**MRC VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AUTISM DATA TRENDS ANALYSIS:**

**RECENT YEARS AND 3-YEAR PROJECTION**

Job Seekers with Autism Receiving Services from MRC

Over the course of the most recent 6 years (FY2014-19), the number of consumers with autism receiving employment services through MRC increased by a total of 1,664 (3110 in FY2019, up from 1446 in FY2014). The number of job seekers more than doubled during this period, increasing by 115%.

Year-to-year changes varied greatly, ranging from a 50.8% increase of job seekers with autism in FY2017, to a 1.6% decrease in FY19. The large increase in FY2017 likely is due to MRC enrolling large numbers of students in VR during that fiscal year as MRC ramped up its Pre-ETS service contracts.

Based on these trends, we project the total number of job seekers with Autism receiving employment services from MRC to increase by 1,361 (44%) between FY20 and FY22, with an average annual increase of 12.9%.

Job Seekers with Autism Employed

During the past 6 years, the total number of job seekers with autism achieving employment increased by 161 (336 in FY2019, up from 175 in FY2014), or 92% - nearly doubling the number 6 years ago.

Year-to-year changes fluctuated, ranging from a 101.4% increase in FY2017, to a 23.9% decrease in FY16. The large increase in FY17 may be due to several factors, one being an overall increase in employment during the year and a large increase in those served with Autism.

Based on the trends observed, we project an increase of 109 (32%) in the total number of job seekers with Autism served by MRC obtaining employment between FY20 and FY22, with an average annual increase of 9.9%.

Employment Outcome for Job Seekers with Autism

Between FY2014 and FY2019, annual employment results did not show major fluctuations. Based on these trends, we project the annual success of job seekers served by MRC achieving employment to be 10% for each of the next 3 years. It should be noted that job seekers on average spend 3 to 4 years in the VR program from the time of their application to the time the case is closed. This accounts for time needed by job seekers to complete training and education programs.