

State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Report

Quarterly Meeting: April 8th, 2020

Kate Brady, SRC Chair

Lisa Leiter, Vice-Chair





Kate Brady, Chairperson

- Welcome and Introductions
- Update
- January minutes

GVRA Executive Director's Update

Shawn Ryan, GVRA



Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment Update

Wina Lowe, SRC Member



VR Program Update

Dr. Christine Fleming, Vocational Services, Director





Vocational Rehabilitation Highlights

- Unified State Plan submitted
- Corrective Action Plan submitted
 - Next update - April 2020
- Rehabilitation Services Administration performance improvement and technical assistance



Vocational Rehabilitation Highlights

- Approximately 89 counselors and 93 career specialists
- As of March 26, 2020
 - 26,495 individuals being served
 - 7,985 potentially eligible students
 - 1,641 individual successfully secured employment and maintained for 90 days
 - 6,138 individuals exited without employment outcome



VR Highlights

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



Vocational Rehabilitation Highlights

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



Vocational Rehabilitation Highlights

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



Vocational Rehabilitation Highlights

- External partnerships
- Supported employment
- Customized employment

Provider Relations Update

Sheila Pierce, Provider Management Director





Vocational Rehabilitation Highlights

- Provider Management
 - Provider Guidelines Manual
 - Pre-ETS Summit
 - Contract Task Force
 - GATES strategy meeting

Legislative Update

Chuck Stone, Legislative Liaison





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 963-** to Create the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired



Legislative Update

- **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
- **HB 1046-** Would require gas stations to place a decal containing the store phone number on gas pumps for individuals with a disability permit to call if in need of assistance at the pump

Client Services Funding

Jessime McGarity, Director of Planning and Budget





Slide To Be Updated



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SILC/ GILN Update

Shelly Simmons, Executive Director



Statewide
Independent Living
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SILC is Operational

SILC is currently working remotely as are the Centers for Independent Living.



State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

- SILC & CILs are having teleconferences for SPIL development
- Draft ready for review by April 24
- Submission of SPIL June 30, 2020



Spring Quarterly Board Meeting

- SILC/GILN Board meeting scheduled for April 24, 2020, 1 p.m.
- ZOOM info will be sent out next week



Public Comment



Open Discussion

Planning for next meeting

Adjournment