

Executive Report

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Highlights

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 - Jonathan Buxton – Fiscal/Budget, Information Technology (IT) and Facilities
 - Travis Trimble – Information Technology Director



FY 2021 Budget Impact

Program	FY 2020	FY 2021	Percent	Impact
Administration	\$1,970,447	\$1,334,822	-32%	(\$635,625)
Business Enterprise	293,438	252,131	-14%	(41,307)
Disability Adjudication Services	0	0	0%	0
Vocational Rehabilitation*	21,099,651	17,535,060	-17%	(3,564,591)
Total State Funds	\$23,363,536	\$19,122,013	-18%	(\$4,241,523)

*Agency lost **978,922** agreement with DBHDD for supported employment activities resulting in **3,616,956** in lost match opportunities for a total of **4,595,878**.

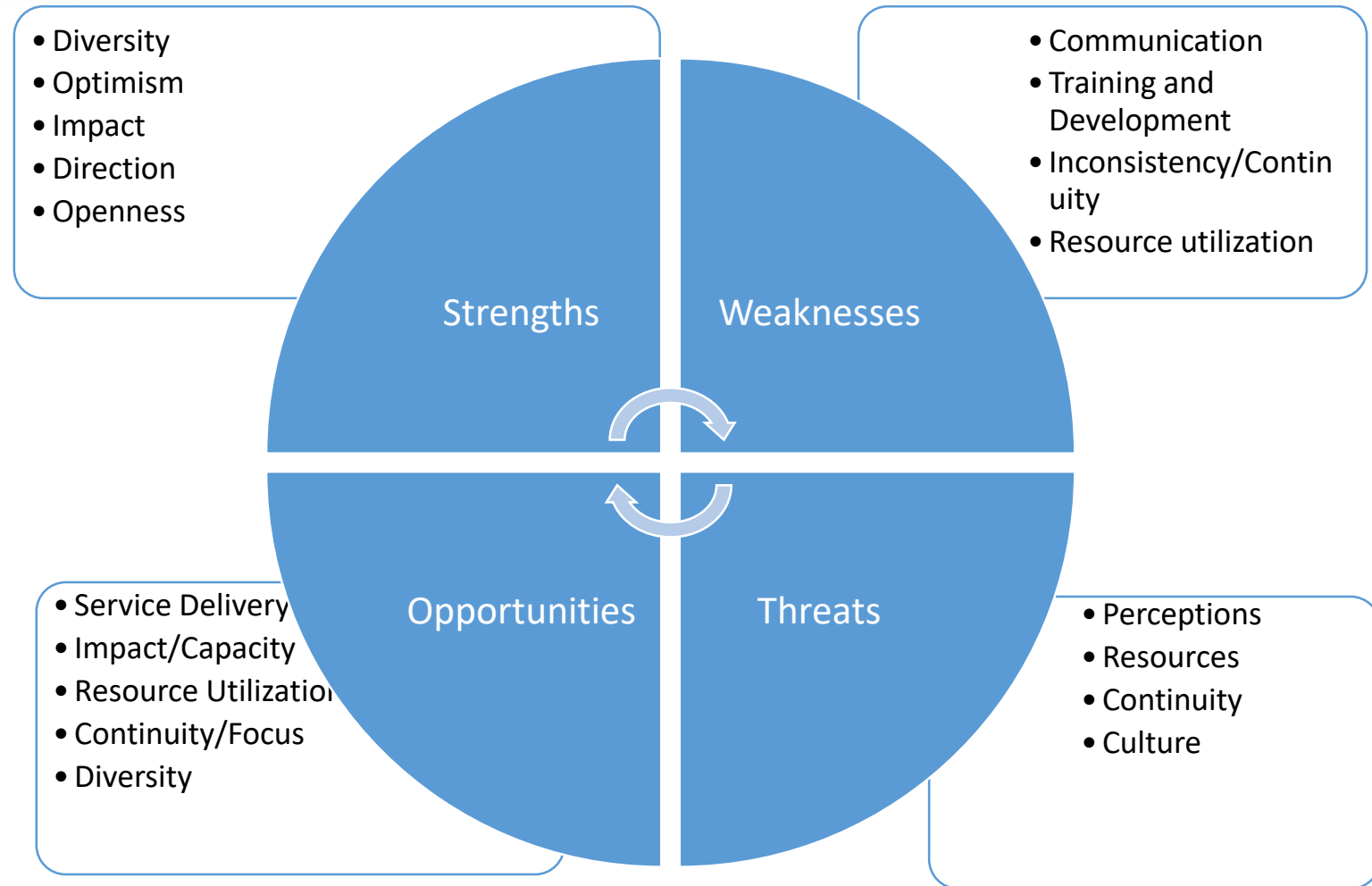


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Agency Expenditures

GVRA	Total Expenditures	Current Budget	Percent of Budget
300-Personal Services	\$29,713,657	\$85,114,601	35%
301-Operating Expenses	3,162,245	8,005,438	40%
303-Vehicle Purchases	0	0	0%
304-Equipment	1,114,442	176,754	631%
305-Computer Charges	2,509,376	6,235,629	40%
306-Real Estate Rentals	4,058,501	10,148,556	40%
307-Telecommunications	893,259	2,229,910	40%
309-Capital Outlay	12,842	53,846	24%
312-Contractual Services	13,282,716	15,751,818	84%
314-Transfers	0	40,916	0%
315-Grants and Benefits	12,743,875	46,849,802	27%
319-Other	401,582	1,470,843	27%
Total Expenditures	67,892,494	\$176,078,113	39%

Agency SWOT Analysis



VR Reorganization Impact



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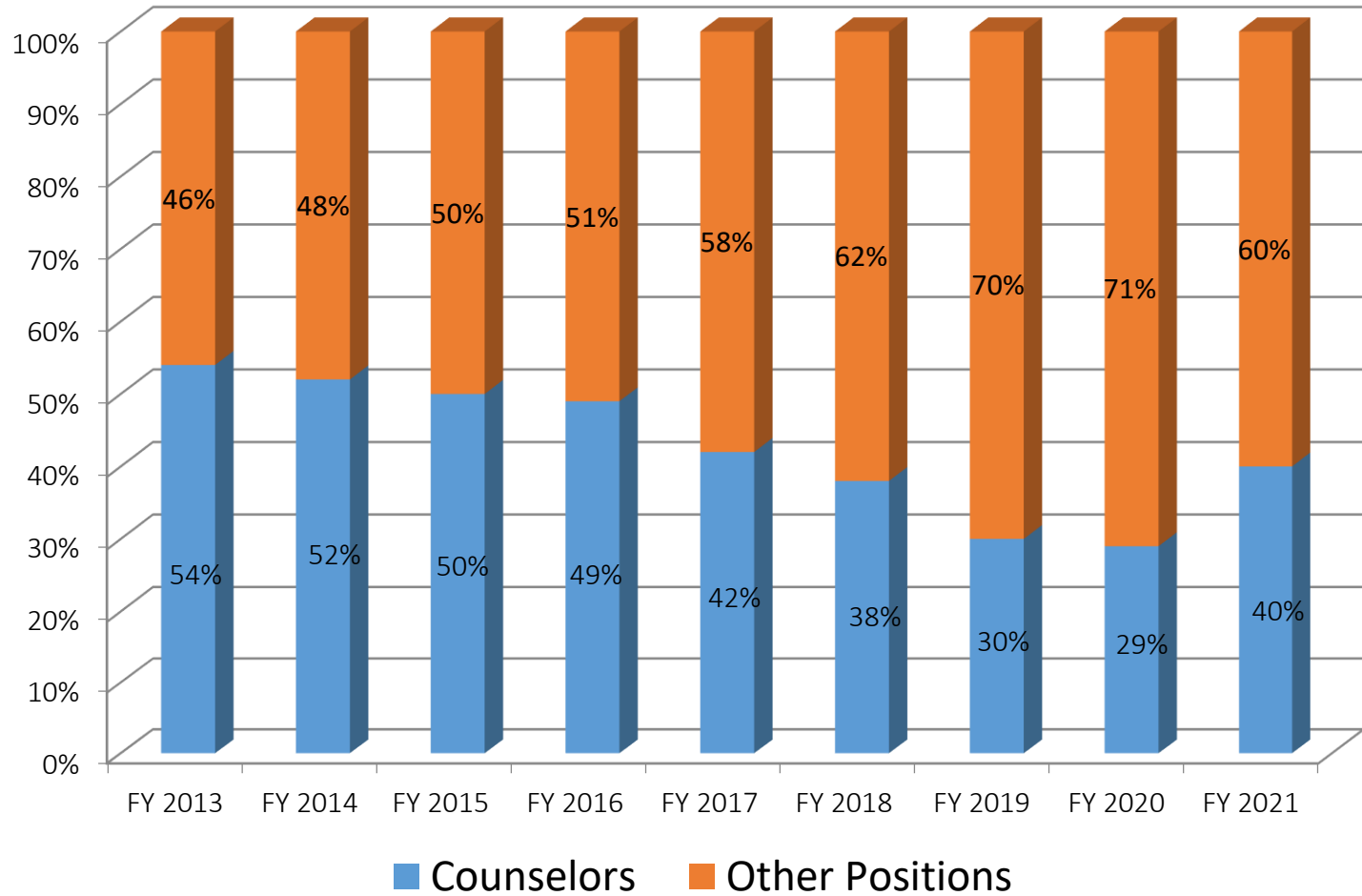


VR Reorganization Updates

- VR Reorganization is 75% complete
 - Reduced number of departments operating in silos
 - Eliminated one layer of management
 - Increased number of counselors
 - Streamline positions while creating a career ladder
 - Re-established training Unit
- Remaining Tasks
 - Streamline support positions
 - Improve Culture
 - IT and Infrastructure Investments
 - Improve Service Delivery

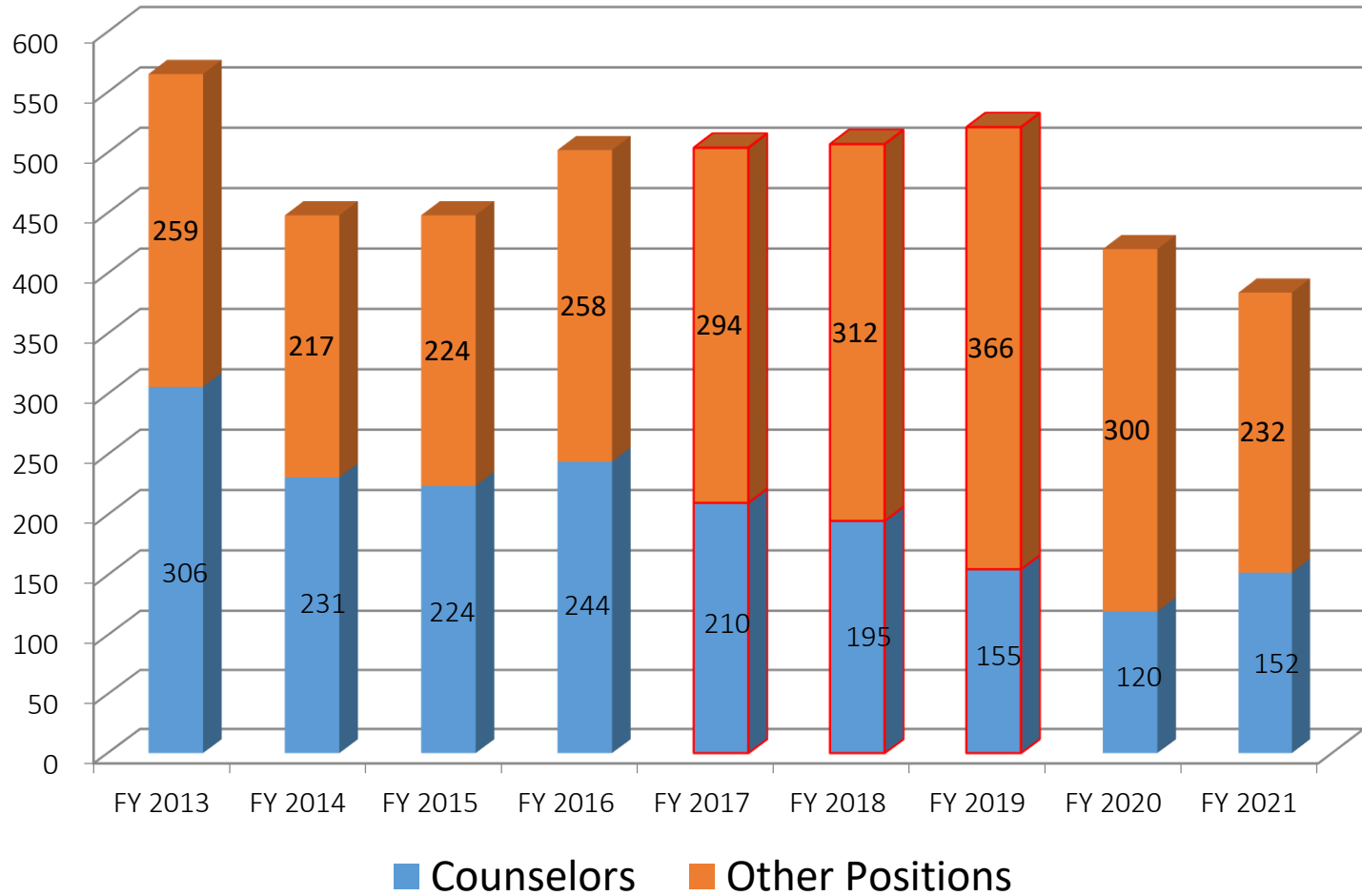


Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Field Services Employee Headcount History



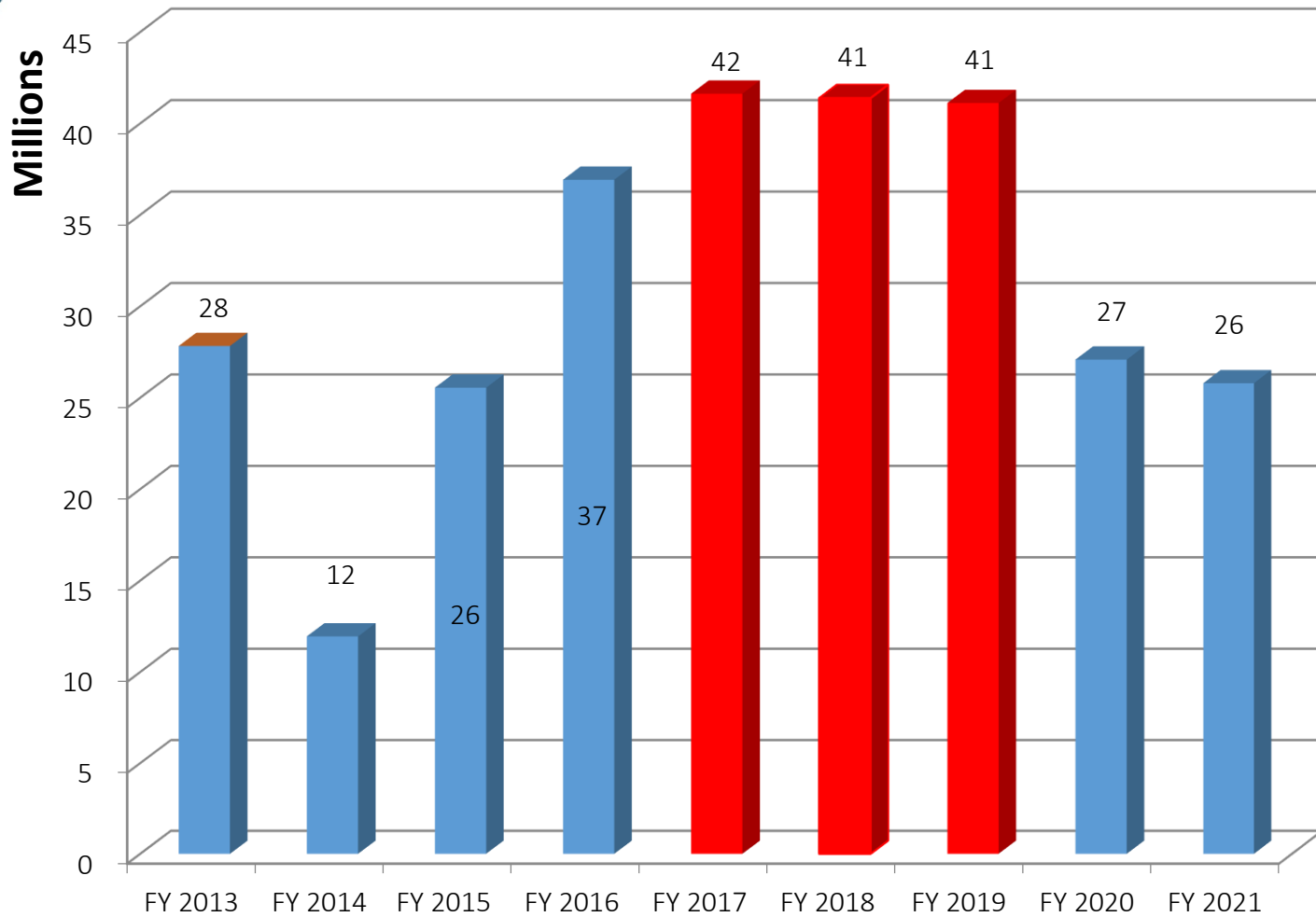


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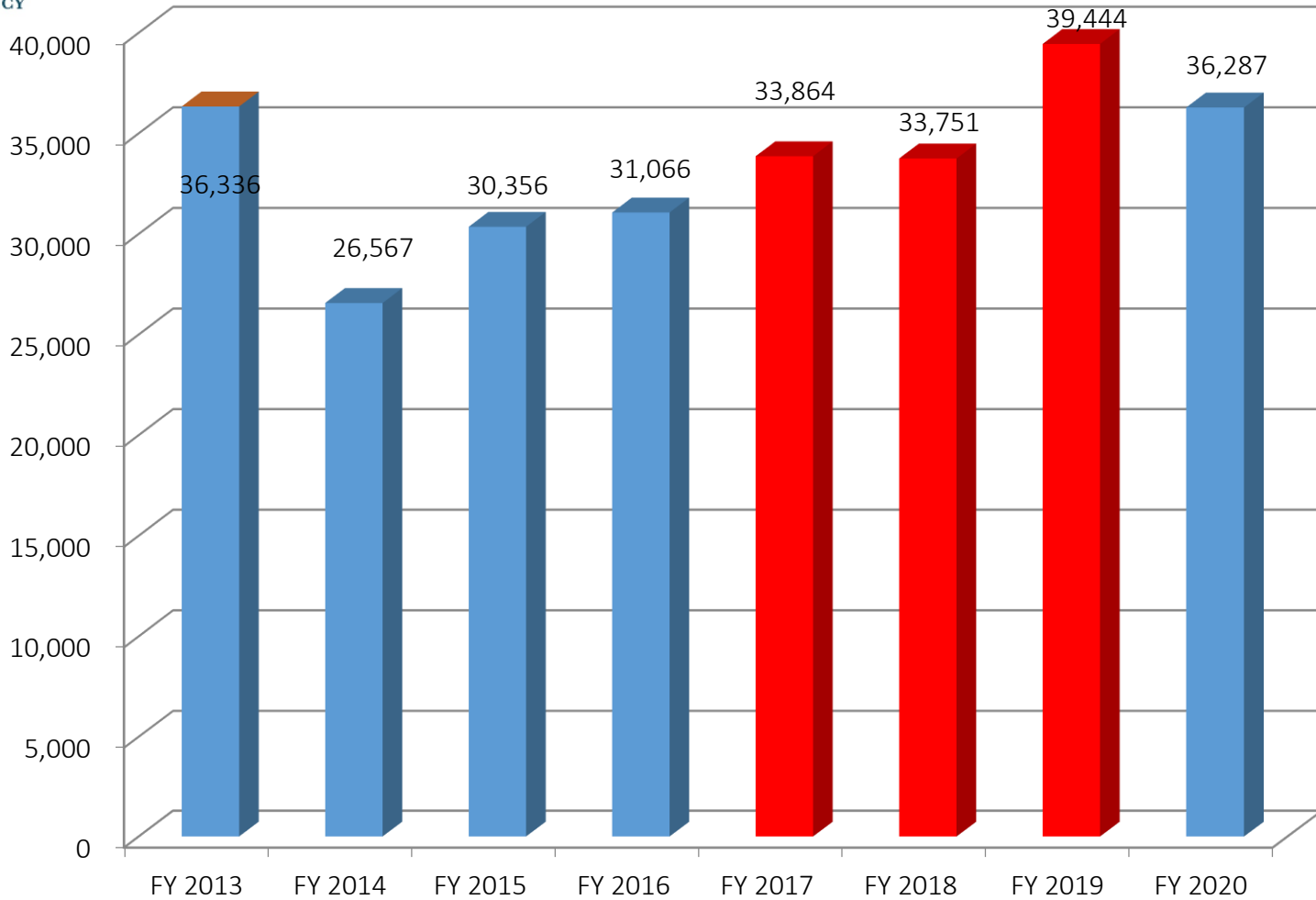


Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Field Services Grants and Benefits



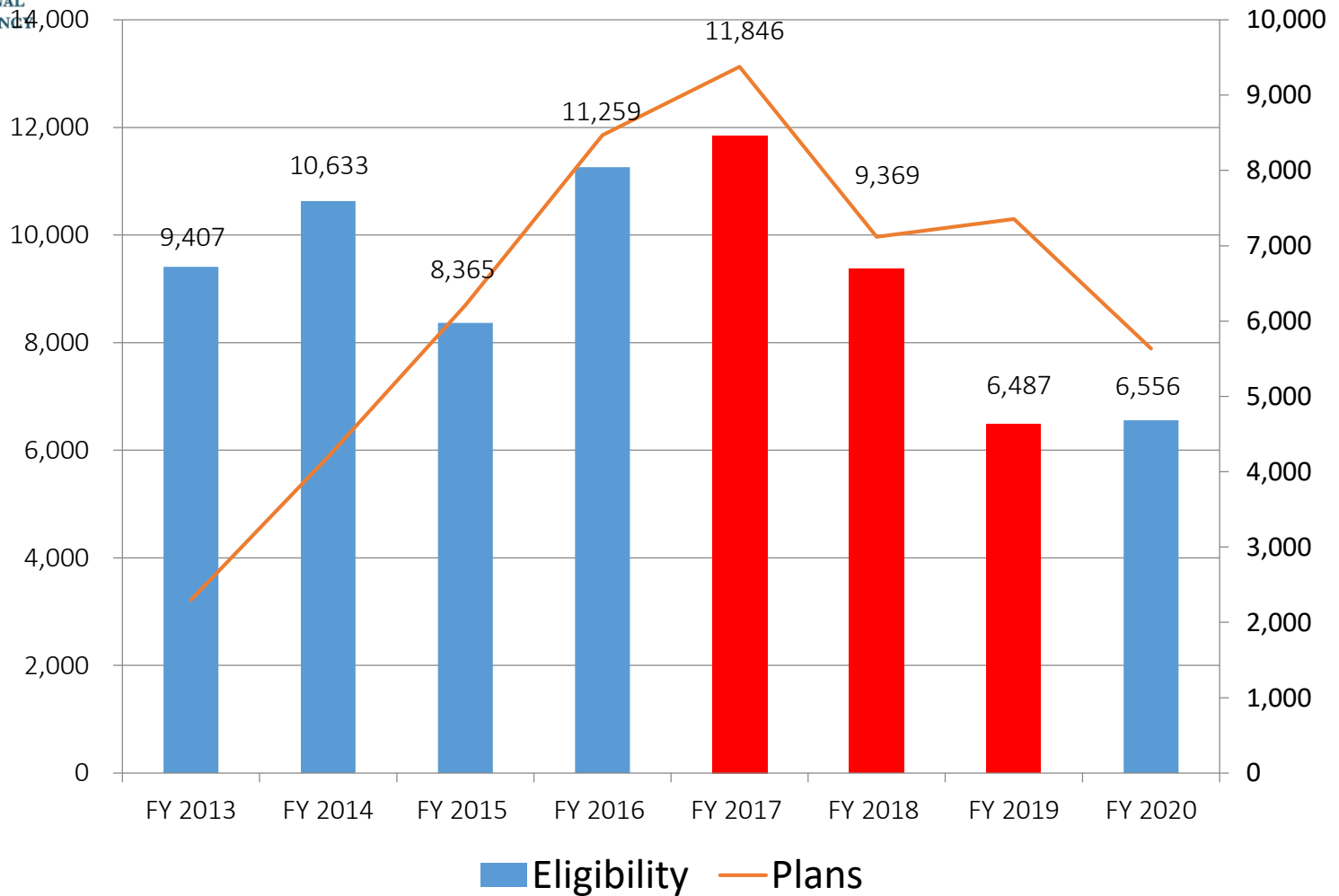


Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Field Services Clients Served



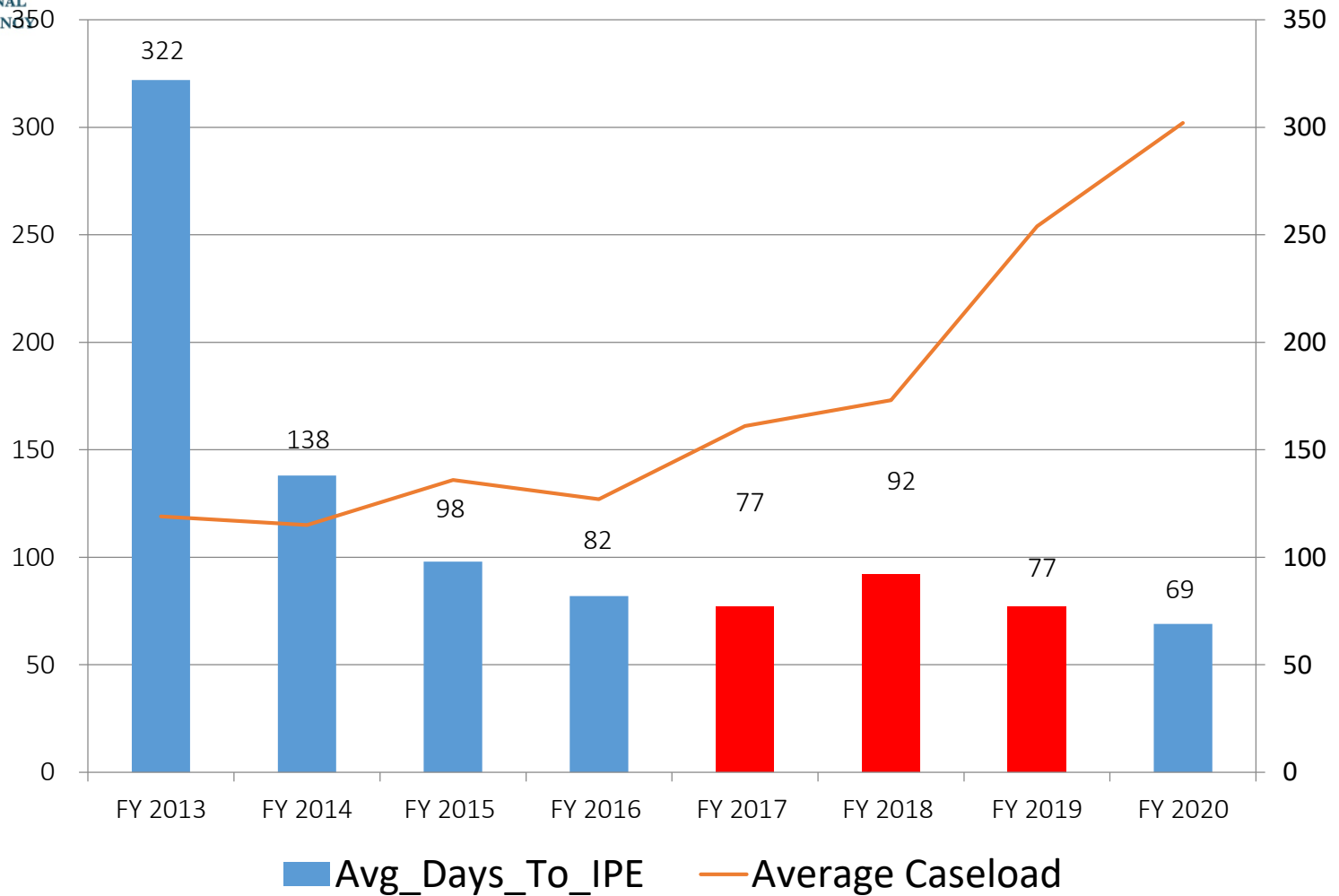


Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Field Services Productivity Measures





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Priority Categories

Priority Category 1 – Individual with a Most Significant Disability.

- Limitations in three or more functional capacities in terms of competitive integrated employment outcome; and
- Requires multiple VR services over an extended period of time

Priority Category 2 - Individual with a Significant Disability.

- Limitations in one or more functional capacities in terms of competitive integrated employment outcome; and
- Requires multiple VR services over an extended period of time;

Priority Category 3 - Individual with a Disability.

- All other eligible individuals



Priority Categories Summary

1. Effective January 1, 2021, Priority Categories 2 and 3 are closed.
2. New clients assigned to Priority Category 1 will continue to receive services as they are classified as being those with the most significant disabilities.
3. Pre-ETS can and will continue to be provided to potentially eligible students.
4. Clients with an active IPE and began services prior to January 1, 2021 will continue to receive services.
5. No expenditures can be made on cases once they are placed into a closed Priority Category.
6. Amendments can be made to existing IPE's that are active before and after the closure date of January 1, 2021.

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Legislative Session 2021

Robin Folsom, Director of External Affairs



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Bills Taking Effect January 2021

- **HB 752** - Bill requires physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to submit to an FBI background check through the Georgia Crime Information Center in order to be licensed in the state.
- **HB 888** – “Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act” - Bill provides for certain consumer protections against surprise billing; establishes methods to resolve payment disputes between insurers and out-of-network providers and an arbitration process
- **SB 28** - Related to medical billing, prohibits certain insurers from imposing a copayment, coinsurance or office visit charge greater than charges for physician or osteopath services to an insured person for services rendered by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or chiropractor
- **HB 914** - Allows military spouses licensed in other states to practice certain professions and occupations and obtain a license to practice in this state



Bills Currently Tracking

- **HB 28** - State government; each statutory board and commission reflect general population; provide – Dar’Shun Kendrick (93rd)
- **HB 31** - Public Records; fees charged for disclosure; provide exception – Kim Schofield (60th)
- **HB 36** - Public buildings; indoor air quality assessments; require – Kim Schofield (60th)
- **HB 55** - Labor and industrial relations; hiring process of applicant; prohibit employer from seeking salary history information – Debra Bazemore (63rd)



Other Bills of Interest

- **HB 34** - Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Act; enact - Dave Belton (112th)
- **HB 37** - Public schools; operational wheelchair onsite at all times; require – Kim Schofield (60th)
- **HB 42** - Education; grant program to encourage certain physicians to practice in underserved areas – Kim Schofield (60th)
- **HB 49** - Mental Health Parity Act; enact - Shelly Hutchinson (107th) and Calvin Smyre (135th)

State Rehabilitation Council Update

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Legislative Agenda

- Funding to the CILs & SILC be restored
- Modernize the GMWD (Buy-In)
- Funding restored & increased to HAP

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Current SILC Activities

- Disseminating the annual report.
- IL Day @ the Capitol (February 22, 2021. Virtual)

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SILC & GILN Quarterly Board Meeting

- January 21, 2021
- Zoom meeting

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