

**DRAFT- Massachusetts State Rehabilitation Council FY23 Recommendations
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Recommendation FY23-1

Provide support to the SRC via Communications Department staff in its efforts to develop orientation materials focused on understanding both vocational rehabilitation and the role of the SRC.

Responsible SRC Committee: Policy

Recommendation FY23-2

Create informational materials for VR consumers that explain the basics of the VR process in clear and understandable language.

Responsible SRC Committee: Policy

Recommendation FY23-3

The Office of Individual and Family Engagement will partner with the SRC to host a forum that promotes the work of the SRC and gathers consumer feedback about vocational rehabilitation services.

Responsible SRC Committee: Executive

Recommendation FY23-4 (formerly FY22-2 & FY21-1)

Support employment of individuals with disabilities in the Commonwealth through developing a baseline understanding of current data and trends, which

can inform a high-level strategy to increase the numbers of state employees with disabilities. Include the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion lens in this work, and work with MRC to ensure the robustness of this effort.

Responsible SRC Committee: Business & Employment

Recommendation FY23-5 (formerly FY22-3 & FY21-2)

Increase availability and accessibility of SRC materials online and develop a robust communications, marketing, and branding strategy for SRC. Make materials available to SRC for review related to accessibility to all including from a DEI lens.

Responsible SRC Committee: Business & Employment

Recommendation FY23-6 (formerly FY22-5 & FY21-5)

Develop a baseline understanding of self-employment, including but not limited to assessing needs (consumer and counselor), data trends (state and national), and identified best-practices and partners, to inform a strategy for self-employment services within MRC

Responsible SRC Committee: Business & Employment