**Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission**

**Addendum – Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014**

**Mission & Vision**

Mission: The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) promotes equality, empowerment and productive independence for individuals with disabilities. We achieve these goals by enhancing and encouraging personal choice and the right to fail or succeed in the pursuit of independence and employment in the community.

Vision: The MRC provides comprehensive services to people with disabilities that maximize their quality of life and economic self-sufficiency in the community.

*Multiple programs in the MRC complement each other to assist individuals with disabilities, including: Community Living, Vocational Rehabilitation and Disability Determination.*

**Senior Management Team**

Charles Carr, Commissioner

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**Addendum Message**

The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) works diligently to bring to our consumers and public/private stakeholders comprehensive, effective and meaningful programs and services. So I present this supplemental annual report for state fiscal year 2014. In this abridged version of our annual report you will find our federal and state numbers for this period. Our message of “Pathways to Independence” continued during this period, and our staff persistently worked on providing streamlined and coordinated cross-divisional service delivery. For a more detailed account please see our FY13 Annual Report. In the meantime, I hope this supplemental annual report gives you a good representation of the programs, services and funding used to move MRC forward in FY14. We look forward to working with you to ensure the MRC truly reflects the needs of people with disabilities and their families in your pursuit of living and working independently in the community.

Sincerely,

Charles Carr, Commissioner

**MRC Finances**

**Vocational Rehabilitation, 7/1/13 – 6/30/14**

**Competitive Employment in Massachusetts**

The MRC successfully placed 3,653 people with disabilities into employment based on their choices, interests, needs and skills in FY14.

These successfully employed consumers earned $63.8 million in their first year of employment.

Estimated public benefits savings from consumers assisted by the MRC in MA were $27.4 million.

The return to society based on increases in lifetime earnings range from $14 to $18 for every $1 invested in the MRC Vocational Rehabilitation program. $5 is returned to the government through income taxes and reduced public assistance payments for every $1 invested in the MRC Vocational Rehabilitation program.

Average Hourly Wage: $12.67

Average Weekly Hours Worked: 26.50

*Who Are Our VR Consumers?*

Psychiatric Disabilities: 37.6%

Learning Disabilities: 20.8%

Orthopedic Disabilities: 10.4%

Substance Abuse: 8.8%

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 6.7%

Neurological Disabilities: 2.6%

Developmental Disabilities: 2.2%

Traumatic Brain Injuries: 2.0%

Other Disabilities: 8.9%

Average Age: 34

Female: 47.2%

Male: 52.8%

White: 80.2%

Black: 16.6%

Hispanic: 10.2%

Asian/Pacific Islander: 3.8%

Native American: 0.8%

*Facts at a Glance*

Consumers Actively Receiving Services: 22,609

Consumers Enrolled in Training/Education Programs: 15,567

Consumers Employed with Significant Disabilities: 3,653

Consumers Employed with Medical Insurance: 95.9%

Consumers Satisfied with Services: 82.3%

**VR Services to Youth, 7/1/13 – 6/30/14**

Historically, the agency has only looked at financial information for our three divisions within the MRC; however, moving forward Commissioner Carr wants to look at the number of youth served, not simply referred. In alignment with his commitment to transition efforts and placing youth with disabilities within the community, he is making this a priority.

*Youth Served (Ages 16-22) \*Age at application for MRC services.*

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served 8,583 youth ages 16 to 24\* during SFY14.

909 young consumers were placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of $10.93.

Employed young consumers worked an average of 26.7 hours per week.

93 young consumers participated in the Youth Leadership Network (YLN) and 44 participated in the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) in SFY14. These programs promote self-advocacy and self-awareness, and employment and independent living skills for teens and young adults with disabilities ages fourteen to twenty-six years old.

MRC’s Transitional Internship Program (TIP) provided paid summer internship experiences for 109 transition-aged consumers at 87 internship sites across the Commonwealth. Through these internships, the program provides employment related skills and guidance, and employment references to facilitate permanent future employment opportunities.

*Who Are Our Young Consumers?*

Male: 57.8%

Female: 42.2%

Age Profile Served

16 1.7%

17 12.3%

18 28.3%

19 22.6%

20 10.6%

21 7.2%

22 6.0%

23 5.7%

24 5.4%

*Referral Source*

688 Referral: 32.9%

Lead Education Agency: 18.0%

TAC-Assigned: 0.5%

Other Referral Source: 48.7%

*Disability Profile*

Sensory/Communicative: 7.9%

Physical/Mobility: 9.6%

Cognitive/Psychological: 82.4%

*Facts at a Glance*

Youth Actively Receiving Services: 8,583

Youth Enrolled in Training/Education Programs: 6,484

Average Hourly Wage for Employed Youth: $10.93

**MRC Finances**

**Community Living Programs, 7/1/13 – 6/30/14**

*Consumers Served*

Independent Living Centers: 6,070

Brain Injury Services: 1,418

Home Care Services: 1,279

Assistive Technology: 1,073

Turning 22 Services: 613

Protective Services: 417

Housing Registry: 391

Supported Living Services: 190

*Services Purchased*

Brain Injury Services: $32,049,884

Independent Living Centers: $8,273,025

Home Care Services: $3,353,342

Supported Living Services: $1,811,597

IL Turning 22 Services: $1,385,265

Assistive Technology: $1,139,998

Protective Services: $706,582

Housing Registry: $80,000

*Facts at a Glance*

Consumers Actively Receiving Services: 11,698

Total Funds Expended: $48,799,693

Cost Per Consumer Served: $4,172

**MRC Finances**

**Disability Determination, 10/1/13 – 9/30/14 7**

*DDS: MA Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Social Security Disability Claims Processed*

Total Receipt of Cases: 83,691

Total Disposition of Cases: 86,190

Initial Claims Filed: 52,993

Initial Claims Disposed: 56,716

% Allowed: 40.1%

Continuing Disability Review Receipts: 11,402

Continuing Disability Review Dispositions: 9,150

*DDS: Purchased Services*

Consultative Examinations Purchased: 20,644

Consultative Examination Rate: 24.0%

Medical Evidence of Record Purchased: 78,473

Medical Evidence of Record Rate: 91.0%

Total Medical Costs: $9,468,952

*DDS: MA Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Social Security Disability*

Total MA Population: 6.69M

MA SSI Recipients, 2012: 187,998

MA SSDI Recipients, 2012: 233,260

Annual SSDI Benefits Paid: $3.19B

Annual SSI Benefits Paid: $1.16B

Total Medical Costs: $8,241,668

Total Budget: $45,222,629

Cost Per Case: $524.69

*DDS: Facts at a Glance*

Total Disposition of SSI/DI Cases: 86,190

Accuracy of Decisions: 96.7%

Federal Accuracy of Decision Standard: 90%

**MRC Finances**

**Sum for Federal FY 2014, 10/1/13 – 9/30/14**

Federal Funds Expended FY2014 %

Vocational Rehabilitation/Federal $45,110,110 46%

Disability Determination Services $44,324,816 46%

Independent Living Services $1,445,279 1%

Vocational Rehabilitation/SSA $4,827,157 5%

Other Federal Spending $1,277,093 1%

Supported Employment $416,545 <1%

**Total $97,400,999 100%**

**MRC Finances**

**Sum for State FY 2014 7/1/13 – 6/30/14**

State Funds Expended FY2014 %

Community Services - All Other $28,854,574 40%

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) $11,977,312 17%

DDS\* Allocation - Rolland Case $7,502,749 10%

Head Injury Trust Fund $6,097,764 8%

Home Modification Loan Program $4,000,000 6%

Waiver (Other Allocations) $13,664,520 19%

**Total $72,096,920 100%**

*\*DDS – Department of Developmental Services (formerly DMR)*

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