

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services (GVRS) Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

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Chairman's Welcome

- Welcome & Remarks
- Roll Call and Agenda
- Previous Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Employer Success Story

Michael Romesburg, CVS Lead Manager of Workforce Initiatives



Executive Director's Report

Chris Wells, Executive Director



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Executive Director's Report

- Agency level highlights
 - Strategic planning
 - Budget development
 - Employee Town Halls
 - Constituent Services call center optimization

- Program Highlights
 - Business Enterprise Program (BEP)
 - COVID-19 closures and impact
 - Vendor retirements and opportunities



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Executive Director's Report

- Program Highlights continued
 - Georgia Industries for the Blind (GIB)
 - Has operated continually during COVID -19 response
 - Open order status
 - Producing PPE
 - Disability Adjudication Services (DAS)
 - COVID-19 operations and response
 - Roosevelt Warm Springs/Cave Spring Center
 - Currently planning for Phase 1 of adapted reopening; no official date set
 - Implementing safety protocol and precautionary measures



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Executive Director's Report

Class Name	Current Budget	YTD Expenses	% of Budget
Personal Services	\$85,114,601	\$10,688,259	12.6%
Operating Expenses	8,005,438	1,323,539	16.5%
Equipment	176,754	7,935	4.5%
Computer Charges	6,235,629	493,645	7.9%
Real Estate Rentals	9,248,556	1,940,398	21.0%
Telecommunications	2,283,756	112,987	4.9%
Contracts	16,651,818	4,109,003	24.7%
Transfers	40,916	0	0.0%
Grants and Benefits	46,849,802	4,104,409	8.8%
Other	1,470,843	0	0.0%
Grand Total	\$176,078,113	\$22,780,174	12.9%

Vocational Services Report

Dr. Christine Fleming, Vocational Services
Director



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- Rehabilitation Services Administration
 - Monitoring to occur Fall 2020
 - Continue to develop internal controls and performance strategies

VR Reorganization Initiated

- Hired four Assistant Directors
 - Program Support – Julie O'Connor
 - Provider Management – Sheila Pierce
 - Transition Services – Jeff Allen
 - Client Services – Paige Tidwell-Cason
- Interviewing for the eight District Managers



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Vocational Rehabilitation

As of August 30, 2020

- 23,610 individuals being served
 - 7,128 potentially eligible students
 - 158 individuals successfully secured employment and maintained for 90 days (SFY2021)
 - 1,003 individuals exited without employment (SFY2021)
- Also tracking:
 - Timeliness of eligibility and IPE development
 - Decrease attrition by 10%
 - Decrease re-service rate by 10%
 - Increase employment outcomes by 10%
 - Measurable Skill Gain goal of 25.8%, if data correct at 32%



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VR Performance Goals

	SFY 21 Goal	As of 8.30.2020
Applicants	9,600	539
Eligibility	6,400	555
IPE	4,267	513
Services		13,460
Job Ready		825
Employed		857
Closed successfully employed over 90 days	2,500	158



Highlights

- Provider Management
 - Status FY21 Provider Agreements
 - 220 Provider Agreements submitted to Procurement
 - 109 have been signed by Providers and returned
 - 91 have been fully executed
 - Developed an exception criteria for providers to receive mileage reimbursement for client services

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Chairman - New/Old Business

- None

State Rehabilitation Council Report

Kate Brady, Chair



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Statewide Independent Living Council Update

Shelley Simmons, Executive Director



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State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

- No news on approval. Expect to hear from ACL mid to late September



Current SILC Activities

- Conducted two workshops at the NCIL Conference
- Preparing for APRIL Conference workshop
- Annual Report
- Focus on Enable Work

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Inclusion: The Story of the Americans with Disabilities Act

INCLUSION DOCUMENTARY LINK:

https://f.io/uyU9q8_6

- Audio Description
- ASL
- Spanish

Public Comments and Adjournment

Tom Wilson, Chair



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