

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)
DSU Update
Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services (MCRS)
Thursday, August 10, 2023

1. Budget Update:

Federal Grants:	
Vocational Rehabilitation:	
FFY22	\$ 101,964,517
FFY23	\$ 108,496,184
Assistive Technology	
FFY22	\$ 754,035
FFY23	\$ 769,584
Independent Living - Title VIIB	
FFY22	\$ 354,316
FFY23	\$ 358,103
Disability Innovation Funds: FFY 2022 - FFY 2026	\$ 15,825,520
Pre-Employment Transition Services:	
FY22 Expenditures	\$ 15,496,207
FFY22 Carryover Funds	\$ 6,907,619
FFY23 Projected Reserve	\$ 16,274,428
	\$ 23,182,047

- FY23 – MCRS Resource Plan with Quarter 3 Expenditures – attached.

2. Performance Update:

- PowerPoint attached.
- Performance Chart by FY Quarters:

Elements	FY23 Q1 (Oct- Dec)	FY23 Q2 (Jan- Mar)	FY23 Q3 (April- June)	FY 23 Q4 (July- Sept)	FY23 YTD Total	FY22 Total	FY21 Total	FY 20 Total	FY19 Total
PTA New Referral	1,051	837	460	----	2,348	2,746	1,643	3,057	4,289
Application	3,493	3,911	3,792	----	11,196	13,352	11,159	11,455	13,013
Eligibility	3,109	3,428	3,600	----	10,137	12,084	10,039	10,912	14,554
Service (IPE)	2,235	2,680	3,079	----	7,994	9,534	8,192	9,172	11,099
Exit Employed	1,279	1,417	1,400	----	4,096	5,626	5,290	4,866	6,352
Total Cases	18,307	19,055	19,325	----	56,687	27,840	26,793	29,391	35,642

Bureau Updates:

3. Staffing summary:

- As of 7/22/23 there are:
 - 499 active staff

4. MCTI Update:

- RSA reviewed the MCTI infrastructure request. Before the establishment projects can move forward, MRS is required to:
 - Identify how its goals and priorities, along with the strategies to implement these goals, will be achieved or will be further enhanced through this project.
 - Describe how the project will help the unmet needs of the served, underserved, and unserved populations.
 - Provide RSA a new appraisal for MCTI to verify the cost of the project does not surpass the value of the center.
 - Hold a public meeting to review updates to the vocational rehabilitation portion of the State Plan.

5. DIF/Project STEMM-Up Update:

- STEMM-Up is providing job readiness training to vocational rehabilitation customers who are interested in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM). In 2021, Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) was awarded a five-year discretionary grant by the U.S. Department of Education to create and strengthen career pathways into STEMM fields for individuals with disabilities from underserved communities. MRS and Michigan State University have partnered to serve 510 individuals through STEMM-Up from the Detroit, Eastern, Marquette, Northern, Oakland, and Wayne districts. The first phase of

this project focused on research and development, and concluded with a needs assessment of MRS diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion policies, procedures, and practices. Throughout the second phase of the project, MSU is providing individualized soft skills training for STEMM-Up participants and MRS is addressing the recommendations made in the phase 1 needs assessment report. To date, a total of 59 referrals have been made by MRS counselors to STEMM-Up, with a target of 100 referrals by September 30, 2023.

6. Division Director Updates:

- Personnel Updates
- National Level VR Funding
- Strategic Focus Areas – P.I.O.T.
- Planned Vendor/Partner Meetings – FY 2024
- CSAVE Conference – October 2023
- Service Provider Rates