# **Town Hall Questions**

First, let’s talk about VR services.

1. Please describe your experiences with the VR agency and staff.
2. How knowledgeable are VR staff about local jobs and the economy?
3. How knowledgeable are VR staff about social service benefits for people with disabilities and other government or city programs?
4. How are VR customers involved in choosing providers of VR services?

Now, let’s talk about employment-related needs for people with disabilities. We want to focus on several specific populations in particular.

1. What are the employment-related needs of people with sensory and communicative impairments (such as deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired)? Please offer suggestions on how the VR program can improve the way it helps meet these needs.
2. What are the employment-related needs of people with neurodevelopmental disabilities (such as autism, IDD, ADHD or learning disorders)? Please offer suggestions on how the VR program can improve the way it helps meet these needs.
3. What are the employment-related needs of people with physical mobility difficulties or neurological impairments (such as brain injury, epilepsy, and cerebral palsy)? Please offer suggestions on how the VR program can improve the way it helps meet these needs.
4. What are the employment-related needs of people with psychological disabilities, or mental health issues (such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia)? Please offer suggestions on how the VR program can improve the way it helps meet these needs.

Next, let’s talk about providers of VR services. Some examples include county mental health organizations, nonprofits, schools, doctors, orientation and mobility, job coaches, and employment skills training and placement.

1. Please describe your experiences working with VR providers. How can the VR program improve the way it recruits and works with providers?

The VR program also collaborates with businesses to employ VR customers.

1. How can the VR program improve the way that it engages with employers for job placement of VR customers and works with those employers?

Lastly, let’s discuss possible gaps in VR services and challenges in receiving services.

1. What groups of Texans who could benefit from VR services or what needs that are currently not being served might have been overlooked?

Thank you for your insights!