

**DISABLED PEOPLE SOUTH AFRICA  
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**PDC PROGRESS REPORT  
1 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**1 Introduction**

This report will reflect on the operations of the Western Cape provincial office.

**2 Organisational Development**

**2.1 Staffing**

Since 1 April 2009 till present, the PDC is the only staff member of the province. The salary of the PDC is currently subsidised by the Provincial Bail Out package.

**2.2 Office Space**

We as a province are only occupying one office a present. We utilise the board room for meetings when necessary.

**2.2 Equipment and Assets**

We received a donation of 3 PC's from ELLIES. The Chairperson, Andrew gave the go ahead for the Finance department to utilise the PC's because their PC's were faulty.

**2.3 Image/Branding**

The province continue to brand the organisation through programmes in community radios, we are participating in five community radio stations in the province where we have a slot every week to talk about disability issues, updating members about

changes and information for referrals. Through the national office we now have DPSA brochures which we distribute when we have campaigns.

## **2.4 Governance**

The PEC had a meeting on 9 May 2009 and continued on 20 May 2009.

We had Special PEC meetings on:

1. 12 May 2009 with the focus on highlighting and resolving the concerns that the WC PEC had around the status of the National office and the manner in which it was administered under the leadership of the current CEO.
2. 30 July 2009 with the focus on reporting back from the council and the Chairperson's role now that Andrew had been elected as the SG and his indication that he would not do be available to do duties of the provincial Chair.

**The Transport Task team** committee has met with less frequency during this reporting period. Lennox however has made a presentation at the City of Cape Town with regard to DPSA transport policy.

**The Housing Task Team** committee has to be revived and a request was made to Shanaaz Majiet to come on board to assist said.

**The Education task team** has to be revived.

**There is a challenge around regular task team meetings and even getting the process off the ground as there are no available funds in the budget to accommodate meetings of the task teams**

### **3 Membership Development**

There have not been many renewals for this reporting period.

New membership for this reporting period is 72.

The current membership tally to date is 108.

The launch of a branch in Genadendal is in the pipeline.

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### **4 Economic Empowerment**

There is still a steady stream of requests for the CV's of disabled people.

Two members were permanently employed by the Department of Economic affairs and Tourism. Six people were trained by Metropolitan Health group. One member has applied to Department of Health as per their request, but they have subsequently given notification that they would advertise the post again. However there was disturbing feedback of one particular Company. According to the few Disabled who did work at different branches of Builders warehouse and have subsequently left their employ or the people who succeeded in their interviews chose not to work there, were vocal about being treated in an undignified manner.

Correspondence was sent to the agency with regard to that.

### **5 Leadership Capacity Building**

Leadership training still needs to be done with the committee of the newly formed branch of Ravensmead.

## **6 Staff Development**

PDC attended the following workshops:

1. Microsoft EXCEL training (Introductory and Intermediary)
2. "Enhancement of Capacity" workshop At Community Chest

## **7 Community Based Rehabilitation**

No feedback has been received from the National lotteries pertaining to the R3000 000.00 outstanding. There is still a total of about R300 000.00 that has to be allocated to WC DPSA for this project.

## **8 Disabled Women's' Development Programme [DWDP]**

The meeting that was planned for DWDP has not happened due to lack of funding

## **9 Disabled Youth South Africa [DYSA]**

No meetings were called for this period, and there are no funds available to host said meetings

## **10 Fund Development**

No proposals were submitted during this reporting period. Two proposals are currently being worked on:

1. Department of Premier (Branch development and Governance)
2. Community Chest (Operational Cost)

**Monies received** during this reporting period were:  
R1 037 822.65

**Monies spent** during this period were:  
R450 816.91

**Outstanding expenses:**  
R29 949.35

There is still however a deficit to the budget for this financial year:  
R134 870.00

## **11 Awareness Raising**

1. PDC Chaired a session at DWDE Conference
2. DPSA signed off on the Special Needs Transport Policy for the province
3. HIV and AIDS workshop
4. Casual Day Sticker sales
5. Membership presentation at Ekhuphumleni Old Age home
5. Coordination of the Miss Confidence workshop
6. Launching of Ravensmead branch
7. Basketball Coaching Clinic in Mitchell's Plain

## **9 Projects Outside Result Area**

Miss Confidence workshop – 25 July 2009

The Department of Social Development had asked the provincial office to coordinate the

Three youth (one from Eastern Cape and two from Western Cape) have been chosen by Atlas-Alliance, Norway to be international resource persons for a two week period in October.

This is a prelude to Operation Days Work project, which is currently being proposed to compliment the programmes of DYSA.

## **10 Key Activities for the Next Reporting Period**

1. Training of Ravensmead branch EXCO
2. Proposals to be sent out
3. Launching of Genadendal and Mitchell's' Plain branch
4. Developing and implementing action plan for the DSD grant
5. International Day for Persons with Disabilities

## **11 Accomplishments**

The province managed to single-handedly coordinate an event for Social Development that entailed to attendance of 160 Disabled women from all 16 districts of the province.

## **12 Challenges**

The challenges are:

1. Trying to keep provincial office afloat without support staff members
2. The lack of Funding for programmes

## **13 Conclusion**

The past few months have been hectic. The workload has been strenuous because the PDC has to perform all the tasks necessary for the province. There is a backlog in Administrative work and even excessive overtime is not alleviating the problem.