandez & BOD Henry Broadbent)**

• Long Beach (LB) community help elect the first Hispanic male to be Mayor. The new

 Mayor has already appointed the first disabled person to be on the Long Beach

 Transit Board of Directors. (Successful LOCAL issue)

• DRC was able to help consumers and their families enroll in Covered California for

 their medical insurance and explain the process. (Successful LOCAL issue)

• Voting (Encourage the Disabled Community to register to vote.) Voter registration

 forms are available at DRC. (Successful LOCAL issue)

• The Systems Change Advocate (SCA) toured the Port of Long Beach with other

 Commissioners and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia. (Successful LOCAL issue)

• The SCA met with LB Public Works and made sure that their new redevelopment will

 be accessible to the Disabled Community. (Successful LOCAL issue)

• DRC and the SCA are making sure that the Disabled Community will be included in

 the Downtown Long Beach Redevelopment process. (Pending LOCAL issue)

**State Issues (Staff Richard Hernandez & BOD Henry Broadbent)**

• The SCA was able to send 6 people to Sacramento for Disability Capital Action Day.

 The delegation was able to meet with the Legislators and address their concerns.

 (Successful STATE and LOCAL issue)

• The Senate and Assembly Members passed Bill AB 215 (End of Life Options Act).

 The Governor signed the bill. (Not a Successful STATE issue).

• Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) (Signing

 petitions and asking our local officials to raise the Cost of Living adjustment to 2015

 levels.) (Pending STATE issue)

• The SCA helped stop the In-Home Support Service (IHSS) mandatory training for

 homecare workers and help restore the 7% cut to IHSS. (Successful STATE issue)

**Community Advisory Committee(CAC) (Member, DRC Volunteer Tina Foafoa)**

• ACCESS drivers are providing better service for riders by dropping them off right in

 front of their door.

• ACCESS Customer Support number 1(800) 827-0829 for Questions and Complaints

• ACCESS Ride Appointment number 1(800) 883-1295

• ACCESS has Community Meetings every year; riders have to contact Customer

 Support prior to meetings.

**Transportation (Metro Gateway Services Sector Councilmember, DRC Volunteer Richard Burnett)**

• Every 6 months, typically in June and December, Metro Operations undergoes a

 service change program. Metro adjusts existing services to accommodate patron

 ridership demands and to help ensure better connections between Metro Bus, Metro

 Rail and other transit services throughout the region, including Metrolink, based on

 funding fluctuations. Metro also updates the trip planning information online via Metro

 Trip Planner, Google Transit and Bing Maps.

• Link TAP CARD to Uber and Lyft (pending).

• Long Beach installed TAP CARD machines for buses.

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