



BCIL advocates Hannah Schoenwald, Jose Torres, and Stephanie Zaia, above, at hearing in July speaking for a strong PCA overtime policy. Zaia also was a strong spokesperson for Ride services.

State Transportation Secretary Pollock and Governor Baker, below, announce MBTA's pilot program using Uber and Lyft in September at the Perkins School.



Ten Years of Progress!

2016 marked the 10th anniversary of the settlement of the ADA lawsuit brought by BCIL and eleven individual plaintiffs in conjunction with Greater Boston Legal Services. Among gains, there's now a fully accessible fleet of buses, access training for T staff, and new elevators in over a dozen subway stations. Work remains—but a solid effort between the plaintiffs, GBLS, BCIL, and the MBTA, especially System Wide Accessibility, has paid dividends.



The Boston Center for Independent Living gratefully acknowledges the support of the United Way.

BCIL Financial Statement

June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$983,771
Investments	\$328,784
Accounts Receivable – Third Parties	\$443,926
Accounts Receivable – Contracts	\$145,565
Accounts Receivable – Other	\$37,750
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	\$50,597
Property and Equipment, Net	\$113,631

TOTAL ASSETS \$2,104,024

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$223,261
Accrued Expenses	\$403,781

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$627,042

Net Assets	
Unrestricted:	
Available for Operations	\$1,026,134
Board Designated	\$238,175
Net Investment in Property & Equipment	\$113,631

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS \$1,377,940

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED \$97,042

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$1,474,982

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$2,102,024

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ANNUAL REPORT 2016

A YEAR OF ADVOCACY AND SERVICE!

The Boston Center for Independent Living was loudly active on the advocacy frontlines in 2016—and tirelessly focused in assisting thousands of individuals to achieve their personal independent living goals.

Early in the year we partnered with the Mass Senior Action Council (MSAC) to stop service reductions for the Ride, the MBTA's service for people with disabilities and seniors who can't use subways and buses. At an extremely energized public hearing at the end of last year, over 60 BCIL and MSAC members spoke out on how the Ride is their only means of transportation for work, doctors' visits, grocery shopping, and more. The service cuts were stopped as the MBTA embarked on a path with advocates to develop alternatives that can save funds and improve service, including use of taxis and ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft.

Passage of legislation during the summer that prioritizes the hiring of people with disabilities with businesses, private or non-profit, contracting with state government was another advocacy gain. It was supported by BCIL along with Easter Seals, the Disability Law Center, and the Disability Policy Consortium, among others. At a State House event on the bill, BCIL advocate Andy Forman said that "people with disabilities face discrimination and barriers in employment and now thanks to this bill we will begin to eradicate the



The crowd at a September State House rally to support overtime pay for PCAs.



EOHHS Secretary Marylou Sudders discussed IL services in January with BCIL staff, including Courtland Townes III and Nassira Nicola sitting next to her.

unemployment and underemployment that our community faces."

Throughout the year, health reform and changes to personal care attendant (PCA) services were at the top of BCIL's agenda. Members and staff repeatedly gave input into gigantic reform efforts proposed by Governor Baker's administration and stimulated by the Affordable Care Act, emphasizing the value of community-based services and peer-directed behavioral health services. Hundreds of thousands of MassHealth members will find their care coming from Accountable Care Organizations in the future. We also rallied on PCA services when the state adopted regulations restricting to forty the number of hours attendants can work, which many fear will restrict service provision (see article on page 3).

BCIL's direct services staff again provided critical assistance to people with disabilities across Greater Boston. 60 people were assisted in obtaining housing and 143 received direct assistance to retain their housing. 47 people moved from nursing homes into the community with BCIL support. Over 300 people on One Care received coordination of

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