DAIL Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2023 Microsoft Teams Phone/Video Conference

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Ruby Baker, Jane Catton, James Coutts, Eliza Eager, Kim Fitzgerald, Joseph Greenwald, Michael Gruteke, Tom Hamilton, Jeanne Hutchins, Steven Pouliot, Rachel Seelig, Marie Zura

Guests: Kristen Murphy, Susan Aranoff, Marie Lallier, Lindsey Owen, Meg Burmeister, Kaili Kuiper, Gloria Quinn, Virginia Renfew

State Employees: Monica White, Megan Tierney-Ward, Ashley Bonneau, Bill Kelly, Angela Smith-Dieng, Wendy Trafton, Jessica Bernard, Fran Hodgins, Jason Pelopida, Rebecca Silbernagel

Motion to Approve Minutes: January 12, 2023, minutes: Motion to approve: Steve Pouliot

Second: Jane Catton

Minutes are approved as written.

DAIL Updates:

Monica White, Commissioner

The legislative session is in full session. H.1 has been passed by both committees and is at the Governor's desk for review and approval.

H.171 is an APS statue update which is over a decade old. The DAIL APS Director and Deputy Director testified on the statue earlier this week.

MFP transitioned 72 older Vermonters from SNF and acute facilities back home and lowered readmittance by 6% in 2022. DAIL has conducted analysis over the course of MFP project who have made the transition and determined those 78% of those individuals will remain in their community. In January, through a partnership with MFP and HireAbility, is sponsoring a scholarship program. This is to promote a healthcare career pattern.

Senior famers market nutrition program. DAIL received notice that grant proposal for additional ARPA funding. This is an additional \$160,000 grant to increase the marketing and partnerships within the community.

AHS has announced the conflict-of-interest committee members. The first meeting is going to take place on Wednesday February.

From 2023, Act 167 which required DAIL to make a working group. DAIL has contracted with HST to facilitate that working group and the draft. The first meeting took place on 1/30/23 and will continue to meet monthly through August.

HireAbility has worked over the past few years on the summer careers exploration program. In January they have kicked off the start for the 2023 year.

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner

Nick McCardle is the DAIL advisory board representative for the conflict-of-interest committee.

ALL nursing facility call on anti-psychotic use. The federal CMS rule are strict with the use/management of these medications. DMH joined this discussion.

The agency is allowing.

DAIL has been charged with doing rate studies (ACCS, ERC, Adult Day and Home Health). This will be included in the report that is due by the 15th to the legislature.

The DMH has created a webinar for home care giver on home infection prevention.

HCBS quality of work with CMS updates. There is not an update at this time, but we will invite for an update in the upcoming meetings.

COVE has released a resource guide for older Vermonter. We are looking at further ways to promote this resource guide.

SFY24 Budget Walk Through:

Monica White, Commissioner and Bill Kelly Financial Director

Reviewed DAIL Legislative document, summary of changes which starts on page 36. Please refer to the legislature document that is linked:

Are there any savings identified in CFC and how were they allocated? There is a statute on how CFC is closed out and what is done with the savings. At the end of the physical year there was \$7.17 million left over in GF. 1.1 million, EFR request from nursing homes for emergency relieve 4.2 million. There were no funds for re-investment.

There is federal funding reimbursement in multiple categories, is that due to COVID winding down? No, this is due to federal receipts.

There are 5 or 6 peoples in the Essex County VNA, is there any incentive finding for home health providers. There is a \$3 million line item for rate increases to home health.

Is there a cost of living built in for providers and if so what percent. Case load increases for DS services it does not reflect the cola adjustment.

In the moderate needs appears there is a \$2mil decrease. This is correct sfy22 to current there has been a trend of \$2mil below cap.

Has there been any increase in the budget for Moderate needs to increase the individual budget? Last year there was an 8% increase then there was an investment to the homemaker rate.

All-Payor Model Extension:

Wendy Trafton, Deputy Director of Healthcare Reform

Wendy reviewed the all-payor model extension to the advisory board. To see the presentation please review the presentation that is linked on the website.

FMAP Funds Updates:

Fran Hodgins & Angela Smith-Dieng, Director of Adult Services Division

Fran Hodgins reviewed the FMAP funds update to the advisory board. To see the presentation please review the presentation that is linked on the website.

DS Payment Reform Updates

Jessica Bernard, Deputy Director of Payment Reform

Jessica reviewed the different payment reform advisory groups. To see the presentation please review the presentation that is links on the website.

Kim motioned to end the meeting Ruby baker second the motion **Meeting was adjourned 12:15pm**