

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services (GVRS) Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

James H. 'Sloppy' Floyd Building, East Tower, Room 860 | 200 Piedmont Ave. SE.,
Atlanta, GA 30334 | 1PM-3:15 PM |



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Chairman's Welcome

- Welcome & Remarks
- Roll Call and Agenda
- Previous Board Meeting Minutes Approval
- Honoring Senator Greg Kirk

Executive Director's Report

Shawn Ryan, Executive Director



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Vocational Services Report

Dr. Christine Fleming, Vocational Services
Director



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Vocational Rehabilitation

- Unified State Plan Submitted
- Corrective Action Plan- Next update April 2020
- Rehabilitation Services Administration monitoring - May 2020

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Vocational Services Vocational Rehabilitation

(as of March 6, 2020)

- Approximately 89 counselors and 93 career specialists
- 26,795 individuals being served
 - 7,996 potentially eligible students
 - 1,484 individual successfully secured employment and maintained for 90 days
 - 5,673 individuals exited without employment

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VR Performance Goals

	SFY 20 Goal	As of 3.6.2020
Applicants	9,600	5,900
Eligibility	6,400	4,933
IPE	4,267	2,485
Services		14,148
Job Ready		924
Employed		1,086
Closed@job	2,250	1,484
New PE referrals		3,412



Highlights

- VR and Accenture
 - Staff workshops
 - VR report
 - Disability population data to aid staffing needs analysis
- Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA)
- AWARE
 - Upgrade needs
 - Dedicated VR Business Analyst



Highlights

- Post secondary funding analysis
- Inclusive Post-secondary Education (IPSE)
- SWIS agreement with DOL
- Quality case reviews
- Staffing coverage plan



Highlights

- External partnerships
- Supported employment
- Customized employment
- Provider relations
 - Outsourcing Manual
 - Pre-ETS Summit
 - Contract Task Force
 - GATES strategy meeting

Transition Services Report

Dr. Lee Brinkley Bryan, Director of Residential
and Transition Services



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Transition Services

- Provider Manual – Pre-ETS Section
- Transition Talk
- Pre-ETS Definitions & Protocols
- Future Completion – Guide to Transition & Transition landing page
- Local Level LEA Planning – Work Group
- Pre-ETS Strategic Plan – FY 20 – FY 22
- Data Monitoring – Pre-ETS Expenditures and Time Allocation



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Time Allocation – staff time dedicated to appropriate Pre-ETS services. Activities can be utilized to calculate the percentage of salaries allocated to the 15%.

- Providing
- Arranging
- Coordinating



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Providing/Arranging vs. Coordinating Pre-ETS

Providing/Arranging	Coordinating
1. Job Exploration Counseling	1. Attending IEP Meetings
2. Work Based Learning Experiences	2. Developing Work Based Learning Opportunities with Employers, Workforce Development Boards, Etc.
3. Post-Secondary Opportunities Counseling	3. Working with school staff to coordinate and ensure the Provision of Pre-ETS
4. Workplace Readiness Training	4. Making presentations to school personnel regarding VR Services/Pre-ETS
5. Instruction in Self-Advocacy	

VR Staff now have a Time Allocation Form that is submitted monthly to capture time allocated to Pre-Employment Transition Services. This form will provide the documentation to calculate percentage of salaries towards the 15% reserve required.



Transition Services

- Residential Campuses
 - Roosevelt Warm Springs (RWS)
 - Average Daily Census: 142
 - Total Served: 747 - FY 20 Goal: 952
 - Cave Spring Center (CSC)
 - Average Daily Census: 19
 - Total Served: 114 - FY 20 Goal: 116

Disability Adjudication Services (DAS) Report

Rita McWhorter, Director



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DAS Overview

- 100% federally-funded program that operates under an agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to make disability determinations for Georgia citizens who apply for entitlement programs administered by SSA
- Five (5) DAS locations – Athens, Dalton, Savannah, Stone Mountain and Thomasville
- Staff count – 400+



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Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Accomplishments

- Processed 99% of budgeted workload by closing 126,129 cases
- Production per examiner (adjudicator) was the 3rd highest performance in nine (9) years.
- Reduced the disability hearings backlog by 69%
- Became the fourth state in the Atlanta Region to roll out SSA's new national Disability Case Processing System (DCPS)



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Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Accomplishments Cont.

- Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) Unit, in collaboration with federal and state partners (SSA and GBI), accounted for \$4,192,655 in SSA savings; \$4,310,946 in non-SSA Savings; and \$326,891 in SSA monies.



Federal Fiscal Year 2020

- DAS has been assigned a workload goal of **116,210** total cases for FFY20.
- Through Friday, February 28th closed 54,021 cases 24,191 of which were Initial cases
- Expand the DCPS Pilot
- Stabilize its staffing levels across the state



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For more information:

Disability Adjudication Services (DAS)

678-639-2100 or 1-800-282-7485

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

(TTY 1-800-325-0778)

Website www.socialsecurity.gov

(Open your own “my SSA account”)

Budget Report

Monica Bradshaw, Chief Financial Officer



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SFY'20 GVRA Financial Performance as of February, 2020

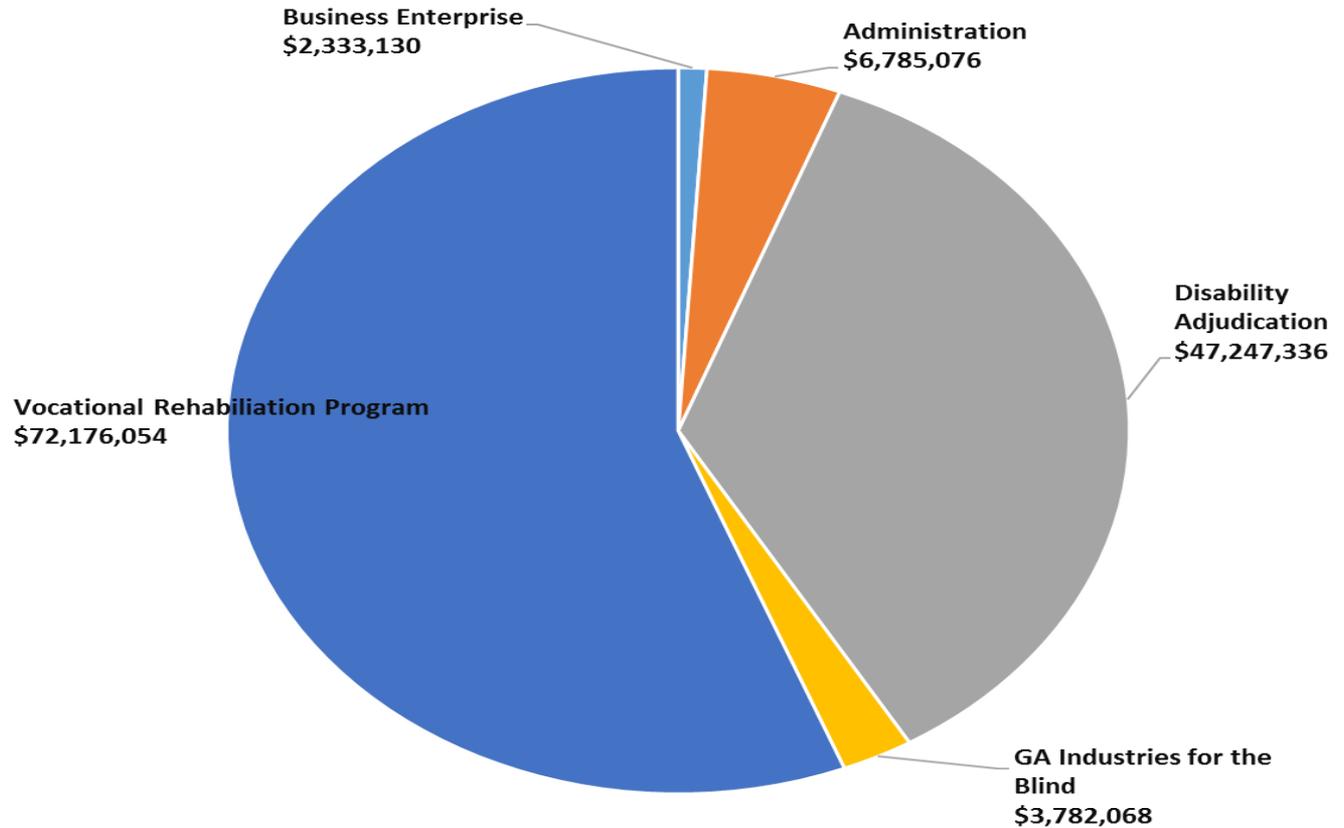
GVRA Programs	Actual Expenditures through February 2020	Budget Funds	% of Bud
Admin Programs	\$6,785,076	\$12,302,954	55.15%
VR Program	\$72,176,054	\$104,409,662	69.13%
BEP Program	\$2,333,130	3,108,683	75.05%
GIB Program	\$3,782,068	\$6,845,755	55.25%
DAS Program	\$47,247,336	\$73,148,166	64.59%
TOTAL PROGRAMS:	\$132,323,664	\$199,815,220	66.22%

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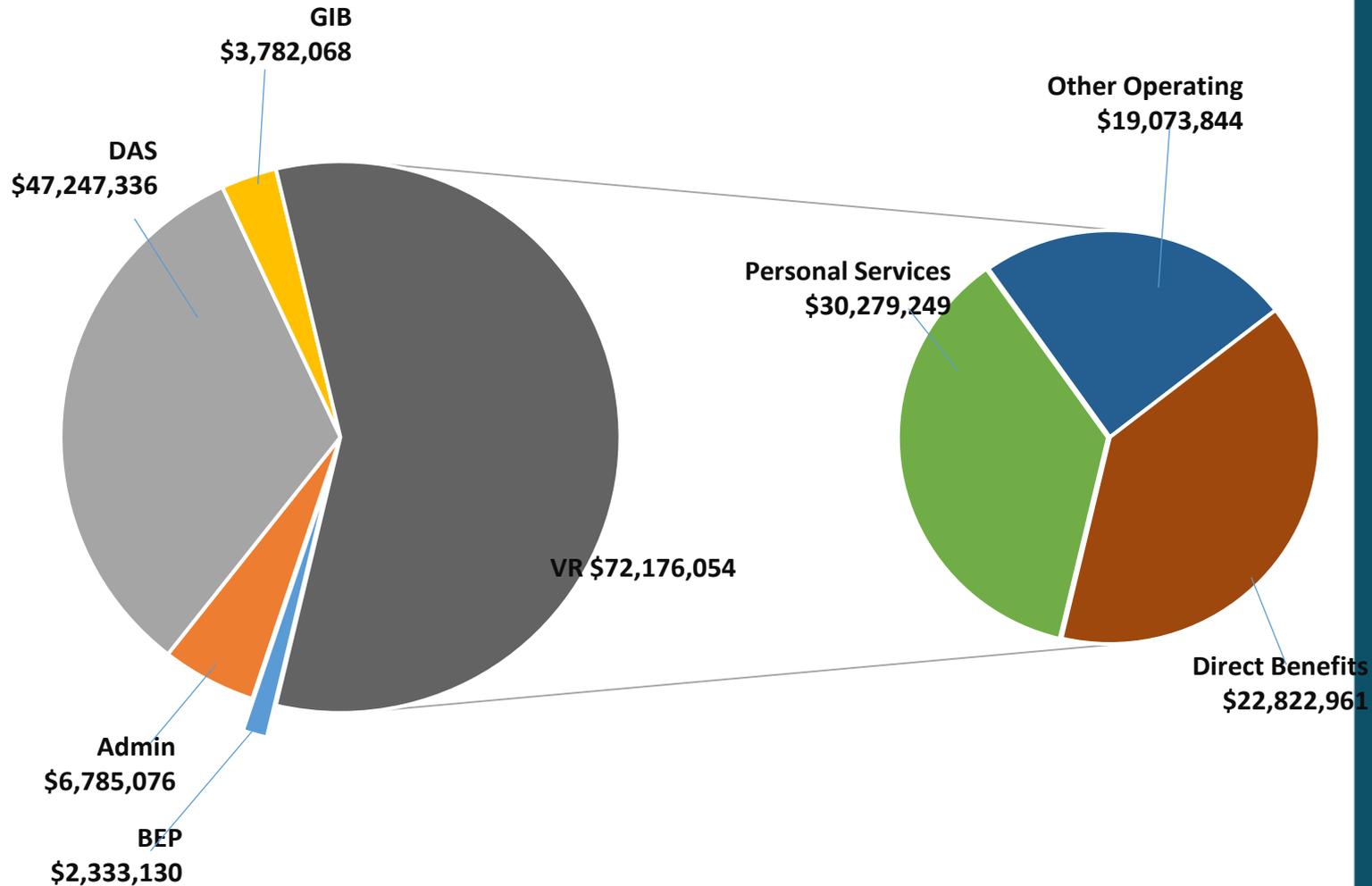
State Fiscal Year 2020 GVRA February 29, 2020 Financial Performance Chart by Program





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SFY'20 GVRA - VR Program Financial Performance as of February 29, 2020





Fiscal Headliners

- ✓ Reorganization update as of 2/29/2020
 - *Accounting has filled all but one Accounts Payable position.*
 - *Budget Director is on board as of 2/3/2020, interviews for 3 budget analyst positions have started*
- ✓ Internal Controls/Process Improvement
 - *Purchasing/Procurement* – Legal is working on a new template for all provider contracts, Contract assessments/Checklists are being prepared for the FY21 contracting season.



Fiscal Headliners

- ***Accounts Payable*** – April 1, 2020 implementing attachment feature in TeamWorks Financials, 1099 process is wrapping up by end of March, ACH-April 1, 2020 for Provider payments.
- ***Grants*** – Submitted all FY 19 Grant reporting timely and accurate
- ***Budget*** –Director of Budget has started working on year end projections and presenting them to the department heads.

Legislative Report

Chuck Stone, Legislative Liaison



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Legislative Update

- HB 804- Relating to the “Georgia Equal Employment for Persons with Disabilities Code,” so as to prohibit employers from discriminating against individuals with disabilities by paying less than the required minimum wage.
- SB 383/HB 383- to Create the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- HB 842- “Gracie’s Law”; to prohibit providers from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the physical or mental disability of the potential recipient.

New Business

Tom Wilson, Chairman



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New Business

- Vote on resolution honoring Chairman Tom McCall



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Old Business

- None

State Rehabilitation Council Report

Kate Brady, Chair



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Statewide Independent Living Council Report

Shelly Simmons, Executive Director



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SILC Update

- ADA 30 Celebration
- SILC Congress
- IL Day at the Capitol



SILC Update

- State Plan for Independent Living is developing well.
- Sub-committees have been developed and we will have a draft by April ready for public comment.



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SILC Update

Face to Face Board Meeting

- April 24, 2020
- Macon, GA



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FY19 Highlights

Nine Centers for Independent Living & One satellite office

- Centers for Independent Living served 2,422 people with disabilities across the state of Georgia.
- Of the 2,422 people served, 1,227 were new individuals to the Centers for Independent Living.
- 167 people applied to be transferred from institutionalized settings into the community – 80 people were successfully transitioned into the community of their choice.
- Of the 2,422 people served, 58 percent successfully reached their independent living goals.



FY19 Highlights

- Centers for Independent Living provide five core services – Information & Referral, Peer Support, Independent Living Training, Transition into the Community, and Advocacy
- The Centers work closely with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, Division of Aging Services, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Community Affairs and the Aging and Disability Resource Connection. In fact, many of the referrals we receive are from the Aging and Disability Resource Connection.

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SILC/CILs have nine offices & two satellite offices around the state.

Public Comment

Tom Wilson, Chairman



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Adjournment

Tom Wilson, Chair



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