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DAIL Advisory Board Monthly Meeting February 8, 2024, Minutes

In Attendance:

Board Members: Jane Catton, Eliza Eager, Joe Greenwald, Kim Fitzgerald, Lynne Cardozo, Nick McCardle, Steven Pouliot, Rachel Seelig, Rick Neu, Lawrence Seiler

State Employees: Megan Tierney-Ward, Jessica Bernard, Bill Kelley, Ginny Clark-Ziske

Guests: Gloria Quinn, Helen Labun, Kaili Kuiper, Marie Lallier, Marie Zura, Reagan Winkler, Lucie Garrand

Quorum-met 10:02

Introductions, roll call, review agenda, review and approve minutes. - Jane Catton, Chair

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 11, 2024 – Jane Catton

First: Rick Nue

Second: Kim Fitzgerald

Minutes: Approved

Abstained: Nick McArdle

DAIL SFY25 Budget Review; Megan Tierney-Ward, Interim Commissioner and Bill Kelley, Financial Director provided a presentation with an overview of the budget process, budget document and final numbers.

DS Payment Reform: Jessica Bernard, DAIL Deputy Director of Payment Reform presented an overview and timeline of 2024 DS Payment Reform and activities.

March 25th 2:00-3:30 pm: Review rate survey results with service providers, get input. Virtual and in-person options available. Providers should use the DA/SSA meeting invite already on calendars.

April 22nd 1:00-4:00pm: Review service mix models with service providers, get input. Virtual and in-person options available. Providers should use the DA/SSA meeting invite already on calendars.

May 1st: Present draft budget model presentation, get input and feedback with service providers. Virtual and in-person options available. Providers will be sending a meeting invite.

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May 9th: DAB draft budget framework presentation, get input and feedback, hope to have at least an hour on the agenda.

May- SPSC, payment reform advisory groups, DS staff will also have presentations and be asked for input and feedback.

June- Continue to answer questions or return to meetings if requested. Would like all feedback by 6/30.

July- DAIL/DS will review feedback and make any outstanding decisions or adjustments to the proposed model and framework.

August/September- Present the payment model/framework after making any changes based on input/feedback. Start the official public comment period so folks will have another opportunity to offer feedback. The public comment meetings have not been scheduled yet, but I think we'll offer both in person and virtual ways to join, as well as an option to submit written feedback.

2025: Transition to a new payment model and conflict free case management system in mid-2025, no official transition start date has been identified yet.

There will be four engagement sessions for SIS-A, one each quarter, online. The next round is mid to late March. We will send this to the Board members on Monday February 12, 2024.

DDSD decided to do a Road Show. Jessica, Jennifer, and Jeff will get together and visit agencies providing the opportunity to meet with staff, and or consumers to talk about case management and answer questions.

DAB Topics Discussion: The Board lead by Chair, Jane Catton discussed future agenda topics. These are included in the listing below.

- Budget and ongoing monitoring/updates including any legislative issues.
- Making sure DAIL updates are at the beginning of each meeting.
- CFCM for Choices for Care and other services with regular updates for input as the implementation continues through 2026.
- Navigating Disability services
- DHCD updates on Housing/ the unhoused
- ICare updates and LTC specialized client/patient placements from hospital to community
- Overview of relevant federal acts that regulate DAIL: OAA, OVA, Global Commitment/Health Waiver 1115, Olmstead Decision, State Plan on Aging, Forensic Facility
- More DAB member engagement on the front end of projects, changes, proposed planning vs 'getting reported to'. Do we consider asking DAB membership to participate in workgroups?
- Age Strong VT plan- needs ongoing monitoring by DAB.
- Ensuring the Age Strong VT plan coordinator role is budgeted and filled. How to

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advocate and ensure this?

- Updates on DDHI with a presentation (maybe in a few months)
- Inform us about disability communications specialist roles and the advancements made in VT.
- AHEAD model related to the All-Payer system.
- Assisted Living/Res Care regulation updates.
- Ongoing focus on BOD recruitment

The Board members continued the discussion from January, when will the Board meet for in person meetings? Chair, Jane Catton suggested May and September meetings be in person. As there were no objections, and with the approval from Chair, Jane Catton, DAIL will schedule May and September meetings to be held at the Waterbury State Office Complex.

Board Recruitment was discussed, and the board requested that Ginny work to put together a package of information on The DAIL Advisory Board to be available for prospective candidates.

Public Comment / Guests – No public comment received.

Motion to Adjourn- Chair, Jane Catton

First: Kim Fitzgerald

Second: Lynne Cardozo

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45