

From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Hill, Bard](#)
Cc: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:42:00 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx](#)

Thanks, Bard. I offered a few edits and also added a few comments. I revised the DS piece a bit as that just went out to VCP yesterday and Monica was meeting with them today. Have also included Monica in case she wants to take a look.

From: George, Camille
To: McFadden, Clare
Cc: Gerstenberger, Roy; Euber, Jim; Hutt, Monica
Subject: FW: Audit Follow Up status
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:02:00 AM
Attachments: Audit Recommendation Followup as of 1.19.2017.xlsx

Hi Clare – We're using this as a reference in some conversations we're having re: the Master Grant, etc. I think this was last updated in January. Any chance we can get an update to the update?
Thanks.

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From: McFadden, Clare
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Gerstenberger, Roy ; George, Camille ; Euber, Jim
Subject: FW: Audit Follow Up status

Following up on our list of actions related to DS funds, I said I would get an update on the status of following up on the recommendations from the Auditor's Report. Attached is Jennifer's summary of where we are at.

From: Perkins, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:47 AM
To: McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>
Subject: Audit Follow Up status

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: FW: DAIL Advisory Board Meeting for 6/14
Date: Thursday, June 07, 2018 2:07:00 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

FYI...

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From: Martha Richardson <mrichardson1@alz.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 1:55 PM

To: Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: DAIL Advisory Board Meeting for 6/14

Hi Liz and Camille

Martha

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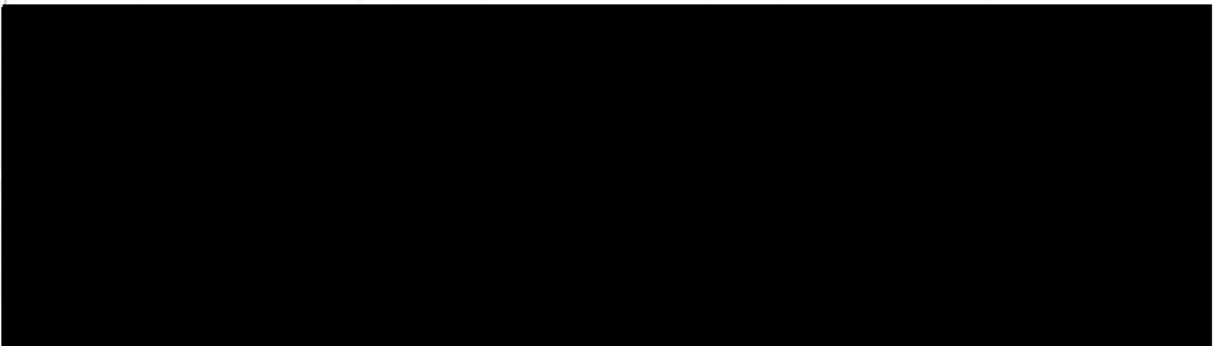
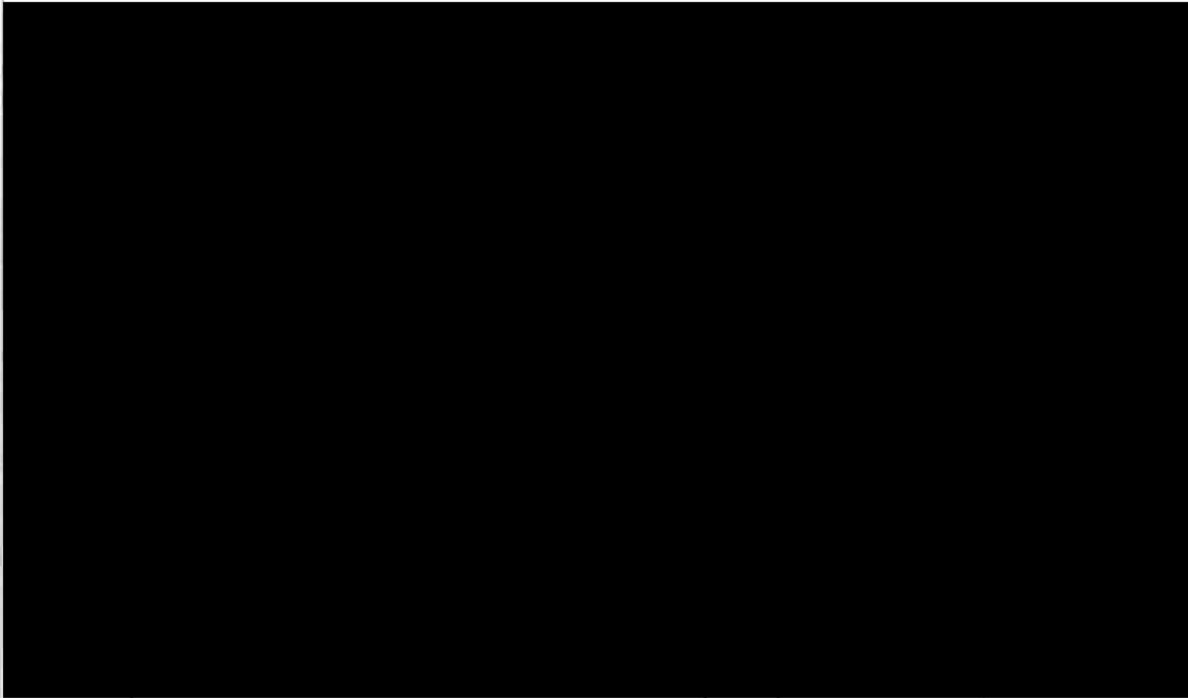
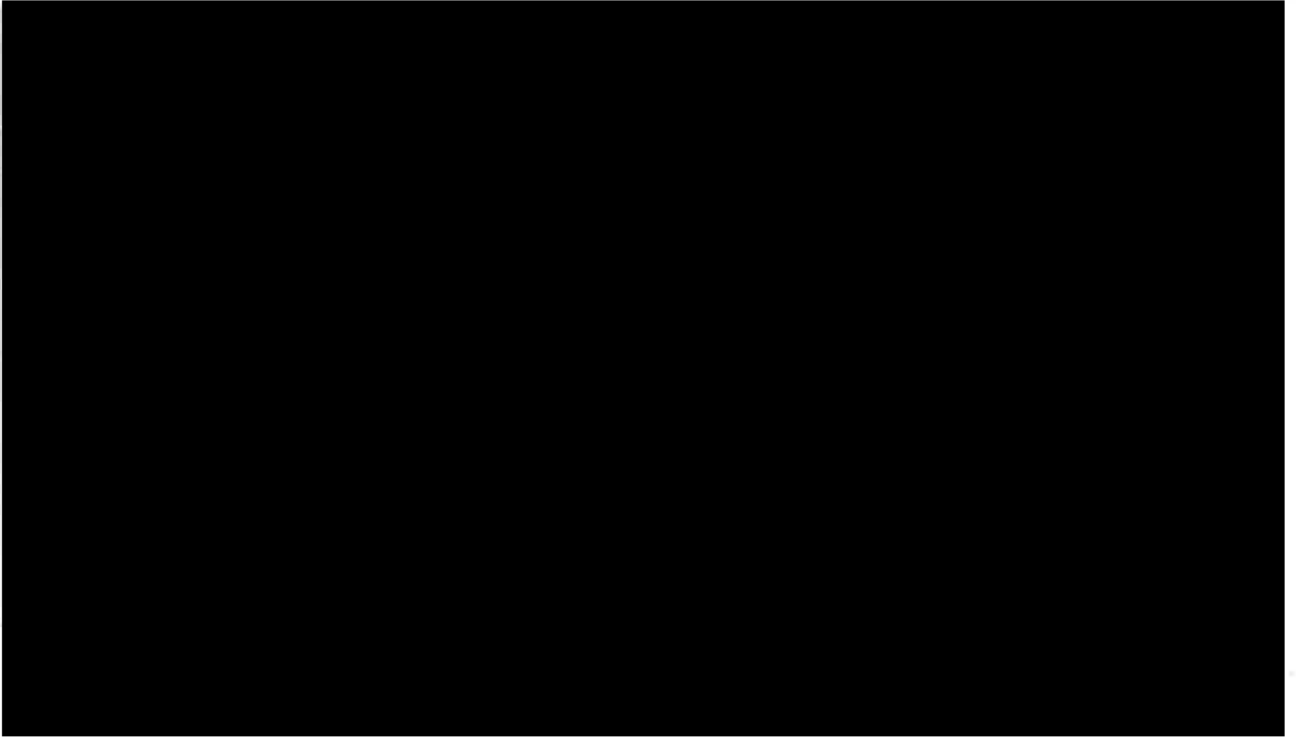
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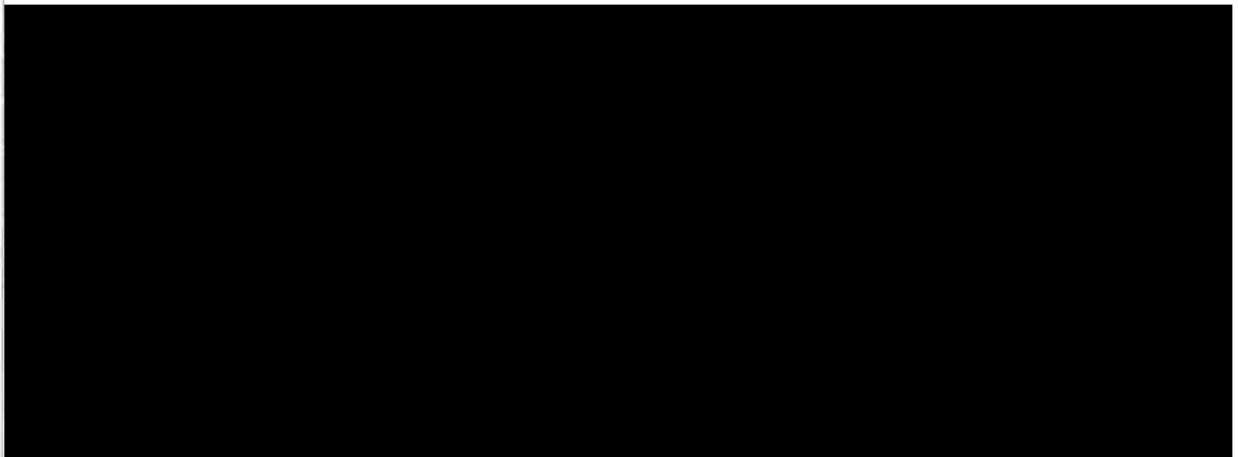


On Thu, Jun 7, 2018 at 1:13 PM, Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov> wrote:

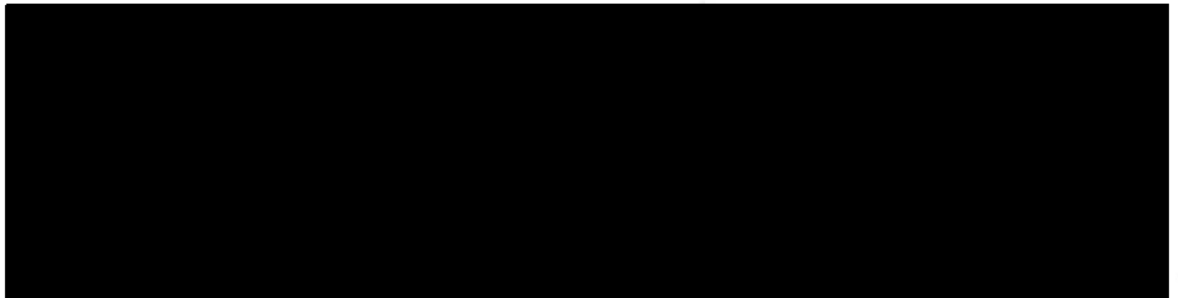
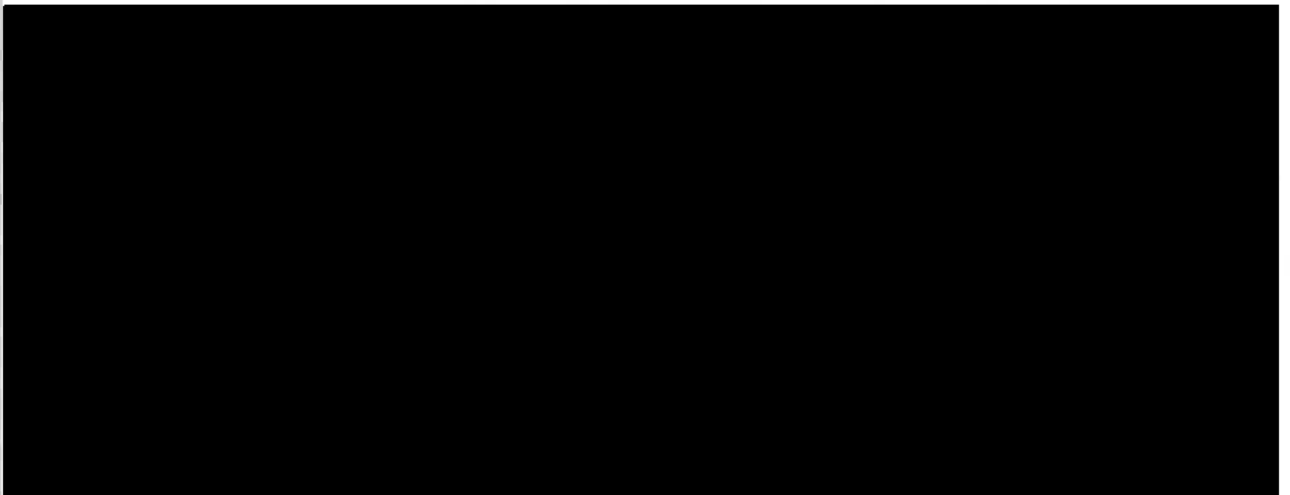
Hello all!

I hope this email finds you well. We are preparing for our upcoming meeting with you and I have attached the agenda, last month's minutes and handouts. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Please RSVP by the end of the day Monday, June 9 so I can give security an accurate list. Thank you so much and I look forward to seeing all of you next week! ~ Liz





- **Village Model:** Jeanne Hutchins is going to present about the Village Model, what it is and how it helps members increase independence, reduce isolation and experience an enhanced purpose of life.
- **CMS Home and Community Based Services Rules:** Andre Courcelle from the Adult Services Division and Clare McFadden the Developmental Disabilities Services Division will provide an update on how we are progressing in our preparations and implementation of the CMS HCBS rules. They may also be joined from someone from AHS, but I have not yet confirmed.





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To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [Hill, Bard](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Fw: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx
Date: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:27:57 PM
Attachments: [DAIL comments re AHCA.03202017cg.docx](#)

Bard, this looks great, thanks. I suggested just one minor editing change and had a couple of comments/questions, am not sure they need to be answered right away, but thought I would ask.

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Hill, Bard
Cc: George, Camille
Subject: Re: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx
Ok- I will take a final look tonight. Thanks so much Bard

Monica Caserta Hutt
Commissioner
Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 20, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov> wrote:

I don't believe that we were given a deadline, but I suggest asap. Tomorrow?

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Cc: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx
Bard, when is this due to Georgia/Michael???

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Sent from my iPad

On Mar 20, 2017, at 11:19 AM, Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi-

Thanks! Here is a revised version. I'm not sure what else we are missing...

Bard

From: Hutt, Monica

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:26 AM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx

Got it. Ok. Let's start with the edits I sent-do they make sense and what else are we missing?

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From: George, Camille

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:24 AM

To: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx

We were asked to make comments on the CBO report and provide them to Mary Kate as part of the ACA/APM work group.

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From: Hutt, Monica

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:22 AM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx

Bard, I reviewed and made some comments and edits but I am not sure who the audience is so I limited myself in relation to editing. If you can tell me who we are writing for, I may have a different set of suggestions. Let me know and thanks for putting this all in one spot- it is extremely useful! Monica

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From: [McFadden, Clare](#)
To: [Barbera, Judith](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#); [Perkins, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: DAIL Response to Auditor's Request for Documentation
Date: Friday, November 03, 2017 2:28:45 PM
Attachments: [3rd quarter PASRR AUDIT FY2017 .xlsx](#)
[820_821_current from R Ely.xlsx](#)
[Codes for Dubravka 3.25.2016.xlsx](#)
[DDS HCBS Spreadsheet Manual.pdf](#)
[FW H2022HW and H2022HEHB.msg](#)
[guidelines_quality_review_process_of_dd_services.pdf](#)
[Process for reviewing pay as billed MMIS claims.docx](#)
[Beginning spreadsheets-.msg](#)
[Vermont Medicaid Manual for Developmental Disabilities Services Effective 11.1.2017.docx](#)
[DAIL RESPONSE 11.3.2017final.docx](#)

Hi Judith- On 10.19.17, you requested additional documentation and answers to some questions regarding DAIL's 8.8.17 update on progress related to the Auditor's Office report on DAIL's oversight of Designated Agencies. Our response to your request is in the final attached document labeled DAIL Response. All supporting documentation referenced in the response is also attached. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions. Thank you.

From: Theresa Wood
To: [McCarthy, Pam](#)
Cc: [Lisa Maynes](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Fw: Follow Up: High Tech Nursing Program
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:04:38 PM
Attachments: [Leg.Resp.HTN.FIN.04.20.18.pdf](#)
[HTN Adult Rate History 4.20.18.pdf](#)
[Memorandum AHS high-tech johnson 022818 signed.pdf](#)

Hi Pam,

While I received this response because I sent along your initial email and questions, I wanted to make sure you have the AHS response as well. It comes from Camille George, Deputy Commissioner at DAIL, but it is on behalf of all departments affected (DVHA and VDH). I trust you will share with Kay as well (I don't seem to have her email). I hope it helps to clarify the original question about the budget amount in this year's budget, and also provides some historical perspective as well. Please feel free to reach out to Camille directly if you have follow-up questions.

Let me know if there is further information needed.

Theresa

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From: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Theresa Wood
Cc: Hutt, Monica; Gustafson, Cory; Levine, Mark; Dolan, Tracy; Costa, Michael
Subject: Follow Up: High Tech Nursing Program

Good afternoon, Representative Wood:

Attached please find our response regarding your inquiry about the High Tech Nursing Program. Thank you for your patience in awaiting this reply. As always, please be in touch with the appropriate department if you would like additional information. Thank you.

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission
Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 2:00:00 PM
Attachments: [RE Follow up question on CFC HHAAAAs.msg](#)
[RE Vermont Choices for Care Program Summary and Proposed Planning to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protections.msg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[Conflic Free Case Management DA DMH\(03\).docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

See highlighted below, could be a problem. I will speak with Clarence before sending anything out and also about the issue highlighted below. I was clear in a message to him that one question is what information is public and how to share it.

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contact the Alzheimer's Association Vermont Chapter at 1-800-272-3900.

From: Hickman, Selina

Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 1:34 PM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn
<Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Davis, Clarence <Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Hi Camille,

You have the major communications sent to CMS. I've attached two emails and another document that could be helpful:

- Re: Vermont Choices for Care Program Summary and Proposed Panning to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protections: this email shows multiple attempts to gain response from CMS on the CFC conflict of interest exception request. It also highlights what we and they understand; the exception criteria is not a perfect fit for Vermont's situation, as there is more than one available case management agency.
- Re: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs: this email shows CMS confirmation that our follow up response was received.
- Conflict Free Case Management_DA_DMH(03): this document was sent to CMS on 9/22/17 and seeks the conflict free case management exception for mental health programs and services provided through Designated Agencies. This brief is able to show clearly that there is only one willing and qualified case manager for Mental Health HCBS services. No response has been received to this brief.

Finally, CMS indicated to the State of Vermont in conversations that any exception to the conflict free case management requirements described in federal regulations must be enacted through an amendment to our 1115 waiver. At the time, we decided the next opportunity to ask for the exception would be through the SUD amendment process, however, I do not believe that loose end was tied off prior to the SUD amendment approval.

Let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.



From: George, Camille

Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 11:49 AM

To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Davis, Clarence
<Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov>

Cc: Hickman, Selina <Selina.Hickman@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Thanks for sending this information along, Shawn. Clarence, I'd like to touch base with you about this. At last week's DAIL Advisory Board meeting, Shawn and a couple DAIL staff provided an update on the progress being made in implementing the CMS Home- and Community-Based Services Rules. In the course of the update, the topic of conflict-free case management came up and some present requested to receive a copy of the conflict free case management waiver exemption that the state filed with CMS and related documentation. This is a pretty sensitive topic, with strong opinions on both sides. Before we send anything out to the DAIL Advisory Board (and in fact, it was 2 staff from the DD Council who are not members of the DAIL Advisory Board, but were in attendance) I'd like to consult and make sure we are on the same page about what we send out. I've cc'd Selina as I know she was very involved in this process and the exemption request and may both be aware of additional documentation and have some helpful advice.

Do you have time to touch base about this within the next week or so?

Also, Shawn, if you can send me the link to the DVHA webpage that contains the additional information about the Comprehensive Quality Strategy and other information related to the HCBS rules, I can include that once we sort out what additional information will be shared.

Thanks.

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From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:47 AM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Cc: Davis, Clarence <Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Hi Camille – as per your request after last week's DAIL Advisory Board Meeting – attached are the following conflict-free case management items:

- Geographic exception request application (pdf: CFC Brief Action Plan – pp. 5 and 6)
- CMS correspondences (Outlook item: Follow Up question on CFC + embedded pdf: Vermont response)

I have copied Clarence because this item as discussed with him and Martha back in April – and I am not sure if any action has been taken since that meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions re: the attached documents.

Best,

Shawn

From: George, Camille
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan
Subject: FW: veterans
Date: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 8:07:00 AM
Importance: High

Hi Megan - Virginia checked back in with me and you are the only person who responded. Can you ask a member of your staff to follow up with her and let me know who that person will be? I wonder if Stuart has heard anything as he's out in the field? Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:59 AM
To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Angela Smith-Dieng <angelasmithdieng@gmail.com>; Senghas, Stuart <Stuart.Senghas@vermont.gov>; Distasio, Nicole <Nicole.Distasio@vermont.gov>; Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>
Cc: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: veterans

No I have not. I would think the DOL would be able to guide them if find out.

-----Original Message-----

From: George, Camille
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:50 AM
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Angela Smith-Dieng <angelasmithdieng@gmail.com>; Senghas, Stuart <Stuart.Senghas@vermont.gov>; Distasio, Nicole <Nicole.Distasio@vermont.gov>; Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>
Cc: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: veterans

Hi Everyone -

Please see the message below from Virginia Renfrew, who represents the adult day providers. Have any of you heard about the requirement from the VA that she is referencing, either through your interactions with other adult

day providers or perhaps through the AAAs and the veterans-directed HCBS? Would one of you be able to follow up with her? Thanks and please let me know.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Virginia Renfrew [<mailto:renfrew@sover.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 3:24 PM
To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Subject: veterans

Hi Camille, I hope you are doing well. I was wondering if you have heard anything about the federal government changing the rules concerning services provided to veterans. I have heard that employees spending at least 20% of time with vets must be paid the federal prevailing wage. No one seems to be able to tell us what the prevailing wage is. Linda Wichlac has been asking Mark Gelsinger, from the VA, for a document that shows what the federal prevailing wage is, but he is not being very helpful. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you, Virginia

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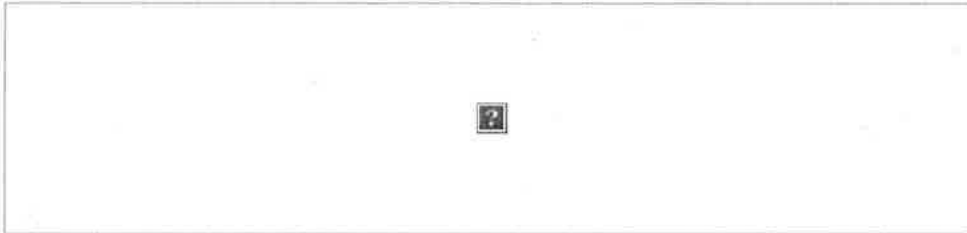
From: George, Camille
To: Berliner, Ashley; Backus, Ena
Subject: Fwd: NEW CMS INFORMATION!!
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:37:49 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[Health and Welfare CIB 6-28-2018.pdf](#)
[group-homes-joint-report.pdf](#)
[evv-good-faith-effort.pdf](#)

Hi Ashley and Ena -

Am passing this e-mail on as it contains information about an upcoming webinar (seems like it's Part II of a previous webinar) on conflict free case management. I am hoping that some of the DAIL staff can participate.

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From: Camille Dobson <cdobson@nasuad.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 11:57 AM
To: @NASUA
Subject: NEW CMS INFORMATION!!



All recipients are Bcc'd

Good Morning NASUAD Members:

We wanted to make sure you were aware of **two critical pieces of information that CMS released this morning on Medicaid.gov.**

1. An informational bulletin addressing the findings of the OIG/OCR/ACL Joint Report on state oversight of group homes that was issued in January. In the CIB, CMS urges states to review the recommendations included in the report and incorporate them into their critical incident management and quality assurance processes. We've attached both the CIB and the Joint Report for ease of reference.
2. Instructions and the necessary content that a state should include in its application for the 'good-faith' exemption for a 1-year delay in the EVV compliance deadline for personal care services that goes into effect on January 1, 2019. Only one request may be filed by a state between July 1 – November 30, 2018. We have attached the instructions here as well.

Additionally, CMS will be holding **two webinars (July 11 and July 18th)** on HCBS issues. We encourage you to register early and attend!

1. Conflict of Interest Part II and Medicaid HCBS Case Management: July 11, 2018: 1:30pm – 3pm EST

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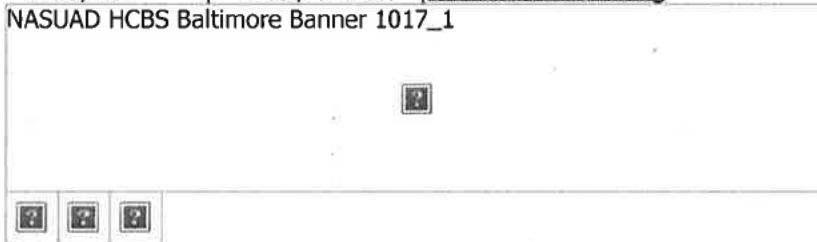
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Hi - some important info on a few topics, including a webinar on conflict free CM. Given our current status, I wonder if staff from ASD and DDS should participate?

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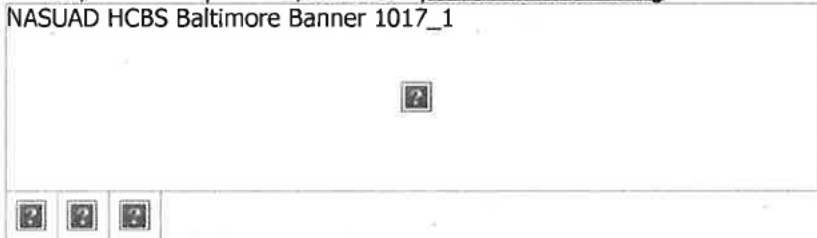
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To: [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#); [Smith-Dieng, Angela](#); [Leavitt, Suzanne](#)
Subject: DAIL Bill Tracking 5-16-17.xlsx
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:33:33 PM
Attachments: [DAIL Bill Tracking 5-16-17.xlsx](#)

Hi:

Current as of this morning – minimal updates to DAIL-related bills from last week. The 5/16 tab (all the way to the left) is the current slate of bills this session.

Thanks,

Monica

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Subject: DAIL Budget Testimony - V2
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:36:55 PM
Attachments: [FINAL_V2_SF19_DAIL_BudgetTestimony.pdf](#)

Hi Theresa and Becky,

I apologize that I have to resend this to you but we realized a link that is embedded in the document was broken so I had to update it to one that actually works. There are no other changes to the document. I have renamed the most current document to 'FINAL_V2...' so it is easier to differentiate between the two docs.

Again, I apologize for any confusion this may cause. Please let me know if you need me to do anything else.

Thank you for your patience,
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Subject: DAIL Budget Testimony
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 2:17:25 PM
Attachments: [SFY 2019 Budget Vantage Reports.pdf](#)
[FINAL Working Doc SFY19 DAIL BudgetTestimony.pdf](#)

Hi Theresa and Becky,

I have attached DAIL's Budget Testimony with the summary at the beginning of the document like was requested. The Budget Vantage Reports are in a separate document also attached. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further from me.

Have a wonderful afternoon!

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Subject: DAIL Budget
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 1:12:13 PM
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From: Guidry, Kim
To: Dragon, Paul
Cc: Hutt, Monica; George, Camille; McFadden, Clare; Clark, Hope; Fisher, Jaime
Subject: DAIL Developmental Disabilities Services Annual Legislative Report YE2017
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:16:42 AM
Attachments: DDS Annual Report FY2017 FINAL word version .docx

Good morning, Paul,

Attached find DAIL's Developmental Disabilities Services Annual Legislative Report for YE2017. The report is generally due to the Legislature January 15th, however we asked for, and received a one-month extension from Rep Ayer and Rep Pugh to allow one of the authors to take some Family Medical Leave time.

Thus this report is due February 15th this year.

Please review and let me/us know when you are ready for us to forward to the Legislature.

Thank you,

Kim Guidry

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Cc: Clark, Bill
Subject: DAIL IGA DRAFT 4.27.17.bh summary.docx
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:03:08 PM
Attachments: DAIL IGA DRAFT 4.27.17.bh summary.docx

Hi-

I have attached the current draft of the DAIL/DVHA intragovernmental agreement (aka IGA), with a table at the front listing those items that I believe merit your specific attention.

I note that Bill scheduled an initial meeting to review this document with Stuart, Megan and I on May 5.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Cheers-

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From: White, Monica
To: AHS - DAIL All Employees
Subject: DAIL Legislative Update
Date: Friday, January 12, 2018 3:59:31 PM
Attachments: DAIL Bill Tracking 1-12-18.xlsx

Happy Friday Afternoon, Team DAIL!

The 2018 Legislative Session has kicked off in Montpelier, and we are in full swing. On behalf of Commissioner Hutt and the entire DAIL Senior Management Team, I wanted to take a moment to fill you all in.

I've attached a grid detailing the 95 (!!) bills we are currently following, that have potential impacts to DAIL programs or populations. Some are fairly benign, and some are of greater importance. More bills will surely be introduced, as the session proceeds. We'll do our best to keep you updated on a regular basis about items of interest, and more importantly, we invite any feedback or ideas you might have on any particular pieces of legislation. Please contact your division director with any comments you might wish to share.

Also, DAIL staff are frequently called to the State House to testify on various bills and programs of interest to the Legislature. Any testimony documents from DAIL are posted here on our website: <http://dail.vermont.gov/resources/legislative/legislative-testimony>

If you have any questions or feedback on this incredibly complex (but *usually* fun!) process, please let your division director, or any member of DAIL Senior Management, know!

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[AHS Strategic Plan DAIL Objectives Jan 2018 short.docx](#)
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Subject: DAIL Overview
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 2:04:31 PM
Attachments: [DAIL Overview HHS Testimony 2017.pptx](#)

Monica –

I believe this is the most current version I have, however I just shrunk some pages where text was falling off the pages.

Are there more changes to be made? I'm at 241-0351

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Cc: [Kelly, Bill](#); [George, Camille](#); [Guidry, Kim](#); [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: DAIL Testimony on Wednesday Morning
Date: Monday, February 05, 2018 12:25:34 PM
Attachments: [FINAL V2 SFY19 DAIL BudgetTestimony.pdf](#)
[FY19 Budget Program Analysis.pdf](#)

Senator Ayer, I wanted to send the DAIL Budget Testimony to you and the Committee prior to our testimony on Wednesday. I will not plan to cover this at all as your request was to speak to very specific questions about the reductions in the DAIL budget and we have only a very short time but I did want you to have it for context.

Additionally, the Agency produced the attached budget program analysis document which references all the AHS reductions for this proposed budget. The DAIL reductions are outlined on pages 4 and 5- again, for your reference.

Thanks so much. Monica

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From: Hill, Bard
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan; McFadden, Clare
Cc: George, Camille
Subject: DAIL: HCBS rules coordination?
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:10:30 PM

Hi-

Earlier today Camille asked that I set up some internal meetings regarding DAIL work on HCBS rules. The core purpose is to identify and manage differences that emerge in our approaches to HCBS rules compliance across the three DAIL programs.

Draft for your comments:

1. Scope: CFC DDS and TBI
2. Purpose: coordinate approaches/messages to core elements, eg
 - a. Settings provision: scope; assessments; remediation or relocation
 - b. Person-centered planning: comprehensive assessment, goals, preferences
 - c. Conflict-free case management
 - d.
3. Who:
 - a. CFC: Megan, Angela M, Andre?
 - b. DDS: Clare, Amy, Chris?
4. Frequency: monthly 1 hour?

Please let me/us know your thoughts. Camille, please let me know if I missed or misconstrued anything.

Thanks!

Bard

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From: Guidry, Kim
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Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#); [Gerstenberger, Roy](#); [Bascom, June](#); [White, Monica](#); [Cohen, Hal](#); [Dragon, Paul](#); [Clark, Hope](#); [Libraries-Public-Documents](#)
Subject: DAIL's Developmental Disabilities Services Division 2016 Annual Report
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 5:22:22 PM
Attachments: [DAIL DDS SFY 2016 Annual Report.pdf](#)

Hello, Deb,

In accordance with the 2013 Act 140, an act relating to developmental services' system of care, I have attached a copy of the following report:

DAIL's Developmental Disabilities Services Division 2016 Annual Report

This report is due to the *Senate Committee on Health and Welfare* and the *House Committee on Human Services*.

I have copied Julie Tucker, Assistant to the House Committee on Human Services, however I do not see who the assistant to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare is.

Would you kindly forward this report to the appropriate person on that Committee?

Thank you for your assistance and please contact me if you have any questions,

Kim Guidry

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From: [Hutt, Monica](#)
To: [Guidry, Kim](#)
Cc: [White, Monica](#); [Perreault, Liz](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: DDSD Annual LEgislative Report
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:03:22 AM
Attachments: [DDS Annual Report FY2017 FINAL.pdf](#)
[DDS Annual Report FY2017 FINAL word version .docx](#)

Kim for submission and review to the Secretary's office. Thanks, Monica

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To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Declined: DAIL- HCBS Rules Coordination

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Subject: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx
Date: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 4:12:09 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx](#)

Hi-

Please see new highlighted sections on pages 13 and 14- in response to Als' comments in the initial email, and Mary Kate's comment in the document.

Cheers

Bard

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From: McFadden, Clare
To: Perkins, Jennifer; George, Camille; Hill, Bard; Euber, Jim; Berliner, Ashley; Costa, Michael; Corwin, Julie; Clark, Sarah; O'Connell, Tracy E; Hatcher, Donna; Cooper, Alicia
Subject: DS Finance internal workgroup
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:19:51 AM
Attachments: Questions to consider in developing DS payment model.docx
payment model visual.docx

Hi folks- here are two documents for review at tomorrow's meeting. Donna will send the agenda with some additional items.

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Cc: [Cooper, Alicia](#)
Subject: DS Finance Model Internal Meeting
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018 4:14:56 PM
Attachments: [DDS Finance Model Internal Workgroup Meeting Agenda 3.30.18.docx](#)
[DS service codes and definitions.pdf](#)
[DS Tracking Spreadsheet into categories.xlsx](#)
[summary of responses regarding non MSR reportable 3.29.18.xlsx](#)

Hi folks- here are the agenda and materials for tomorrow's discussion.

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To: [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Costa, Michael](#); [Hill, Bard](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: DS payment model workgroup documents
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 3:18:10 PM
Attachments: [Agenda 12.1.2017.docx](#)
[Reimbursement Proposals to DAIL 12.1.2017.pptx](#)
[Gap in Service Provision.docx](#)
[End of Year Reconciliation of Paid Claims and documented service delivery.docx](#)

Hi folks- thanks for agreeing to participate in the DDS payment model workgroup. Lisa will be sending you the invite the meeting series for the workgroup. She will also set up a meeting for an internal discussion so we can all get up to speed and on the same page. We have had a couple of meetings so far and I wanted you to have some of the documents that we have shared. The first document is one I brought to the meeting on 12/1/17. This is an outline of the essential components that would need to be part of the new payment and service delivery model. The second is the proposal that the providers brought to that meeting which includes future reimbursement model and also a consideration for the reconciliation process for FY18. The current DDS System of Care Plan included a new reconciliation process for FY18. I am attaching the page from the SOCP that explains how agencies are supposed to suspend billing for services not delivered. The highlighted sections are new language added to the new SOCP which went into effect 10.1.17. There is another separate document that outlines the reconciliation process. I am sure you will have questions about all this which we can discuss when we meet.

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Cc: [Parro, Lisa](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: DS service tracking.xlsx
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018 7:50:34 AM
Attachments: [DS service tracking.xlsx](#)

Good morning. There was a meeting late last week where it was discovered that a couple of elements were missing from our recommended template, so I have incorporated your recommended additions into this document so that we get everything needed (recognizing this is draft as it has not yet been vetted with the broader group). Just a couple of caveats:

1. The gray shaded section represents our waiver authority for providing the services, so I attempted to capture the services denoted in the manual to align with that federal authority;
2. I used the Medicaid Manual to populate the service definitions. Within the manual, employment services are listed as "E" services – though I now understand that they should be "C" services; and
3. I have added I01 to this workbook, but I did not see where that service was listed in the Medicaid manual.

Hopefully you are in concurrence that we can use this version as a starting point for the conversation on service documentation and timeline.

Thank you.

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Subject: DS State Program Standing Committee Meeting, 7/20
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:38:44 PM
Attachments: [SPSC- July 20 2017 Agenda.pdf](#)

The DS State Program Standing Committee will be meeting on Thursday, July 20th, at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Berlin.
Attached is the agenda for the July meeting.

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#); [Seiler, Phillip](#)
Subject: DXC re EVV...
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 1:35:29 PM
Attachments: [DXC Response to Department of Vermont Health Access EVV Proposa V1.0.pdf](#)

In case you're interested...

Bard

From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>; Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Roth, Amy <Amy.Roth@vermont.gov>; 'Jennifer Garabedian' <jenniferg@arissolutions.org>; Poulin, Adam <Adam.Poulin@vermont.gov>; Euber, Jim <Jim.Euber@vermont.gov>
Cc: Marinelli, Nancy <nancy.marinelli@vermont.gov>
Subject: DXC re EVV...

A document from DXC re EVV, from last week...in case you are interested but did not receive it.
Bard

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To: [Clark, Hope](#); [Dragon, Paul](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: Emailing - Budget_Follow_Up_to_H.Approps_02.15.17.pdf
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 2:46:00 PM
Attachments: [Budget_Follow_Up_to_H.Approps_02.15.17.pdf](#)

Hi Hope and Paul – attached please find some questions and answers that we have provided Representative Lanpher, following up on our SFY 18 DAIL Proposed Budget testimony. Kendall Smith requested that we share a copy with her so I'll be sending it to her as well. Thanks.

From: [Woodruff, Mary](#)
To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Emailing: Working Draft 3 State Plan on Aging.docx
Date: Tuesday, June 05, 2018 2:04:01 PM
Attachments: [Working Draft 3 State Plan on Aging.docx](#)

Here you go.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Mary

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To: [Courcelle, Andre](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Cc: [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: ERC and HCBS rules?
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:34:24 PM
Attachments: [ACCS February2018.xls](#)

Thanks!

At least some of the DS group homes bill ACCS (see attached), which is under PNMI, and I believe that DDSD is including these homes in their HCBS rules review.

Something we may want to be prepared to address when stakeholders ask: if/how/why we will include (or not include) licensed residential facilities under CFC, TBI, and DDS HCBS reviews, and how PNMI/ACCS influences our decisions.

Hope this is helpful.

Bard

-----Original Message-----

From: Courcelle, Andre
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Erc?

I don't want to miss state the reason ERC was excluded but I think Megan said it came under PNMI she could elaborate more on that, she is out until next week I believe.

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From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Erc?

I think we can expect to hear about this - especially since DS group homes are included in the DS review. Why was the ERC setting excluded from the CFC review?

THX

B

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From: Courcelle, Andre
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Erc?

No, ERC was excluded this time around.

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From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>
Subject: Erc?

No erc review for HCBS rules?
Bard

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carmichael, Erin](#)
To: [Beck, Stephanie](#); [Bilodeau, Cheryle](#); [Carmichael, Erin](#); [Cooper, Alicia](#); [Dalley, Pam](#); [Harrigan, Emma](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Hoffman, Sandi](#); [Larkin, Robert](#); [Ochs, Walter](#); [Ross, Jeffrey](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
Cc: [Carmichael, Erin](#); [Elmquist, Candace](#); [Jones, Pat](#); [O'Neill, Kathryn](#)
Subject: MCE Quality Committee draft meeting minutes 2/17/17
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017 3:10:53 PM
Attachments: [MCE QC Mtg minutes DRAFT 2 17 17.docx](#)

Hi all,

I want to thank everyone again for your attendance at last Friday's MCE Quality Committee meeting whether you were there as a standing member or a guest. I think we had a productive conversation and ultimately made some decisions that are helping us move forward. As you'll see from the minutes, I also tagged some issues to bring back to the Committee at a later date – issues such as sharing our various CAHPS survey results with each other, as well as how to use the results to move us towards change where needed.

The draft meeting notes are attached for your review. Please send me any comments or edits before our March meeting.

Thanks much,

Erin Carmichael

Quality Improvement Administrator

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Kennedy, Alice

From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Senghas, Stuart
Subject: RE: Meeting

It is a part of the CMS regulations that say what HCBS is NOT. It is on the bottom of our HCBS reference table and can be found on the CMS website as well.

HCBS Reference Table: [http://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/Regulations Table for AFC AD CM.pdf](http://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/Regulations%20Table%20for%20AFC%20AD%20CM.pdf)

CMS Regulations: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/01/16/2014-00487/medicaid-program-state-plan-home-and-community-based-services-5-year-period-for-waivers-provider>

(2) Home and community-based settings do not include the following:

- (i) A nursing facility.
- (ii) An institution for mental diseases.
- (iii) An intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- (iv) A hospital.
- (v) Any other locations that have qualities of an institutional setting, as determined by the Secretary. Any setting that is located in a building that is also a publicly or privately operated facility that provides inpatient institutional treatment, or in a building on the grounds of, or immediately adjacent to, a public institution, or any other setting that has the effect of isolating individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS from the broader community of individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS will be presumed to be a setting that has the qualities of an institution unless the Secretary determines through heightened scrutiny, based on information presented by the State or other parties, that the setting does not have the qualities of an institution and that the setting does have the qualities of home and community-based settings.

From: Senghas, Stuart
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
Subject: Meeting

Megan,

I am having difficulty finding the HCBS criteria related to co-location in regards to Adult Days.

Can you point me in the right direction around this.

Also, is there a time later this afternoon we can connect around Green Mt. Adult Day?

Thanks,

Stuart

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To: [Beck, Stephanie](#); [Bilodeau, Chervle](#); [Carmichael, Erin](#); [Cooper, Alicia](#); [Dalley, Pam](#); [Harrigan, Emma](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Hoffman, Sandi](#); [Ochs, Walter](#); [Powel, Aletta](#); [Ross, Jeffrey](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
Cc: [Carmichael, Erin](#)
Subject: Quality Committee Friday agenda and March minutes
Date: Monday, April 17, 2017 2:13:23 PM
Attachments: [MCE QC Mtg agenda 04 21 17.docx](#)
[MCE QC Mtg minutes DRAFT 3 17 17 \(002\).docx](#)

Hi all,

I'm attaching the agenda for this Friday's Quality Committee meeting. We'll be meeting in the Hawthorn room in Waterbury, 2nd floor, north wing. There is a call in number on the agenda if you need it. Please do let me know if you plan to dial in.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Looking forward to speaking with you all on Friday.

I've also attached the draft minutes from our March meeting.

Thanks much,


Erin


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Cc: [Carmichael, Erin](#)
Subject: Quality Committee materials
Date: Friday, April 21, 2017 10:20:01 AM
Attachments: [QI project Topic Short List 04.19.17.docx](#)
[Vermont Medicaid Global Commitment to Health \(GC\) Core Measure Set - 2016.pdf](#)
[VT GC Payment Model Review IFS Draft 3.1.17.docx](#)
[VT GC Payment Model Review Medicaid NextGen ACO Program--DRAFT for QC.docx](#)

Hi all,

Our monthly Quality Committee meeting is today at 11:00. In case you haven't kept track of the many meeting room changes (sorry), we will be in Cherry C in Waterbury (2nd floor past the café). If you are joining by phone, please let me know. And please follow along with these attachments.

Talk soon,


Erin


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Cc: [Carmichael, Erin](#)
Subject: Quality Committee meeting minutes 3/17/17 - DRAFT
Date: Monday, March 20, 2017 3:20:34 PM
Attachments: [MCE QC Mtg minutes DRAFT 3 17 17.docx](#)
[MCE Quality Committee Presentation March 17 2017 Final.pptx](#)

Hi all,

Please find attached the minutes from our Quality Committee meeting last Friday, as well as the power point that Shawn presented. We'll keep you posted on the TA session for rapid cycle evaluation (see minutes for detail).

Thanks much,

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Cc: [Carmichael, Erin](#)
Subject: Quality Committee: Meeting agenda and materials for 5/19
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:55:57 AM
Attachments: [MCE QC Mtg agenda 05 19 17.docx](#)
[VT GC Payment Model Review IFS Draft 3.1.17 \(002\).docx](#)
[VT GC Payment Model Review Medicaid NextGen ACO Program--DRAFT for QC \(002\).docx](#)

Hello Quality Committee,

I'm attaching the meeting agenda for tomorrow's meeting (11:00am in the Hawthorn conference room in Waterbury, or use call-in info. on the agenda). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I'm looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow. Please do let me know if you are unable to attend or will be joining by phone.

Thanks much,

Erin

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Courcelle, Andre](#); [O'Neill, Chris](#)
Subject: Quality_HCBS_NASDDDS_Webinar_Sept2017_vfinal.pdf
Date: Thursday, October 05, 2017 3:24:00 PM
Attachments: [Quality_HCBS_NASDDDS_Webinar_Sept2017_vfinal.pdf](#)

Hi-

In case you are interested...webinar re 1915c quality management.

Cheers

Bard

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To: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [Gerstenberger, Roy](#)
Cc: [Courcelle, Andre](#); [Hill, Bard](#)
Subject: RE: CMS Extends Settings Rule Deadline to 2022
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:13:34 AM
Attachments: [VT Milestone Template.docx](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Gerstenberger, Roy
Cc: Courcelle, Andre ; Skaflestad, Shawn ; Hill, Bard
Subject: Re: CMS Extends Settings Rule Deadline to 2022

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Subject: RE: CMS HCBS Milestone Workplan
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:20:22 PM
Attachments: [VT Milestone Template July 20, 2017.docx](#)

Thanks for getting together to discuss the milestone template. I am attaching a modified version to this email. Please review and let me know if the dates still make sense across all programs. Keep in mind that you can insert more aggressive dates into your individual timelines.

I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Shawn

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Cc: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:02:00 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.10.18.bh.docx](#)

Clare? I propose the attached version, added DDS language that was edited by Camille.
Megan the only new language for CFC is in the first paragraph of our section.

Thanks all yall.
Roll Tide.

Bard

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
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I think it's good to go Bard assuming you've heard from everyone. Thanks, Monica

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Thanks! When shall we forward to Mary Kate? I believe she's hoping for COB today or tomorrow...
Bard

From: George, Camille

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:42 PM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>

Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare
<Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>

Subject: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx

Thanks, Bard. I offered a few edits and also added a few comments. I revised the DS piece a bit as that just went out to VCP yesterday and Monica was meeting with them today. Have also included Monica in case she wants to take a look.

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Fuoco, Danielle](#)
Cc: [Brooks, Dale](#)
Subject: RE: HCBS Kaiser Survey - Your Assistance Needed
Date: Thursday, May 03, 2018 4:23:00 PM
Attachments: [2017 Waiver Policy Final VT MASTER.docx](#)

Hi Dani-

Comments herein should help. I have some time to talk tomorrow if that would be helpful...

Cheers

Bard

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From: Fuoco, Danielle
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Cc: Brooks, Dale <Dale.Brooks@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: HCBS Kaiser Survey - Your Assistance Needed

Sorry, I don't understand what you mean. If you have a chance to give me a call now or later this week it might be easier to talk. My number is below.

Thanks,

Dani Fuoco, Program Consultant
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From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 4:34 PM
To: Fuoco, Danielle <Danielle.Fuoco@vermont.gov>
Cc: Brooks, Dale <Dale.Brooks@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: HCBS Kaiser Survey - Your Assistance Needed

Anything related to hcbs or self directed enrollment data

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From: Fuoco, Danielle <danielle.fuoco@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 4:32 PM
Subject: RE: HCBS Kaiser Survey - Your Assistance Needed
To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>
Cc: Brooks, Dale <dale.brooks@vermont.gov>

Hi Bard,

Can you please tell me what specific question you're referring to when you say that the 1115 waiver survey doesn't support relevant numbers separately? Last year we combined reporting on CFC/DS/TBI for numbers but it would help to know which question you have in mind.

Thanks for pointing that out about LTC eligibility. I forgot to specify that I will be answering that separately as I know it is managed in DVHA (and the options are kind of strange as institutions and HCBS have slightly different methodologies but I don't know that they are unequal). My apologies.

Thanks again,

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From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:27 PM

To: Poulin, Adam <Adam.Poulin@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Fuoco, Danielle <Danielle.Fuoco@vermont.gov>

Cc: Brooks, Dale <Dale.Brooks@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: HCBS Kaiser Survey - Your Assistance Needed

Hi-

Anything you'd like to change in the second or third attachment?

Dani, please note:

LTC financial eligibility rules and processes are currently managed in DVHA (ie not DAIL).

The last form does not support reporting relevant some #s separately for two 1115 specialized programs (DDS and CFC).

Thanks-
Bard

From: Fuoco, Danielle

Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:37 AM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Brooks, Dale <Dale.Brooks@vermont.gov>

Subject: HCBS Kaiser Survey - Your Assistance Needed

Hello Bard and Dale,

Last year, you both assisted me in completing a series of surveys on HCBS services for Kaiser Family Foundation. Thank you! Kaiser has sent the surveys again for FY2017. Many of the questions are the

same, so I have populated the attached surveys with the responses from last year. I'm requesting your assistance with the following:

1. **DALE** – Can you please send me the FY2017 annual persons count and expenditures for Attendant Services Program and Children's Personal Care Services, as well as the FY2017 annual persons count and expenditures for our HCBS waiver programs (TBI, CFC, and DS combined)? I've attached the excellent chart you put together for me last year – we just need FY17 added.
2. **BARD** – Can you please review the attached 2 survey documents and let me know if there's anything that has changed from last year? I'm particularly interested in your review of the 1115 waiver survey (I'm not sure that you can speak to the PCS (ASP/CPCS) questions, if not don't worry about them).

Thank you both! It would be wonderful if I could hear from you by the end of this week (5/4) on this request. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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From: [Hickman, Selina](#)
To: [Mohlman, Mary Kate](#); [Dragon, Paul](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hutt, Monica](#); [Bailey, Melissa](#); [Fox, Mourning](#); [Costa, Michael](#); [Cooper, Alicia](#); [Samuelson, Jenney](#)
Cc: [Clark, Hope](#); [Fuoco, Danielle](#)
Subject: RE: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports
Date: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:30:09 PM
Attachments: [Delivery System Reform Report_SH edits.docx](#)

Here are a few responses and DMH edits for your consideration.

Thanks, MK!

Selina

From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 12:46 AM
To: Dragon, Paul <Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; Bailey, Melissa <Melissa.Bailey@vermont.gov>; Fox, Mourning <Mourning.Fox@vermont.gov>; Hickman, Selina <Selina.Hickman@vermont.gov>; Costa, Michael <Michael.Costa@vermont.gov>; Cooper, Alicia <Alicia.Cooper@vermont.gov>; Samuelson, Jenney <Jenney.Samuelson@vermont.gov>
Cc: Clark, Hope <Hope.Clark@vermont.gov>; Fuoco, Danielle <Danielle.Fuoco@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports

Hello all,

Here is the most recent draft with significant edits. I've tried to pare it down and tighten up the narrative. Please review. I still have a few questions, probably haven't found all typos, and need to include some citations. Any contributions to the conclusion are welcome. Edits by Friday would be most appreciated, so I can circulate for final review next week. Please let me know if you have any questions or want to talk through the edits. Apologies ahead of time for not doing this in track changes, but it became too messy to work with.

mk

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Cc: Clark, Hope <Hope.Clark@vermont.gov>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports

Folks,

At the meeting we decided:

- MK is graciously taking the lead on coordinating the two reports. She will be in touch with departments.
- We agreed to integrate 113 and 82.7 into a delivery system reform report due 1/15. This is the later date based on 113.
- A memo needs to go out to the committees notifying them of this integration and composite date – MK
- Documents will potentially be placed on Sharepoint – MK two work with the Departments on how best to do this .
- Need to consider implications for Master Grant so please keep Paul updated and involved as he may be the lead for this due to Selina's new role.
- Need to consider any connection to 12/15 Act 85 Report due on DA payments.

Anything else?

Thank you!!

Paul

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Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:06 PM

To: Dragon, Paul <Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports

Hi

Sorry I was out for this- anything I need to do?

Bard

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To: Roessle, Dru; Harrigan, Emma; Hill, Bard; Rex, Judith; Marquis, Doreen; Weeber, Monica; Gortakowski, Heidi; Carmichael, Erin
Subject: RE: AHS PAC
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 2:43:09 PM
Attachments: AHS PAC Responsibilities June 29, 2017.docx

Hi All – attached is my attempt to capture the discussion we had during our last meeting. The document places our discussion in the context of the AHS Performance Framework. In addition to identifying what was discussed – the document also suggests some PAC deliverables and priorities. Dru and I discussed this document when we met recently. During our meeting on Monday – I would like us to agree on deliverables and priorities.

I understand that Dru and Bard are unable to attend the meeting. I want to make sure that we have a majority of folks for this conversation – so please let me know if your ability to attend the meeting has changed.

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Shawn

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To: Skaflestad, Shawn; Roessle, Dru (Dru.Roessle@state.vt.us); Harrigan, Emma; Hill, Bard; Rex, Judith; Marquis, Doreen; Weeber, Monica; Gortakowski, Heidi; Carmichael, Erin

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Cc: [O'Neill, Chris](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hamilton, Kathleen](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: CMS HCBS Milestone Workplan
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:34:00 PM
Attachments: [LTSS and HCBS.2017.docx](#)

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Subject: RE: CMS HCBS Milestone Workplan
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:03:08 AM
Attachments: Definitions used for CFC & Case management Standards docx.docx

I don't know if this helps or not, but ASD is using these definitions in our program and certification standards work with regards to the HCBS regulations.

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Cc: [Hickman, Selina](#); [Carmichael, Erin](#)
Subject: RE: CQS Public Comment and Draft State Responses
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:17:00 PM
Attachments: [CQS Public Hearing Comments with draft State Responses July 24 2017.bh.docx](#)

Hi-

Not sure if the additions (using track changes) are helpful...

Thanks Shawn.

Bard

From: Skaflestad, Shawn
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>; Gerstenberger, Roy <Roy.Gerstenberger@vermont.gov>; Harrigan, Emma <Emma.Harrigan@vermont.gov>; Omland, Laurel <Laurel.Omland@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>
Cc: Hickman, Selina <Selina.Hickman@vermont.gov>; Carmichael, Erin <Erin.Carmichael@vermont.gov>
Subject: CQS Public Comment and Draft State Responses

Hi All,

As you may recall, a formal public hearing for the attached Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS)/State Transition Plan (STP) was held on Thursday, April 21, 2017 from 1pm - 2pm at the Waterbury State Office Complex (WSOC). While no individuals from the community attended the hearing – I did receive three pieces of written feedback during the public comment period. I have attached a Word file that contains a summary of the public comments from these documents – along with draft State responses. As you will notice – not all comments have responses.

I am asking that you edit my draft responses – as well as suggest language for those comments w/o responses - by cob this Friday, July 28th. Once this document is complete – I will modify the CQS/STP accordingly – and submit it to CMS for review. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Shawn

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Bascom, June](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [Neveu, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 1:05:00 PM
Attachments: [2017-18 NCI-DD Adult In Person Survey.pdf](#)
[2017-2018 NCI-AD CS Full In-Person Section FINAL.pdf](#)
[Copy of VT GC Evaluation Measures Department Certification Draft 110617 JB DDS edits.xlsx](#)

Hi June-

Ideally we will have something that addresses getting needed services across CFC DDS and TBI-current table:

Quality	Getting Needed LTSS	Proportion of participants needing assistance who always get enough assistance with everyday activities when needed	No	CFC Representative Sample
Quality	Getting Needed LTSS	Proportion of participants needing assistance who always get enough assistance with everyday activities when needed	No	TBI Representative Sample
Quality	Getting Needed LTSS	The rate at which people report that they do not get the services they need [This is not a question that is asked through NCI DD]	No	DDS Representative Sample

Maybe we can match up through one of the options below?

NCI AD: 85. Do the services you receive meet your needs and goals? (%yes)

NCI DD: 46. Are services and supports helping you to live a good life? (% yes)

NCI AD: 86. Are there additional services that might help you? (No services meet all needs; otherwise list follows)

NCI DD: 75. Do you need any of these additional services? (NA does not need additional services; otherwise list follows)

I have attached the two surveys and the current GC eval measures table. Should we re)address this conversation across divisions?

Cheers-
Bard

You've got to be careful if you don't know where you're going because you might not get there.
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From: Bascom, June
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

And just to reiterate, no, NCI took out the question about needs being met. They do have a question that asked the person about additional supports needed from a laundry list of services but that gets at something very different, is very inconsistently reported on and cannot be easily summarize in a single statement. As I said, I will bring this up at DDS Leadership Team today.

From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Bascom, June <June.Bascom@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Great thanks. Does ncidd have any current questions relating" to needs being met or services meeting needs? One of the initial concepts (as you suggest re scheduling) is to get similar measures across the three programs. B

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From: Bascom, June <june.bascom@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:57 AM
Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures
To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>, Masterson, Jennie <jennie.masterson@vermont.gov>, McFadden, Clare <clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov>

Perhaps this one – which ASD wants to add to their NCI survey that is already in the NCI DD survey that gets at reliability and availability of direct service workers.

Do your staff come and leave when they are supposed to? (Do they show up on time? Do they show up when they say they will? Do they leave when they are supposed to?)

From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Bascom, June <June.Bascom@vermont.gov>; Masterson, Jennie <Jennie.Masterson@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Hey are there any new or different NCI questions/measures that would meaningfully and feasibly replace the deleted 'needs met' measure?
B

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From: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 2:08 PM
Subject: Re: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

To: Bascom, June <june.bascom@vermont.gov>, Masterson, Jennie <jennie.masterson@vermont.gov>, McFadden, Clare <clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov>

Perfect thank you!

Do we have access to data from other states via the actionable survey?

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From: Bascom, June <june.bascom@vermont.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 1:13 PM

Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>, Masterson, Jennie <jennie.masterson@vermont.gov>, McFadden, Clare <clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov>

We will discuss this at our Leadership Team meeting tomorrow and let you know.

All states report this data annually through the National Survey of State Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Agencies' Employment and Day Services. States do not report on methodology. The point is they all report what is generally recognized to be similar data. It's considerably more accurate and universal than NCI employment data which only some states participate in and not all of those participate annually.

From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 12:35 PM

To: Bascom, June <june.bascom@vermont.gov>; Masterson, Jennie <jennie.masterson@vermont.gov>;

McFadden, Clare <clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Hi-

I believe that previous DDSD leadership approved the current list. I'm fine with a different decision and a different list from current leadership.

Are we saying that all states compute employment the way that we do (via DOL and local agencies)? Is the data for all the states available?

Bard

From: Bascom, June

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 12:19 PM

To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>; Masterson, Jennie <jennie.masterson@vermont.gov>; McFadden,

Clare <clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

I'm bringing the discussion regarding employment back "in house" until we come to an agreement.

I wasn't part of the earlier discussions but I agree that we want to use data that is vetted and used at the national level and reported by other states. That's why we (DDSD) uses the DOL data to demonstrate employment rate in VT. It is the most accurate, represents all people working and has been collected and reported nationally for years. It is our agreed upon standard measure of employment for DD services that we also use in our Scorecard and it matches other all other publications where employment rate is reported.

I will add that just because data is available through NCI does not make it the best source for a particular data set. The NCI employment data that was suggested here is not consistently reported from agency to agency or from state to state and it is only a subset of those served. The data that is collected from this section of the

NCI survey is one of the most unreliable of all the data collected in the survey.

From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 9:59 AM

To: Masterson, Jennie <Jennie.Masterson@vermont.gov>; Bascom, June <June.Bascom@vermont.gov>;
McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>

Cc: Suzanne Santarcangelo (ssantarcangelo@phpg.com) <ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>; Skaflestad, Shawn
<Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Earlier we concluded that we would use both.

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From: Masterson, Jennie <jennie.masterson@vermont.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 9:43 AM

Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>, Bascom, June <june.bascom@vermont.gov>, McFadden, Clare
<clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov>

Cc: Suzanne Santarcangelo (ssantarcangelo@phpg.com) <ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>, Skaflestad, Shawn
<shawn.skaflestad@vermont.gov>

The NCI data includes workers in enclaves and work groups. It reports VT at 41% for FY 14/15.
Our vetted VTDDOL data is:

FY 14 47%

FY 15 48%

And we do not allow work crews and enclaves. Should we consider using the actual numbers we
officially publish annually so all of our employment rates match within AHA documents?

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From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 9:24 AM

To: Bascom, June <June.Bascom@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>

Cc: Suzanne Santarcangelo (ssantarcangelo@phpg.com) <ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>; Masterson, Jennie
<Jennie.Masterson@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Hi-

Thanks June. A few items for followup:

You deleted a row with this comment: ~~"The proportion of people who make choices about their everyday lives (everyday choices scale includes choice of includes housing, roommates, daily routines, jobs, support staff or providers, what to spend money on, and social activities [This measure is reported as two separate composite scales scores so I recommend deleting this one and added two separate measures - see next two rows.]~~

The following row is for DDS (The proportion of people who make choices about their everyday lives) but the

row after that is for TBI. I am not sure what you meant by next two rows. June please advise.

Re needed services:

Your edits appear to suggest that NICDD does not ask this question. The NCIDD website shows this measure for Vermont: Gets Needed Services: The rate at which people report that they do not get the services they need

<https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/charts/?i=155>(see attached graph)

I recall that we previously concluded that we would include this measure because of its significance, comparability to other states, and comparability to Vermont results for other LTSS (from NCIAD). Clare please advise.

Re employment:

One of the considerations in selecting measures is the use of national measures, ie measures that are used by other states and thus produce results that can be compared to other states. I believe we previously concluded that we would include the NCIDD employment measure because it is a national measure that allows our results to be compared to other states, while the results produced by our state methodology cannot. We can include both. Clare please advise.

Thanks for your help! I'm at 802-760-0852 if this merits a conversation.

Cheers-

Bard

It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be.

Isaac Asimov

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From: Bascom, June

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 8:34 AM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>

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Subject: RE: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Here are my edits concerning the DDSD measures. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 12:29 PM

To: Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>; Bascom, June <June.Bascom@vermont.gov>; Brooks, Dale

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Cc: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Suzanne Santarcangelo
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Subject: DAIL GC Evaluation Measures

Hi-

The attachment includes GC evaluation measures for which you are named as the lead. On the 'DAIL' tab please review all measures that you are responsible for, and make sure that all information is accurate and complete. **Please make any edits in red font and highlight the row/cell containing the change and return to me and to Suzanne at PHPG.** This includes:

- Filling in any detail through column "m" that is currently blank e.g., date range, date produced each year, first year collected;
- Identifying existing benchmarks e.g., HEDIS; if you do not have a benchmark please fill in 'N/A'

Please contact me if you have questions.

Thanks!

Bard

The emphasis should be on why we do a job.

W. Edwards Deming

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From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 12:09 PM

To: Carmichael, Erin <Erin.Carmichael@vermont.gov>; Cooper, Alicia <Alicia.Cooper@vermont.gov>; Ross, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Ross@vermont.gov>; Ochs, Walter <Walter.Ochs@vermont.gov>; Sheehan, Sean <Sean.Sheehan@vermont.gov>; Bottiggi, Suellen <Suellen.Bottiggi@vermont.gov>; Hammond, Jessie <Jessie.Hammond@vermont.gov>; VanDonsel, Anne <Anne.VanDonsel@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>; Bascom, June <June.Bascom@vermont.gov>; Masterson, Jennie <Jennie.Masterson@vermont.gov>; Lane, Sara <Sara.Lane@vermont.gov>; Harrigan, Emma <Emma.Harrigan@vermont.gov>; Thompson, Shannon <shannon.thompson@vermont.gov>; Snodgrass, Matthew <Matthew.Snodgrass@vermont.gov>; Elmquist, Candace <Candace.Elmquist@vermont.gov>; Girling, Eileen <Eileen.Girling@vermont.gov>

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Subject: GC Evaluation Measures Workbook

Hi Everyone,

Attached please find an excel workbook that outlines the final draft of measures for the CMS required Global Commitment to Health Medicaid Demonstration Extension 5-year Evaluation. The workbook includes: (1) a change log; (2) a summary of all final measures; and (3) a department specific tab isolating measures (found in the summary tab) by entity responsible for producing the data. The detailed information was compiled based

on our discussion during the September 25th working session and information you submitted following the session, subsequent email communications and individual meetings with various staff over the past few weeks.

Please see several time-sensitive steps that require your action below:

COB November 10th - IMD data or performance measures not already sent to PHPG should be delivered to them by COB Friday.

COB November 13th - Please review all measures that you are responsible for producing and certify that they are accurate, and all information is complete. **Please make any edits in red font and highlight the row/cell containing the change and return to PHPG.** This includes:

- Filling in any detail through column "m" that is currently blank e.g., date range, date produced each year, first year collected;
- Identifying existing benchmarks e.g., HEDIS; if you do not have a benchmark please fill in 'N/A'
- Reviewing the change log

COB November 29th - Please forward to PHPG your 2016 data for all measures identified in the final measure set with a 2016 baseline year. Subsequent years will be due to PHPG in April and November of each calendar year.

COB November 29th - Please forward to PHPG your existing measure specifications (e.g., inclusion/exclusion criteria, data definitions, etc.).

If you have any questions re: the content of this message – please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Best,

Shawn

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Smith, James](#)
Cc: [Clark, Bill](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#)
Subject: RE: Draft DVHA MOU.docx
Date: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:20:00 AM
Attachments: DAIL IGA DRAFT 6.6.17 mtw.docx

Hi-

[REDACTED]

Cheers-
Bard

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From: Smith, James
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft DVHA MOU.docx

Hi Bard,

Can I see a draft of the IGA? Also I'll look at your calendar to find a time to consult.

James

From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Smith, James <james.smith@vermont.gov>; Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>; Schurr, Stuart <Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft DVHA MOU.docx

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From: Smith, James

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 8:38 AM

To: Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Schurr, Stuart <Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Draft DVHA MOU.docx

Hi Bill,

[REDACTED]

James

From: Clark, Bill

Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 8:37 AM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Schurr, Stuart <Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov>

Cc: Smith, James <james.smith@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Draft DVHA MOU.docx

[REDACTED]

Bill

From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 4:02:30 PM

To: Schurr, Stuart; Clark, Bill

Cc: Smith, James

Subject: Fwd: Draft DVHA MOU.docx

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Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 3:43 PM
Subject: Draft DVHA MOU.docx
To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>
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Hi Bard,

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [suzanne santarcangelo](#)
Subject: RE: Draft GC Interim Evaluation Report
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 5:26:00 PM
Attachments: [VT GC Interim Evaluation Report#1.bh comments.docx](#)

Hi-

Thanks! This is great work. A few comments and edits in the attachment.

Cheers-

Bard

Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value.

Joe Biden

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Cc: Berliner, Ashley <Ashley.Berliner@vermont.gov>; O'Connell, Tracy E <Tracy.OConnell@vermont.gov>; Suzanne Santarcangelo (ssantarcangelo@phpg.com) <ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>
Subject: Draft GC Interim Evaluation Report

Hi All,

Attached is an updated version of the draft *GC Evaluation Interim Report*. Please scan the document for any content relevant to your area – and provide any suggested edits. Keep in mind that much of the descriptive text is taken from other publicly available reports or documents AND that the non-IMD sections contain baseline data only – so no conclusions or implications were drawn. While this should lessen the review burden, there are, however, some areas that require review/feedback - the MH and SUD IMD policy implications sections are an example. While they have been discussed previously – please take a look to make sure that your positions are adequately characterized in the document.

This report is due to CMS on April 2, 2018 – so please forward any and all edits to me/Suzanne by

10am this Thursday, March 22nd. If I do not hear from you by the deadline – I will presume that you are OK with the text as written.

Thank you,

Shawn

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To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#)
Cc: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:02:00 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.10.18.bh.docx](#)

Clare? I propose the attached version; added DDS language that was edited by Camille.
Megan the only new language for CFC is in the first paragraph of our section.

Thanks all yall.
Roll Tide.

Bard

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx

I think it's good to go Bard assuming you've heard from everyone. Thanks, Monica

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Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:54 PM
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Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx

Thanks! When shall we forward to Mary Kate? I believe she's hoping for COB today or tomorrow...
Bard

From: George, Camille

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:42 PM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>

Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare
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Subject: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx

Thanks, Bard. I offered a few edits and also added a few comments. I revised the DS piece a bit as that just went out to VCP yesterday and Monica was meeting with them today. Have also included Monica in case she wants to take a look.

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Mohlman, Mary Kate](#); [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018 9:15:00 AM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.10.18.bh.docx](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Hi-

Here they are...sorry for the delay.

Bard

From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 8:49 AM
To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

I've included the edits I've received to date. If there are additional edits, I need them this morning in order to get the report to AI this afternoon.

Thanks!,

Mary Kate

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Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

Hi all,

First of all thanks so much for your timely responses. The timeline is tight – the report is due 1/15 – so the sooner you can get responses back to me, the more time I have to smooth out the full report.

Again, much thanks!

mk

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Subject: FW: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

I think this looks good, but am including Megan so that she can also review. Also, I believe Bard may be off-site/in meetings today. Mary Kate, can you remind us of your timeline to get this back?

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From: Hutt, Monica

Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 1:30 PM

To: McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>

Cc: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

Excellent additions Clare, thanks.

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To: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>

Cc: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

I added to one section related to DDS payment reform workgroup.

From: Hutt, Monica

Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 1:23 PM

To: Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>

Cc: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

Mary Kate, I didn't have a lot of time today but I know that you are on a deadline for this report. I did add some thinking and made a few edits, particularly in the DA|L section. Perhaps Bard, Camille or Clare can contribute a bit more but I wanted to get my thoughts in in a timely fashion. Thanks,
Monica

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From: Parker, Lindsay
To: [Hill, Bard](#)
Subject: RE: everything you could possibly want to know about hcbs rules...
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:19:05 PM

I discovered yesterday after connecting with Shawn. Wonderful and thank you

Lindsay Parker

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From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:18 PM
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Comprehensive Quality Strategy

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A Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS) is a CMS required document for all states implementing Managed Care in its Medicaid Program. The Vermont CQS Outline serves as a blueprint or road map for Vermont and its public Managed Care Organization in assessing the quality of care that beneficiaries receive, as well as for setting forth measurable goals and targets for improvement.

[Comprehensive Quality Strategy \(9/15/15\)](#)

[Comprehensive Quality Strategy - with Edits \(2/9/16\)](#)

[Driver Diagram](#) - The Global Commitment to Health (GC) driver diagram is a tool used to display the components of Vermont's improvement efforts in its Medicaid Program (via the waiver), as well as, to communicate the waiver's theory of change. The driver diagram displays the goals of the waiver, identifies their drivers, shows how the drivers are connected, and ultimately provides the basis for how Vermont will measure its performance relative to the goals.

[HCBS Systemic Assessments](#) - These documents assess the existing Vermont regulations and standards related to HCBS delivery to determine if they meet the federal HCBS final rule requirements. Items are scored as alignment, partial alignment, silent, or non-compliant. All items that do not receive a score of alignment are subject to remediation or corrective action plans and included on the associated Work Plan.

[HCBS Work Plans](#) - These documents expand upon the System Assessments by identifying subsequent action steps for the Vermont regulations and standards that did not receive a score of alignment. The action step must resolve the identified issue and bring the Vermont regulation and/or standard into alignment with the federal HCBS final rule.

[HCBS Surveys](#): Consumer Validation and Site Specific Setting Assessment - Surveys available at this link were used by the state of Vermont to assess specific settings in which home and community-based services (HCBS) are provided to determine compliance with the new HCBS setting rules and to validate the provider self-assessment results. Click on the link to learn more and to view the surveys.

2016 Documents:

- [Department of Mental Health \(DMH\) Children's Enhanced Family Treatment \(EFT\) Services, Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Draft Alignment Report](#)
- [DMH Community Rehabilitative Treatment \(CRT\) HCBS Draft Alignment Report](#)

- [Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\) HCBS Draft Alignment Report](#)
- [Final TBI Work Plan](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities Services HCBS Draft Alignment Report](#)
- [VT Developmental Disabilities Services Division \(DDSD\) HCBS Work Plan](#)

2015 Documents:

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Overview of CQS \(PowerPoint Presentation\)](#)
- [CQS Public Notice and Submission Timeline](#)
- [CQS Outline](#)
- [Comprehensive Quality Strategy draft](#)
- [Comprehensive Quality Strategy CMS Submission \(9/15/15\)](#)
- [Comments Received](#)
- [CQS CMS Feedback](#)
- [Choices for Care HCBS Systemic Assessment](#)
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From: Parker, Lindsay

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:25 PM

To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Gerstenberger, Roy <Roy.Gerstenberger@vermont.gov>

Cc: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Hickman, Selina <Selina.Hickman@vermont.gov>; Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Timely questions - HCBS fed reg

Thanks, All! I have what I need for today.

Lindsay Parker

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From: Tierney-Ward, Megan

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:08 PM

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This is interesting. Though I believe our timeline is looking good for CFC on the HCBS rules compliance, we have not yet received the guidance we requested from CMS regarding case management and conflict of interest (unless we did while I was on vacation... Selina?). So more time is never a bad thing if we are faced with a potential big shift in how we deliver case management. Perhaps the statement "we will be examining ways in which we can improve our engagement with states on the implementation of the HCBS rule, including greater state involvement in the process of assessing compliance of specific settings" is a sign that CMS will be more flexible within the rules???

Megan

From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:28 PM

To: Parker, Lindsay <Lindsay.Parker@vermont.gov>; Gerstenberger, Roy <Roy.Gerstenberger@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Cc: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Timely questions - HCBS fed reg

I defer to roy and Megan in DAIL

Not sure who the dmh lead is

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Parker, Lindsay <Lindsay.Parker@vermont.gov> wrote:

Sorry Bard sitting in ACA meeting.

Is it fair to say VT is on track to come into compliance by 2019?

Lindsay Parker

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Cc: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Timely questions - HCBS fed reg

Hi

Both DAIL and dmh are working on a

hcbs rules, as d scribed in the gc cqs. Roy is lead for dds and Megan for cfc and tbi

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 11:53 AM, Parker, Lindsay <Lindsay.Parker@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi Bard and Camille,

Am hoping you can let me know if the fed reg below is one DAIL has been working on and where VT is with compliance? (attached is Verma-Price letter for context).

Am asking so I can provide update to Cory asap (he has reporter coming in for ACA repeal questions).

Thanks!

Lindsay Parker, MPH

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To: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: RE: FYI - Interesting info on CMS TEFT grant
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:55:00 PM
Attachments: [2402-a-Guidance.pdf](#)

Possible sources (from 2014, attached)?

Several initiatives in HHS support a standardized functional assessment process including the Balancing Incentive Program <http://www.balancingincentiveprogram.org/> and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers http://acl.gov/Programs/Integrated_Programs/ADRCs/index.aspx

From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI - Interesting info on CMS TEFT grant

Clare maybe ask through nasddd list serv?

I think asking cms is a good idea.

I'm cautious about the scope of knowledge among Mediware and its partners.

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Doesn't this come up at Hcbs and Nasuad conferences?

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From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 12:48:07 PM
To: Hill, Bard; McFadden, Clare
Subject: FYI - Interesting info on CMS TEFT grant

Hi,

ASD is searching information about better person-centered assessments and planning tools that also align with the HCBS regs. Mediware is doing a little research for us. So far they have not found other SAMS users states that have a good tool. However, they have a contract with a company InterRai that might offer a tool we'd be interested in.

We also found that CMS gave out some TEFT grants to develop better tools. I thought you'd be interested in this information. I have forwarded to Shawn Skaflestad and told him we want to learn more about this. Either he will reach out to CMS for us, or we will. Here is the fact sheet: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/ltss/downloads/teft-program/teft-factsheet.pdf>

Megan

From: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
To: [Carmichael, Erin](#); [VanDonsel, Anne](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Harrigan, Emma](#)
Cc: [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Clark, Sarah](#); [Hickman, Selina](#)
Subject: RE: GC Evaluation RFP Proposal Review
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:36:14 PM
Attachments: [VT GC Eval Proposal PHPG.pdf](#)
[ATT 1 VT GC Proposal PHPG.pdf](#)
[ATT 2 VT GC Proposal PHPG.pdf](#)
[ATT 3 VT GC Proposal PHPG.pdf](#)

Hi All,

We received one response to the [GC Waiver Evaluation RFP](#) (PHPG). Relevant files are attached. Please take a look - and let me know if you think they could get the job done - or if you would recommend that we re-issue the RFP.

Thank you,

Shawn

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:29 AM

To: Carmichael, Erin; VanDonsel, Anne; Hill, Bard; Harrigan, Emma

Subject: GC Evaluation RFP Proposal Review

When: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: AHS - WSOC Blue Spruce 10 OR Dial-In Number: 1-877-273-4202; Conference Room ID: 1262904

Hi All, cob today is the due dates for GC evaluation proposals – so I don't know the numbers yet (or have the documents) – but I want to get some time to review them on our calendars. I anticipate needing 2 face-to-face meetings. This is meeting 1 of 2. Thanks, Shawn

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: "Joyce M. Manchester"
Subject: RE: MACPAC: Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services: Characteristics and Spending of High-Cost Users
Date: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 4:20:00 PM
Attachments: [ltss expenditures 2016.pdf](#)
[ltss-beneficiaries-2013.pdf](#)

Same to you!

You may also be interested in these additional attachments.

Cheers-

Bard

From: Joyce M. Manchester <jmanchester@leg.state.vt.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 4:15 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: MACPAC: Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services: Characteristics and Spending of High-Cost Users

Looks to be of interest — thanks for sending and Happy Fourth!

Joyce

On Jul 3, 2018, at 3:04 PM, Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov> wrote:

Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services: Characteristics and Spending of High-Cost Users

Medicaid enrollees increasingly are receiving long-term services and supports (LTSS) in the home and community. In 2016, for the fourth consecutive year, more than half of Medicaid spending for LTSS was for home- and community-based services (HCBS) rather than institutional care (Eiken et al. 2018). This shift is the result of a variety of factors, including efforts by federal and state policymakers to rebalance Medicaid LTSS spending towards HCBS in order to curb spending growth and meet beneficiary preferences to live in the community. Medicaid spending on HCBS users remains disproportionately high relative to their share of enrollment. In 2013, the approximately 4 percent of Medicaid enrollees who used HCBS accounted for 23.9 percent of Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) spending on all services (\$97.8 billion of \$409.3 billion) (MACPAC 2017).¹

HCBS users have diverse needs, and thus vary in the types of HCBS they use. To date, however, analyses of service use and spending associated with HCBS users have not taken a detailed look at the types of HCBS used and the individual characteristics of users. This fact sheet presents the results of an analysis that describes, in greater detail than has been done before, the characteristics and service use of Medicaid enrollees who used HCBS in 44 states in 2012, and analyzes Medicaid spending for these HCBS users.² We focused particularly on high-cost users, defined as the 3 percent of HCBS users with the highest spending on HCBS in each state. These high-cost users accounted for nearly one-third of Medicaid spending on HCBS in our analysis (\$17.8 of \$58.1 billion).

Most HCBS users, and particularly those who are high-cost users, were age 19 to 64 and qualified for Medicaid-covered HCBS due to a disability. Intellectual disorders and related conditions (such as Down syndrome) as well as neurological disorders (such as cerebral palsy and epilepsy) were the most common diagnoses reported on claims data for high-cost users. This population has high care needs; 57.1 percent of Medicaid spending for high-cost users was for around-the-clock care. Details on the methodology used in this analysis can be found in Appendix A. The complete results are available in the MACPAC-commissioned report by Mathematica Policy Research, HCBS claims analysis chartbook: Final report (Peebles et al. 2017)

“The best way to get a good idea is to get a lot of ideas.”

Donald Berwick

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<Medicaid-HCBS-Characteristics-and-Spending.pdf>

From: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
To: [Carmichael, Erin](#); [Beck, Stephanie](#); [Bilodeau, Cheryle](#); [Cooper, Alicia](#); [Dalley, Pam](#); [Harrigan, Emma](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Hoffman, Sandi](#); [Larkin, Robert](#); [Ochs, Walter](#); [Ross, Jeffrey](#)
Subject: RE: MCE Quality Committee Agenda 3/17
Date: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:47:40 AM
Attachments: [MCE Quality Committee Presentation March 17 2017 Final.pptx](#)

Hi Everyone – I will be using the attached slide deck when discussing my agenda item today. See or speak with you soon!

Shawn

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Beck, Stephanie ; Bilodeau, Cheryle ; Carmichael, Erin ; Cooper, Alicia ; Dalley, Pam ; Harrigan, Emma ; Hill, Bard ; Hoffman, Sandi ; Larkin, Robert ; Ochs, Walter ; Ross, Jeffrey ; Skaflestad, Shawn
Cc: Carmichael, Erin
Subject: MCE Quality Committee Agenda 3/17

Hi all,

Please find attached the agenda for our Quality Committee meeting on Friday. Please note that we're meeting in the **Cedar** conference room, which is located on the 1st floor in the DVHA wing. We will spend a small part of the meeting looping back to a few topics (experience of care survey wrap-up, disaggregating measures). More time will be spend on a new topic, to be introduced by Shawn, related to expectations of us as the MCE around evaluation and the potential for shorter-term measures to demonstrate our progress.

Please let me know if you won't be able to attend. If you plan to attend by phone, please note that the call in information is included on the agenda.

Thanks much,


Erin

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
Subject: RE: MCE: Comprehensive Quality Strategy Section V
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 2:22:00 PM
Attachments: [VT CQS Section V February 2016.docx](#)
[Act 113 Sec 11 Medicaid Pathway Report 12 30 16.pdf](#)
[Act 113 Sec 12 Medicaid Pathway Report 12 30 16.pdf](#)
[2015 cfc evaluation report FINAL pdf 06 12 15 .pdf](#)

Thanks Shawn. A few comments and suggestions:

Maybe we can develop an outline of the CQS, to then flesh out with narrative?

I think we need to review the definitions of MLTSS and HCBS, ie which programs/services/special populations are included under current CMS definitions/perspective- so we generally know what we are describing when we use the terms. This from the attachment is not accurate as written re CFC:

"With waiver consolidation, Vermont is using MLTSS as a strategy for expanding home- and community-based services, promoting community inclusion, ensuring quality and increasing efficiency. MLTSS offers States a broad and flexible set of program design options."

Since these statements were true under the separate 1115 before consolidation. Perhaps we can wordsmith our way through it.

I don't understand the intended use of the columns table below so maybe we can review that. We might focus on the VMP- and then most efficiently cut and paste narrative from the two attached VMP reports. CFC does not have any formal PIPs; do we need to create one? We could reference the measures in the previous independent evaluation and cut/paste from the 2015 eval report (attached). Then reference intent to start using NCI and CAHPS HCBS module?

Bard

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:29 PM

To: Beck, Stephanie ; Harrigan, Emma ; Carmichael, Erin ; Hill, Bard ; Cooper, Alicia ; Clark, Bill ; Hoffman, Sandi ; Jones, Pat ; Miles, Melissa ; O'Neill, Kathryn

Cc: Hickman, Selina

Subject: RE: MCE: Comprehensive Quality Strategy Section V

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Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:57 AM

To: Carmichael, Erin <Erin.Carmichael@vermont.gov>; Beck, Stephanie
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Cc: Harrigan, Emma <Emma.Harrigan@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Cooper, Alicia <Alicia.Cooper@vermont.gov>; Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>

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<Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: MCE: Comprehensive Quality Strategy

Thanks for bringing this up, Stephanie – because I'm not sure I have it noted down correctly and would like to draft up the meeting minutes. I made note that the Comprehensive Quality Strategy would be posted for public comment in February. In the past, the CQS has been reviewed by the PAC, but I'm shaky on whether we said that would happen again before February... I'll wait to hear Shawn's feedback.

From: Beck, Stephanie

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:22 AM

To: Carmichael, Erin <Erin.Carmichael@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn
<Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Subject: MCE: Comprehensive Quality Strategy

Erin & Shawn,

If I recall correctly, during the MCE Quality Committee meeting, it was indicated that the CQS would

be brought forward to the PAC first (at the next PAC meeting?) in anticipation of a public process in Feb? CQS content and process at the next PAC?

Are the content updates mostly related to the new HCBS regs?

Someone mentioned a possible combined meeting between the QM and the PAC to review the CQS too.

Thanks,
Stephanie

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<Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: MCE: Comprehensive Quality Strategy

Thanks for bringing this up, Stephanie – because I'm not sure I have it noted down correctly and would like to draft up the meeting minutes. I made note that the Comprehensive Quality Strategy would be posted for public comment in February. In the past, the CQS has been reviewed by the PAC, but I'm shaky on whether we said that would happen again before February... I'll wait to hear Shawn's feedback.

From: Beck, Stephanie

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:22 AM

To: Carmichael, Erin <Erin.Carmichael@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn
<Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Subject: MCE: Comprehensive Quality Strategy

Erin & Shawn,

If I recall correctly, during the MCE Quality Committee meeting, it was indicated that the CQS would be brought forward to the PAC first (at the next PAC meeting?) in anticipation of a public process in Feb? CQS content and process at the next PAC?

Are the content updates mostly related to the new HCBS regs?

Someone mentioned a possible combined meeting between the QM and the PAC to review the CQS too.

Thanks,

Stephanie

From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
To: Hill, Bard; Tierney-Ward, Megan; McFadden, Clare; Hutt, Monica
Subject: RE: Medicaid Pathways report
Date: Monday, January 08, 2018 11:25:53 AM
Attachments: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

And here is the attachement

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From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 8:19 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Medicaid Pathways report

Good morning DAIL team,

Here is the updated report. I've tried to address some of Al's comments below, and hoping you can review and add to this. I believe the Secretary would like to highlight our accomplishments in not only moving forward, but also on fixing existing system. In addition, any information you have on how we stand next to other states, e.g., forward thinking around CFC, employing people, moving people from institutions to home- and community-based settings, etc.. Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks so much,

mk

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From: Gobeille, Al
Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2018 7:56 AM
To: Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>

Cc: Gustafson, Cory <Cory.Gustafson@vermont.gov>; Clark, Sarah <Sarah.Clark@vermont.gov>; Costa, Michael <Michael.Costa@vermont.gov>; Maksym, Martha <Martha.Maksym@vermont.gov>; Dragon, Paul <Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; Bailey, Melissa <Melissa.Bailey@vermont.gov>; Clouser, Kristin <Kristin.Clouser@vermont.gov>; clarence.davis@vemont.gov; Morgan, Candace <Candace.Morgan@vermont.gov>; Schatz, Ken <Ken.Schatz@vermont.gov>; Tanzman, Beth <Beth.Tanzman@vermont.gov>; Berliner, Ashley <Ashley.Berliner@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Use this one: Medicaid Pathways report

MK,

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From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 10:33:27 PM
To: Gobeille, Al
Subject: Use this one: Medicaid Pathways report

Use this one instead of the one sent earlier. I realized there was one more section I had edits to add to.

mk

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From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 9:45 PM
To: Gobeille, Al <Al.Gobeille@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Medicaid Pathways report

The updated report

Thanks,
mk

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From: Mohlman, Mary Kate
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Gobeille, Al <Al.Gobeille@vermont.gov>
Subject: Medicaid Pathways report

Here is the report in its current form. I'm waiting for feedback from departments. I cite the Auditor's 21014 report on page 6. DAIL also references work around DDS on page 13: "DAIL also convened a group in the fall of 2017 to work on the redesign of DDS payment and services. The workgroup is focused on exploring new payment models to streamline procedures and enhance transparency and accountability for Home and Community-Based Services for adults. This work will continue in 2018."

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Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:00:00 AM
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Password: vermontSTP17

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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:20 PM

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From: Hill, Bard
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Subject: RE: Milestone Submission & Monitoring Training Call Reminder with Slide Deck
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 8:55:00 AM
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Under CFC may companion care or respite care also be provided in a care provider's home (ie in a caregivers home that is not also an adult family care home)?

I see nothing in the CFC manual that prohibits this.

http://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/Merged%20CFC_High_Highest_Manual%205.26.16.pdf

If so, this would seem to make this 2016 VT response to CMS inaccurate or incomplete:

"State Response: Respite Care is a flexible option that is available only to persons who are in home or community settings (i.e. in their own home or in Adult Family Care. Respite may be provided in any setting that the participant chooses. Respite settings may include the persons own home, a Residential Care Home, an Adult Family Care Home, an Adult Day Program or a Nursing Facility."

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Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: Next steps with one Care
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 3:41:00 PM
Attachments: [DAIL APM ACO opportunities brainstorm.docx](#)
[DAIL Overview.04282017.pptx](#)

Hi

Yes:

I spoke w Liz about setting up CareNavigator w extended MT (as interested); ideally in Jan/Feb. I'd like to set up an opportunity discussion with OneCare when we have a list to kick it off with, ie after three steps proposed in separate email from Monday pasted below. I think we would want to meet with One Care reps including but not limited to Sara. This might help drive our required alignment plan, similar to our earlier ST J discussion.

I also sent her the DAIL overview that we prepared last April, attached again here.

Cheers-

Bard

Hi-

My revisions to the list that we created last Friday afternoon. I identified three potential priorities in bold.

Possible next steps:

1. Your revisions/edits
2. Send to DAIL staff who participated for comment/revisions; revise prn
3. Discuss shared opportunities and priorities w AHS health reform group; revise prn
4. Meet with ACO staff to discuss shared opportunities and priorities

Comments appreciated.

Cheers

Bard

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov>
Subject: Next steps with one Care

Hi! I assume that the two of you will work on the next two meetings we discussed at the meeting with Sarah? Let me know if I can help.....monica

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To: [Clark, Bill](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Subject: RE: One more ...
Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 2:14:00 PM
Attachments: [DVHA DAIL IGA 2-16-2018 .pdf](#)

Hi-

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Cheers-
Bard

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.
George Bernard Shaw

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From: Clark, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 1:35 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: One more ...

Hi Bard,

Linda is asking about this self-assessment, which I'm not sure we ever completed. Can you shed any light?

Thanks,
Bill

Bill Clark
Medicaid Compliance Officer
(802)879-5958

From: Lambert, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: One more ...

Page 2 of the AHS/DVHA IGA states the following:

"DVHA and its IGA partners must conduct a self-assessment of Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) under Choices for Care for adherence to state and federal standards of care to include:

An assessment of existing initiatives designed to improve the delivery of MLTSS, including performance measures or performance improvement projects (PIPs) directed to this population;
and

An examination of processes to identify any potential corrective action steps toward improving the MLTSS system.”

Could you send me a copy of this self-assessment.

Linda

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: RE: Please review
Date: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:12:00 AM
Attachments: [2018 DAIL Challenges and Goals.bh.docx](#)

Some ideas...
Bard

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 9:17 AM
To: AHS - DAIL Management Team <AHS.DAILManagementTeam@vermont.gov>
Subject: Please review

Hello all,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Thanks! Monica

Monica Caserta Hutt
Commissioner
Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Mohlman, Mary Kate](#); [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018 9:15:00 AM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.10.18.bh.docx](#)
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Hi-

Here they are...sorry for the delay.

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I've included the edits I've received to date. If there are additional edits, I need them this morning in order to get the report to AI this afternoon.

Thanks!,

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Hi all,

First of all thanks so much for your timely responses. The timeline is tight – the report is due 1/15 – so the sooner you can get responses back to me, the more time I have to smooth out the full report.

Again, much thanks!

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I think this looks good, but am including Megan so that she can also review. Also, I believe Bard may be off-site/in meetings today. Mary Kate, can you remind us of your timeline to get this back?

Camille George, Deputy Commissioner
Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
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From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 1:30 PM
To: McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>
Cc: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

Excellent additions Clare, thanks.

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Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

I added to one section related to DDS payment reform workgroup.

From: Hutt, Monica

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To: Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>

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Subject: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx

Mary Kate, I didn't have a lot of time today but I know that you are on a deadline for this report. I did add some thinking and made a few edits, particularly in the DAIL section. Perhaps Bard, Camille or Clare can contribute a bit more but I wanted to get my thoughts in in a timely fashion. Thanks,
Monica

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: Rep letter to CMS re HCBS rules
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 4:03:00 PM
Attachments: [Faso Congregate Settings Letter to CMS 11272017 3.pdf](#)

..."We write today both to express our desire to see this guidance document changed, and to share our views on the value and importance of disability-specific congregate, farmstead, and lifesharing communities in the Medicaid program. As written, the guidance discriminates against these communities, as well as against other rural-based settings which offer individuals with disabilities an important choice as they consider the setting that best meets their individualized needs."

...

By painting all congregate and farmstead communities with a broad brush, CMS threatens to remove a critical choice from individuals looking for a setting that provides individuals with a community that supports inclusion, not seclusion. We applaud CMS' intent in the 2014 final rule to protect patient choice and dignity, but urge CMS to revise its subsequent guidance to clarify that congregate and farmstead communities based on the lifesharing model are not subject to the heightened scrutiny standard. We understand that these communities would welcome third party certification (such as through the Center for Quality and Leadership) as an alternative to the current broad-brush policy."

It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be.

Isaac Asimov

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From: Hill, Bard
To: Hill, Bard
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 4:36:00 PM
Attachments: RESPITE HIGHLIGHTS vt-1115-extension-waivers-exp-author-stcs-technical-corrections-no-track-changes06212017.pdf

Respite in GC STCs uses similar terms/definitions across all programs - referring to relief from caregiving:

CFC page 63:

Respite care: Alternate care giving arrangements to facilitate planned short term and time limited breaks for unpaid care givers.

TBI page 64:

Respite Care: Alternative caregiving arrangements to facilitate planned short term and time limited breaks for caregivers.

CMH page 66:

Respite: Alternative care giving arrangements to facilitate planned short term and time limited breaks for care givers.

CRT page 68:

Respite: Alternative care giving arrangements to facilitate planned short term and time limited breaks for care givers.

DDS page 69:

Respite: Alternative care giving arrangements to facilitate planned short term and time limited breaks for care givers.

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Caregivers are broadly defined as family members, friends, or neighbors who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a chronic illness or disabling condition. The nature of the assistance could include helping the person with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs); performing "medical" tasks such as administering intravenous drugs or caring for wounds; acting as the person's legal representative; or other activities.

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/downloads/CMSCaregivers91907.pdf>

Family (Informal) Caregiver – any relative, partner, friend or neighbor who has a significant personal relationship with, and provides a broad range of assistance for, an older person or an adult with a chronic or disabling condition. These individuals may be primary or secondary caregivers and live with, or separately from, the person receiving care.

<https://www.caregiver.org/definitions-0>

"The best way to get a good idea is to get a lot of ideas."

Donald Berwick

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From: Hill, Bard
To: Clark, Clayton; Guy, Brian; Bascom, June; Jones, Fred; Tierney-Ward, Megan; Perreault, Liz; Guidry, Kim; Hutt, Monica; Smith-Dieng, Angela
Subject: sfy2017 DAIL annual report: first meeting
Attachments: DAIL Facts and Figures v.F.docx
Department Page v.F.docx
VR Division Page v.F.docx
OOA Nutrition Program Page.vF.docx
DDSD Success Story v.F.docx
format w instructions 2017.docx
timeline and instructions 2017.08032017.docx

Last year (sfy16):

What worked well?

What did not work well?

Any lessons or changes for this year?

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Review draft timeline (attached) and format/content (attached) for sfy17

Update/revise last year's final Word documents (division, program, success story)

Create additional 'program' overviews?

DAIL Facts and figures: Suggestions for new content? (attached)

DAIL dept page: suggestions for new content? (attached)

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Discuss posting:

separate documents and one consolidated document?

Posting location(s)...

Dept page? Division pages? Both?

Annual Reports

The Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living Annual Reports on Programs, Highlights, and Outcomes.

- * Annual Report SFY 2016 (new format!)
- * Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt letter <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/Commissioner_Letter_vF.pdf>
- * Department Summary <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/Department_Page_v_F.pdf>
- * Success Stories <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/DAIL_Success_Stories.pdf>
- * Facts and Figures <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/DAIL_Facts_and_Figures_v_F.pdf>
- * Adult Services Division (ASD) Overview <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/ASD_Division_Programs.pdf>
- * Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD) Overview
<http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/DDSD_Division_Page_v_F.pdf>
- * Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI) Overview
<http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/DBVI_Division_Page_v_F.pdf>
- * Division for Licensing and Protection (DLP) Overview <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/DLP_Division_Overview_v_F.pdf>
- * Division for Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Overview <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/VR_Division_Page_v_F.pdf>

Annual Report SFY 2015 <http://dail.vermont.gov/sites/dail/files/documents/SFY15_DAIL_Annual_Report.pdf>

<http://dail.vermont.gov/resources/documents-reports/annual-reports>

Kennedy, Alice

From: Beth Stern <bstern@cvcoa.org>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Hutt, Monica; Forkas, Colleen; Tierney-Ward, Megan
Subject: RE: Case Management Standards

Thanks for the update. Interesting times....

beth

From: Hutt, Monica [mailto:Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Beth Stern; Forkas, Colleen; Tierney-Ward, Megan
Subject: RE: Case Management Standards

Beth, We essentially received confirmation from CMS, acknowledging this as an issue for Vermont but not the direction from them that we had requested. We, through the Secretary's office, did reach out again asking for that direction and they indicated that they would provide it but they are in the midst of a communication ban right now. So nothing new to report at this time. Thanks, Monica

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From: Beth Stern [mailto:bstern@cvcoa.org]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Forkas, Colleen <Colleen.Forkas@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Case Management Standards

Hi Monica, Colleen and Megan,

Thank you for this. I am wondering if you ever received any response to your letter to CMS from last August regarding Conflict of Interest in Case Management? If so, could you share it with me? Is DAIL still in discussion with CMS regarding this issue?

Thanks!

Beth

From: Forkas, Colleen [<mailto:Colleen.Forkas@vermont.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:28 PM

To: Beth Stern; Carol Stamatakis; J Michael Hall; Janet Hunt; Meg Burmeister; Sandy Conrad (sconrad@svcoa.net); Bean, Marie; George, Camille; Rainville, Kathy; Sara Lane; Tierney-Ward, Megan; B Cody; Barbara Keough; Danell Huntley; Janet McCarthy; Jeanne McLaughlin; Jill Olson; Judy Peterson; Kathy Demars; Lyne Limoges; Nick McCardle; Ron Cioffi; Sandy Rousse; Shawn Tester; Sherry Greifzu; Treny Burgess (trenyb@nchcvt.org)

Subject: FW: Case Management Standards

Sending on behalf of Megan Tierney-Ward

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"To succeed in life, you need three things. A wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone."

Good afternoon,

As you know, DAIL has updated the Case Management Certification Standards to reflect the new HCBS regulations. The link below will bring you the current standards in place January 2017. I've also included a link to the HCBS Regulations section of our website for your information. Please continue to consult with Stuart Senghas regarding the standards as they relate to your agency's certification.

New Case Management Standards:

http://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/Case_Management_Standards_Jan_2017.pdf

HCBS Regulations Information: <http://asd.vermont.gov/special-projects/federal-hcbs>

Thank you,

Megan Tierney-Ward

Adult Services Division Director

NEW ASD Website: <http://asd.vermont.gov/>

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Contact your local Aging & Disabilities Resource Connection partner:

- Vermont 211: Dial 211
- Senior Helpline: 1-800-642-5119 (for people 60 and older)
- VT Center for Independent Living: 1-800-639-1522 (for people under 60)
- Brain Injury Association of VT: 1-877-856-1772

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To: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [Courcelle, Andre](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Harrigan, Emma](#); [Omland, Laurel](#); [Reed, Frank](#); [Clark, Bill](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#); [Bailey, Melissa](#); [Hickman, Selina](#); [Mohman, Mary Kate](#); [Gustafson, Cory](#)
Subject: Thank you for your hard work!
Date: Thursday, December 07, 2017 1:32:56 PM
Attachments: [VT Initial Approval.pdf](#)

Megan, Andre, Clare, Emma, Frank, Laurel, and Bill,

Congratulations! Please see the attached correspondence from CMS indicating that Vermont has received Initial Approval of its CQS/STP. I really appreciate the effort you have given to this project. Your contributions as a member of Vermont's HCBS Implementation team is directly responsible for this outcome. I look forward to continuing to work with you on the next iteration of this document and obtaining final approval.

Thanks again for all your time, energy, and effort!

Shawn

From: Loehr, Jessica S. (CMS/CMCS) [mailto:Jessica.Loehr@cms.hhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Gustafson, Cory <Cory.Gustafson@vermont.gov>
Cc: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Hickman, Selina <Selina.Hickman@vermont.gov>; Francis, Crystal (CMS/CMCHO) <Crystal.Francis@cms.hhs.gov>; MacKenzie, Michele (CMS/CMCS) <Michele.MacKenzie@cms.hhs.gov>; Lowe, Serena (ACL) <Serena.Lowe@acl.hhs.gov>; Hill, Amanda C. (CMS/CMCS) <Amanda.Hill@cms.hhs.gov>; Beasley, Michelle (CMS/CMCHO) <Michelle.Beasley@cms.hhs.gov>; Failla, George P. (CMS/CMCS) <George.Failla@cms.hhs.gov>; Lollar, Ralph F. (CMS/CMCS) <Ralph.Lollar@cms.hhs.gov>; Cummins, Susan K. (CMS/CMCHO) <Susan.Cummins@cms.hhs.gov>; Christin Diehl <CDiehl@neweditions.net>; Laura Nuss <LNuss@neweditions.net>
Subject: Vermont STP Initial Approval Letter

Mr. Gustafson,

I have attached a scanned copy of a letter granting initial approval to the Vermont HCBS Statewide Transition Plan. The hard copy of this letter has also been sent via US Mail. The CMS STP team thanks you and your team for your continued efforts to address the HCBS Settings Rule through the Statewide Transition Plan process. It has been a pleasure working with Vermont and I look forward to the continued collaboration to come. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the information below.

Thank you,

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From: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
To: [Harrigan, Emma](#); [Nichols, Nick](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Carmichael, Erin](#); [Cooper, Alicia](#); [Miles, Melissa](#); [VanDonsel, Anne](#); [Hoffman, Sandi](#); [Reed, Frank](#); [Jones, Pat](#); [O'Neill, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [Thomas, Cynthia](#); [Hickman, Selina](#); [Adams, Joan](#); [Beck, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Thank You Global Commitment Evaluation Design Team!
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:49:14 AM
Attachments: [VT GC Draft Evaluation Plan Final to CMS February 21, 2017.pdf](#)

Hi All,

Attached is a pdf version of the draft Global Commitment Evaluation Design that was submitted to CMS yesterday. Thank you all for your contributions to this document. I understand that you have many competing priorities and not enough hours in the day – so I truly appreciate the time, energy, and effort you gave to this project.

I will be sure to share any CMS feedback with you when it becomes available.

Thanks again,

Shawn

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(Access through Internet Explorer 10, Firefox, or Google Chrome).

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Subject: VT AHS - GC 2016 Annual Report for Demonstration Year 11 - 11-W-00194/1
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:11:04 AM
Attachments: 2016_GC_Annual_Report_FINAL_with_Attachments.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached the Vermont Agency of Human Services' 2016 Annual Global Commitment Report for Demonstration Year 11 for 11-W-00194/1. This report covers the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like someone to be added to/removed from this distribution list.

This report was submitted to CMS on 3/27/17. This report, along with all other GC quarterly and annual reports, can be found on the [DVHA website](#).

Thank you,

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Subject: VT AHS - GC QE0317 Report for Demonstration Year 12 - 11W001941
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 1:06:00 PM
Attachments: QE0317 GC Quarterly Report FINAL Attachments.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached the Vermont Agency of Human Services' first quarterly progress report for the Global Commitment to Health 1115 waiver for Demonstration Year 12. This report covers the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like someone to be added to/removed from this distribution list.

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Subject: VT AHS - GC QE0617 Report for Demonstration Year 12 - 11W001941
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 8:55:20 AM
Attachments: QE0617 GC Quarterly Report FINAL with Attachments.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached the Vermont Agency of Human Services' second quarterly progress report for the Global Commitment to Health 1115 waiver for Demonstration Year 12. This report covers the period of April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like someone to be added to/removed from this distribution list.

This report was submitted to CMS on 8/29/17. This report, along with all other GC quarterly and annual reports, can be found on the [DVHA website](#).

Thank you,

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Subject: VT AHS - GC QE0917 Report for Demonstration Year 12 - 11W001941
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 4:39:35 PM
Attachments: [QE0917 GC Quarterly Report Final with Attachments.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find attached the Vermont Agency of Human Services' third quarterly progress report for the Global Commitment to Health 1115 waiver for Demonstration Year 12. This report covers the period of July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like someone to be added to/removed from this distribution list.

This report was submitted to CMS on 11/28/17. This report, along with all other GC quarterly and annual reports, will be posted to the [DVHA website](#).

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Subject: VT AHS - Global Commitment Annual Report for Demonstration Year 12 - 2017
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:05:37 AM
Attachments: [VT 2017 GC Annual Report FINAL Attachments.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find attached the Vermont Agency of Human Services' annual progress report for the Global Commitment to Health 1115 waiver for Demonstration Year 12 (2017). This report covers the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like someone to be added to/removed from this distribution list.

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Subject: VT AHS - Global Commitment Progress Report for Q1 2018
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 10:23:06 AM
Attachments: QE0318_GC_Quarterly_Report_Final_with_Attachments.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached the Vermont Agency of Human Services' 1st quarter progress report for the Global Commitment to Health 1115 waiver for Demonstration Year 13 (2018). This report covers the period of January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like someone to be added to/removed from this distribution list.

This report was submitted to CMS on 5/29/18. This report, along with all other GC quarterly and annual reports, will be posted to the DVHA website.

Thank you,

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To: [Bedard, Colleen](#)
Cc: [McMann, Angela](#); [Dalley, Jessica](#)
Subject: website document
Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:48:36 AM
Attachments: [CFC HCBS Final Alignment Report w fixed links 11.16.17.pdf](#)

Hello,

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Instructions:

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3. Go to the link called **"Choices for Care Alignment Report FINAL"** on this website page and relink the new document: <http://asd.vermont.gov/special-projects/federal-hcbs>

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Thanks,

Megan

Kennedy, Alice

From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Bedard, Colleen
Cc: McMann, Angela; Dalley, Jessica
Subject: website document
Attachments: CFC HCBS Final Alignment Report w fixed links 11.16.17.pdf

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Cc: [Smith-Dieng, Angela](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Long-Term Care Ombudsman: Conflict of Interest revisions
Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 6:33:35 PM
Attachments: [Program Policies 10.30.2017.pdf](#)

Hello everyone:

Thanks again for a productive conference call last week.

Attached is the revision that I made to the Conflict of Interest forms that was recommended by the group during our call.

The group wanted the forms to explain (at # 3) what would happen when an identified conflict of interest could not be removed or remedied.

I have highlighted the revision for each form in yellow and red.

The revision made (to each of the 5 forms) can be found at the following pages of the attached PDF document:

1. **Volunteer form, page 50.**
2. **Board of Trustees, page 54.**
3. **State Long-Term Ombudsman, page 58.**
4. **Local Ombudsman, page 62.**
5. **Executive Director of Vermont Legal Aid, page 64.**

The attached document is the complete Program Policies – to show

that the Conflict of Interest forms are part of the Program Policies (at the Appendices). Providing the full Program Policies also allows me to show that all pages of each Appendix are accounted for (to address Jim's question).

If there are any questions or concerns about the revision or this email, please let me know.

If the group believes that the attached revisions adequately reflect the subcommittee's recommendation, I will let Camille know that the subcommittee is ready to report back to the full DAIL Advisory Board.

Thank you.

Sean

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Subject: Management Team Previous Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:28:14 AM
Attachments: [MTMinutes_020817.docx](#)
[MTMinutes_021517.docx](#)
[MTMinutes_022217.docx](#)
[MTMinutes_030117.docx](#)
[MTMinutes_030817.docx](#)
[MTMinutes_031517.docx](#)
[MTMinutes_032217.docx](#)
[021517.pdf](#)
[AHS Implementation of PIVOT 030117.pdf](#)
[Legislative Questions 030117.pdf](#)
[PIVOT Roles and Responsibilities 030117.pdf](#)
[Provisions in the ACA repeal and replace bill 3-2-17 Update.pdf](#)
[Provisions in the ACA repeal and replace bill 3-6-17 Update.pdf](#)
[Provisions in the ACA repeal and replace bill 3-21-17 Update.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

Attached you will find the previous meeting minutes, along with any handouts that went along with the meeting. I apologize as I was told that the minutes were taken in case someone asked about something and were not needed to be distributed.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

~ Mary ~

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From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#)
Subject: May 10 MT Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:21:11 PM
Attachments: [Agenda_051017.docx](#)
[AHS SPA MATRIX Draft 20170419 v2.0.xlsx](#)
[format w instructions 2017.docx](#)
[SPA MATRIX.DAIL.v1 w services in activities.xlsx](#)
[SPA MATRIX.DAIL.v2 activities.xlsx](#)
[timeline and instructions 2017.04052017.docx](#)

Hello, folks.

I have attached the agenda and attachments for tomorrow's meeting. It is packed with a lot of things to cover. I have not attached last week's minutes because I need to clarify and change some things and that hasn't happened yet. If I am able to pull the information together prior to our meeting I will be sure to send it out. If you still want a copy of my rough, rough draft, I would be happy to share that as well.

Please let me know of any changes we need to make prior to sitting together at 9:00 AM.

Thanks and see you all soon!

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: Meeting minutes and some important follow up
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 11:05:00 AM
Attachments: [MeetingMinutes_051117cg.docx](#)

Hi Liz – great job, especially without the tape! Most of my comments are editorial in nature. However, where I wasn't able to be much good was with the section on the DS regs and system of care plan. [REDACTED] Also, it might be wise to send Jeanne's piece to her.
Thanks!

From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: MeetingMinutes_101217_Draftcg.docx
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 1:51:00 PM
Attachments: [MeetingMinutes_101217_Draftcg.docx](#)



From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: MeetingMinutes_121417_Draft2.docx
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 4:06:00 PM
Attachments: [MeetingMinutes_121417_Draft2.docx](#)

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From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: MTM Minutes
Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:11:52 AM
Attachments: [MTMeetingMinutes_020718.docx](#)

Hi Camille,
Here is the first in a while, minutes for management team.

Thanks!
Liz

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“Today is a good day to make a snow angel.”

From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Kelly, Bill](#)
Subject: One more time
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 5:58:38 PM
Attachments: [FINAL Working Doc SFY19 DAIL BudgetTestimony Draft.docx](#)

So, I made a few changes that somehow didn't take originally. There were some errors in DBVI and I have now updated/corrected them. Attached is the most current document. I do think that took care of things.

I think I will go home now... I don't think there is anything more I can do today.

See you in the morning,
Liz

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"Life's too short not to go barefoot."

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Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Loner, Victoria E.](#)
Subject: OneCare / AHS All Payer Model Discussion - Agenda
Date: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 10:15:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[DAIL LTSS HCBS Overview.march 2018.pptx](#)
[20180503 OCV AHS All Payer Model Meeting Agenda.docx](#)

Hello,

Attached you will find the agenda for tomorrow's meeting as well as the PowerPoint that we will be using for discussion.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to open these documents, please don't

Laurie

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Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Loner, Victoria E.](#)
Subject: OneCare / AHS All Payer Model Discussion
Date: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 2:36:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[20180405 OCV AHS All Payer Model Meeting Agenda.docx](#)
[Updated Schedule for OneCare AHS 3 14 18.docx](#)
[APM language re ltss and dail.march 2018.docx](#)
[DAIL LTSS HCBS Overview.march 2018.pptx](#)

Hello,

Attached are the agenda and supporting documents for the AHS APM Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to open these documents, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Laurie

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To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [Kelly, Bill](#)
Subject: Please review before I send!! Budget info to legislators
Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 2:25:00 PM
Attachments: [DAIL SFY19 Budget Follow Up v1 02.08.18.docx](#)
[Impact of Loss of Federal Re.dvr.pdf](#)
[DAIL DS Budget history update 2-08-18v FINAL.pdf](#)
[DAIL DS Dollars 02.12.18 001.pdf](#)
[DAIL DS Ave Dollars PP 0 001.pdf](#)
[NH CENSUS.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Hi there- please review the memo and attachments briefly before I send to the legislators. Thanks

From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [Guidry, Kim](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Post to DAIL Advisory Board Web Page
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 3:23:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[MeetingMinutes_051117_Final.pdf](#)
[MeetingMinutes_041317_Final.pdf](#)

Hi Kim,

I have attached the approved minutes for April and May to be posted on the website.

Thank you!

Liz

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Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Chapman, Robin](#); [Martini, David](#); [Scott Wittman](#)
Subject: RE: ACA/APM Work Session
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:37:07 PM
Attachments: [DAIL comments re AHCA.03242017.docx](#)

Hi-

Here is a revised DAIL document with modest changes to content, and also attempting to align with the guiding questions from AHS, which I might call...

the AHSAHCA Cuestion Organizational structure (the ACOs).

I welcome edits, additions, corrections, suggestions, comments, and questions.

Happy springtime!

Bard

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Cc: [Hill, Bard](#); [George, Camille](#); [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Chapman, Robin](#); [Martini, David](#); [Scott Wittman](#)
Subject: RE: ACA/APM Work Session
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:35:33 PM
Attachments: [DAIL comments re AHCA.03212017.docx](#)

Hello all!

Following up on our meeting today, here are a few todos:

1. Can we come up with the list of things we 'lost' or that we want restored?
2. How much burden (time, money, people) do we have in complying with the new GC waiver?
What are other administrative burdens that we face that we could get changed?
3. What are additional flexibilities might we want?
4. What successes are we seeing by doing things our way- be specific here. What would we lose?

Think broadly. Popcorn up ideas! Feel free to share all ideas with the whole group. Medicaid Policy will take the lead on consolidating into one document for us all. I am attaching Bard's comments (note the number should be 54%, not 46%). Below is MK's email from yesterday:

Hello all,

While we are going over the financial model tomorrow, I would like to also have summaries on our Global Commitment. I sent out an email yesterday about this, but I think I could have been more specific based on follow-up conversations that I had. I am looking for:

What flexibilities do we currently have?

What is the benefit? How do we take advantage of the flexibility?

How does it impact our ability to engage in payment and delivery system reform?

Other than funding limits, have we seen anything in the proposed legislation and amendments that limits our current flexibility?

What administrative/compliance/reporting burdens would we like to see alleviated?

Thanks,

Georgia

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Costa, Michael

Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 2:51 PM

To: Costa, Michael; Strumolo, Adaline; Cooper, Alicia; Maheras, Georgia; Kinsler, Sarah; Flynn, Erin; Mohlman, Mary Kate; Parker, Lindsay; O'Connell, Tracy E; Clark, Sarah; Hutt, Monica

Cc: Hill, Bard; George, Camille; Berliner, Ashley; Chapman, Robin; Martini, David; Scott Wittman

Subject: ACA/APM Work Session

When: Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Chestnut/1-877-273-4202,,852904995# Micheal to host 6323875

You may have noticed that there has been a lot going on in health care recently at the local level, national level, and when the state government and federal government happen to get together. Mary Kate and I thought this meeting would provide a space to come up to speed on those issues and work on those issues as a team.

You may have also noticed that these meetings are set four days a week. I suspect that will

moderate one we start working together as a team. Let's call that an incentive! Try to show up tomorrow if you can. If not, we'll see you Thursday.

Thanks!

Michael

From: [Mohlman, Mary Kate](#)
To: [Dragon, Paul](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hutt, Monica](#); [Bailey, Melissa](#); [Fox, Mourning](#); [Hickman, Selina](#); [Thomas, Cynthia](#); [Dolan, Tracy](#); [Levine, Mark](#); [Samuelson, Jenney](#); [Cooper, Alicia](#); [George, Camille](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [Costa, Michael](#)
Cc: [Clark, Hope](#); [Fisher, Jaime](#)
Subject: RE: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:10:39 AM
Attachments: [Act 113 Medicaid Pathway 2018 Draft.docx](#)

Hello all,

Selina first circulated this report on November 8th. As Paul, wrote below, we are combing the Medicaid Pathway's report with the Act 82 Sec 7 report and submitting on January 15th, giving us a little less than 2 months. I would like to aim to have a draft for final review by January 2, 2018, which means that I would like to have all components of the report to be by We have a month and a half to pull this together. I would like to have a draft to me by December 22, 2017.

In the attached report outline, which was circulated a couple weeks ago, you will see Selina's initial take on who should author what section. Please let me know ASAP if those assignments need to change. I would also like to schedule 2 check-ins in the intervening to time to see where we are in drafting the report. Those invites will be forthcoming. I am also in the process of figuring out how best to share the document for version control.

Much thanks and please reach out with any questions or thoughts on the current construct.

Mary Kate

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Cc: Clark, Hope <Hope.Clark@vermont.gov>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports

Folks,

At the meeting we decided:

- MK is graciously taking the lead on coordinating the two reports. She will be in touch with departments.
- We agreed to integrate 113 and 82.7 into a delivery system reform report due 1/15. This is the later date based on 113.
- A memo needs to go out to the committees notifying them of this integration and composite date – MK
- Documents will potentially be placed on Sharepoint – MK two work with the Departments on how best to do this .
- Need to consider implications for Master Grant so please keep Paul updated and involved as he may be the lead for this due to Selina's new role.
- Need to consider any connection to 12/15 Act 85 Report due on DA payments.

Anything else?

Thank you!!

Paul

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Subject: Re: Act 82: Sec 7 Payments to DAs and SSA's + Medicaid Pathway reports

Hi

Sorry I was out for this- anything I need to do?

Bard

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Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Mohlman, Mary Kate](#); [Bailey, Melissa](#)
Subject: RE: April and May AHS/One Care meetings
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:47:23 PM
Attachments: [APM language re ltss and dail.march 2018.docx](#)
[DAIL LTSS HCBS Overview.march 2018.pptx](#)

Hi-

I have attached two items, as Monica suggested below.

The powerpoint (38 slides) provides more info than can be fully presented in 30 minutes, but could be used to support a 30 minute presentation and also serve as a useful short reference to DAIL LTSS. Please let me know if you have comments/questions.

Cheers-
Bard

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Subject: April and May AHS/One Care meetings

Vicki- Hi.

I just met with Camille and Bard to bring them up to speed on our recent meeting and the agenda for the LTSS discussions. As we thought through the next two meetings, we thought it would make sense to use the April meeting to level set about what LTSS services are in DAIL, how they work, who they target and why. And to review the language in the current agreement that speaks to alignment. In May, we could finish out the agenda with a brainstorm about what's happening now that speaks to that alignment and what other opportunities exist to move us forward. We did a level setting internally at AHS with Mary Kate and I think it would be helpful.

Bard will send two documents: a power point on the level setting for DAIL and a synopsis of the language in the agreement. If you agree that this approach makes sense, we can proceed from

there.

Copying Melissa and Mary Kate as DMH may have its own level setting for LTSS and Mary Kate can speak to the internal work we've already done around this.

Thanks, Monica

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From: Gerstenberger, Roy
To: [George, Camille](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hutt, Monica](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#)
Subject: RE: Camille's comments on SOCP
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:27:50 PM
Attachments: [SSCP draft FY18-20.cg.comments and r.g.comments.04.11 and 12.17.docx](#)

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From: George, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:06 PM
To: [McFadden, Clare](#) ; [Gerstenberger, Roy](#) ; [Hutt, Monica](#) ; [Schurr, Stuart](#)
Cc: George, Camille
Subject: Camille's comments on SOCP

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From: Skaflestad, Shawn
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan; Courcelle, Andre; Gerstenberger, Roy; Harrigan, Emma; Omland, Laurel; Hill, Bard
Subject: RE: CMS HCBS Milestone Workplan
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:20:22 PM
Attachments: VT Milestone Template July 20, 2017.docx

Thanks for getting together to discuss the milestone template. I am attaching a modified version to this email. Please review and let me know if the dates still make sense across all programs. Keep in mind that you can insert more aggressive dates into your individual timelines.

I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Shawn

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Skaflestad, Shawn
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Tierney-Ward, Megan; Courcelle, Andre; Gerstenberger, Roy; Harrigan, Emma; Omland, Laurel; Hill, Bard
Subject: CMS HCBS Milestone Workplan
When: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: AHS - WSOC Boxelder 10 OR Dial-In Number: 1-877-273-4202 Conference Room ID: 1262904

Hi All,

This is a meeting to discuss the attached Excel spreadsheet. Rather than having one HCBS workplan like CMS has proposed (also attached) – I am suggesting a separate one for each program. Before we meet – please take some time and review the Excel file – paying special attention to the Topic, Milestone, and what is current written in the CQS/STP about the related topic (reference is listed in the CSQ/STP Page No. column). By the end of our meeting – I would like us to agree on the Milestones and what is currently written in the CQS/STP about the topic – as well as suggested due dates for each milestone.

Please note that a dial in option is available for those unable to attend in person.

Thank you,

Shawn

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: DA
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:16:18 AM
Attachments: [MNG Potential Solutions.pdf](#)
[Ideas, Questions, Solutions.docx](#)
[Choices for Care Regulations.pdf](#)
[GC Special Terms and Conditions Jan2015.pdf](#)
[Moderate Needs Case Management.docx](#)
[Factors Affecting MNG Buckets 6 23 17 .docx](#)

Some MNG materials - not sure they're the latest...

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From: George, Camille
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: DA

It is THE priority; and DMH is also involved in a major payment reform initiative. So, it was thought it would be a better use of time to focus on moving those forward as opposed to getting involved in prolonged negotiations over things that are likely to change based on these other efforts.

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From: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:15 AM
Subject: Re: DA
To: George, Camille <camille.george@vermont.gov>

Thanks! Seems like DS is still a priority?

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From: George, Camille <camille.george@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 7:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: DA
To: Hill, Bard <bard.hill@vermont.gov>

Hi Bard - thought you would be interested in this, can fill you in more in person next time we meet.

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From: Gobeille, Al <al.gobeille@vermont.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:53 AM

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To: Bailey, Melissa <melissa.bailey@vermont.gov>, Clark, Sarah <sarah.clark@vermont.gov>, Davis, Clarence <clarence.davis@vermont.gov>, Clouser, Kristin <kristin.clouser@vermont.gov>, Maksym, Martha <martha.maksym@vermont.gov>, Dragon, Paul <paul.dragon@vermont.gov>, Hutt, Monica <monica.hutt@vermont.gov>, Hickman, Selina <selina.hickman@vermont.gov>, George, Camille <camille.george@vermont.gov>

Cc: Costa, Michael <michael.costa@vermont.gov>, Schatz, Ken <ken.schatz@vermont.gov>, Gustafson, Cory <cory.gustafson@vermont.gov>

Team,

I met with VCP, Bob Bick and Mary Moulton(plus Heidi). We agreed to "just change the date" on the performance grants. We also agreed to allow for important minor changes.

We also agreed to stay on the bunny and tulip trail, where the rivers are made of dark chocolate. Seriously, I asked that we commit to a partnership to fix our system. They agreed.

I also agreed to put all of our energy into payment reform and building a process to identify services that the DA's could stop offering to reduce costs. We called this second piece " Inflation plan". Meaning what adjustments should they make to address the limits on funding.

This is a quick update, more to follow.

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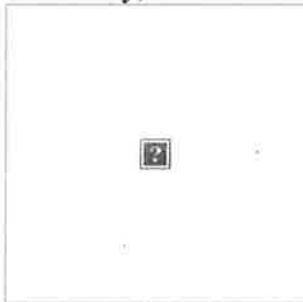
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From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [Janet Hunt](#)
Subject: RE: DAIL Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:30:13 AM
Attachments: [Acronyms.pdf](#)
[Advisory Board Agenda 051117.pdf](#)
[ConversationWithTheCommissioner.pdf](#)
[Recognizing Older Americans Month.pdf](#)

Hi Janet,
Here is the agenda and handouts we have for tomorrow's meeting.
So glad you can make it!
Liz

From: George, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Janet Hunt
Cc: Perreault, Liz
Subject: Re: DAIL Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday
Hi Janet - we'll look forward to seeing you on Thursday! Liz, can you please send Janet the agenda and handouts and also request a badge for Janet from BGS? Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2017, at 4:32 PM, Janet Hunt <janet@vermont4a.org> wrote:

Hi Camille,
Beth Stern asked me to attend the DAIL Advisory Board meeting on Thursday in her absence. I haven't seen an agenda come out yet. I've written to Mary Nieman and also looked online. Is the meeting still on? If so, can you tell me who I should ask about an agenda?
Thanks very much – thanks in advance!

Janet Hunt

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May is Older Americans Month and the theme for 2017 is

Age Out Loud!

What does that mean to you? Please tell us your story by clicking here! We would love to hear from you!

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx
Date: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:19:08 AM
Attachments: [DAIL comments re AHCA.03202017.docx](#)

Hi-

Thanks! Here is a revised version. I'm not sure what else we are missing...

Bard

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 10:26 AM
To: George, Camille ; Hill, Bard
Subject: RE: DAIL comments re AHCA.03162017.docx
Got it. Ok. Let's start with the edits I sent-do they make sense and what else are we missing?

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We were asked to make comments on the CBO report and provide them to Mary Kate as part of the ACA/APM work group.

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Bard, I reviewed and made some comments and edits but I am not sure who the audience is so I limited myself in relation to editing. If you can tell me who we are writing for, I may have a different set of suggestions. Let me know and thanks for putting this all in one spot- it is extremely useful!

Monica

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From: White, Monica
To: AHS - DAIL All Employees
Subject: RE: DAIL Legislative Update
Date: Friday, February 09, 2018 4:05:50 PM
Attachments: DAIL Bill Tracking 2-9-18.xlsx

Greetings, Team DAIL!

I wanted to provide an update on DAIL related items for this legislative session. I've attached an updated grid which reflects the 122 bills that are currently of interest to our department. It is a dynamic process and your input is always welcomed on any of these items.

This week, Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt, Deputy Commissioner Camille George, and Financial Director Bill Kelly testified on the State Fiscal Year 2019 DAIL budget request; our testimony materials are located on our website here: <http://dail.vermont.gov/resources/legislative/legislative-testimony> - if you have any feedback to share relative to the budget testimony, please contact Commissioner Hutt.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about this general process.

Thank you, and have a good weekend!
Monica

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From: White, Monica
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 3:59 PM
To: AHS - DAIL All Employees <AHS.DAILAllEmployees@vermont.gov>
Subject: DAIL Legislative Update

Happy Friday Afternoon, Team DAIL!

The 2018 Legislative Session has kicked off in Montpelier, and we are in full swing. On behalf of Commissioner Hutt and the entire DAIL Senior Management Team, I wanted to take a moment to fill you all in.

I've attached a grid detailing the 95 (!!) bills we are currently following, that have potential impacts to DAIL programs or populations. Some are fairly benign, and some are of greater importance. More bills will surely be introduced, as the session proceeds. We'll do our best to keep you updated on a regular basis about items of interest, and more importantly, we invite any feedback or ideas you might have on any particular pieces of legislation. Please contact your division director with any comments you might wish to share.

Also, DAIL staff are frequently called to the State House to testify on various bills and programs of interest to the Legislature. Any testimony documents from DAIL are posted here on our website: <http://dail.vermont.gov/resources/legislative/legislative-testimony>

If you have any questions or feedback on this incredibly complex (but *usually* fun!) process, please let your division director, or any member of DAIL Senior Management, know!

Thanks, and have a great long weekend,
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Subject: RE: DAIL Overview HHS Testimony 2017.pptx
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 1:43:41 PM
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Attached is the final version of the Power point. It has the most recent DAIL org chart dated 8/2016.

Kim Guidry

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Are there more changes to be made? I'm at 241-0351

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Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 8:42:02 AM
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Date: Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:14:16 PM
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I added some language re: payment model performance measures/alignment on page 9 & some language on quality measure collection and results based accountability on page 17. Please let me know if you would like me to provide any additional detail.

Best,

Shawn

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Cc: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.bh.docx
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:02:35 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.10.18.bh.docx](#)

Clare? I propose the attached version, added DDS language that was edited by Camille.
Megan the only new language for CFC is in the first paragraph of our section.

Thanks all yall.
Roll Tide.

Bard

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Thanks! When shall we forward to Mary Kate? I believe she's hoping for COB today or tomorrow...
Bard

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Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:42 PM

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Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare
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Thanks, Bard. I offered a few edits and also added a few comments. I revised the DS piece a bit as that just went out to VCP yesterday and Monica was meeting with them today. Have also included Monica in case she wants to take a look.

From: [McFadden, Clare](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [Mohlman, Mary Kate](#)
Cc: [Hill, Bard](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT.Delivery System Report 1.8.18.docx
Date: Monday, January 08, 2018 1:27:29 PM
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Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018 9:15:33 AM
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Hi-
Here they are...sorry for the delay.
Bard

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I've included the edits I've received to date. If there are additional edits, I need them this morning in order to get the report to AI this afternoon.

Thanks!,

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Hi all,

First of all thanks so much for your timely responses. The timeline is tight – the report is due 1/15 – so the sooner you can get responses back to me, the more time I have to smooth out the full report.

Again, much thanks!

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Excellent additions Clare, thanks.

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Subject: RE: DS Finance internal workgroup
Date: Friday, June 01, 2018 9:46:51 AM
Attachments: [6 1 18 mtg deck.pptx](#)

Slides for today

-----Original Appointment-----

From: McFadden, Clare

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 2:50 PM

To: McFadden, Clare; Perkins, Jennifer; George, Camille; Euber, Jim; Costa, Michael; Corwin, Julie; Clark, Sarah; O'Connell, Tracy E; Hatcher, Donna; Cooper, Alicia; Hill, Bard; Berliner, Ashley

Subject: DS Finance internal workgroup

When: Friday, June 01, 2018 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: AHS - WSOC Boxelder 10, Call-in Number below

The meeting with the larger group was cancelled and the internal group will be meeting in Boxelder.

Call-in Number: 1 (802) 552-8456, 6320106#

From: [McFadden, Clare](#)
To: [Parro, Lisa](#); [Perkins, Jennifer](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Costa, Michael](#); [Gibson-Grandfield, Stacy](#); [Corwin, Julie](#); [O'Connell, Tracy E](#); [Clark, Sarah](#); [George, Camille](#); [Euber, Jim](#)
Cc: [Cooper, Alicia](#); [Mark Podrazik](#)
Subject: RE: DS Finance Models Internal Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 8:37:37 AM
Attachments: [BA IDD Rate-Setting and Individual Budgeting.pptx](#)

This is for tomorrow's internal meeting.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Parro, Lisa

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 1:18 PM

To: Parro, Lisa; McFadden, Clare; Perkins, Jennifer; Hill, Bard; Berliner, Ashley; Costa, Michael; Gibson-Grandfield, Stacy; Corwin, Julie; O'Connell, Tracy E; Clark, Sarah; George, Camille; Euber, Jim

Cc: Cooper, Alicia; Mark Podrazik

Subject: DS Finance Models Internal Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:30 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: AHS - WSOC Boxelder 10 Call-in Number: 1 (802) 552-8456, 13773969#

From: [McFadden, Clare](#)
To: [Parro, Lisa](#); [Perkins, Jennifer](#); [Euber, Jim](#); [Elizabeth Sightler \(CCS\)](#); [Norton, Delaina](#); [Ellen Malone](#); [Ashe, William](#); [Richardson, Jason](#); [Lynne Cleveland Vitzthum](#); [Julie@vermontcarepartners.org](#); [chathaway@howardcenter.org](#); [Hall, Heidi](#); [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Costa, Michael](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Gibson-Grandfield, Stacy](#); [Corwin, Julie](#); [Clark, Sarah](#); [O'Connell, Tracy E](#); [Hathaway, Ray](#); [Carpenter, Denise](#); [syuan@uvm.edu](#); [bprine@vtlegalaid.org](#); [jim@caffrylaw.com](#); [Greg Mairs \(CSAC\)](#); [Theresa Earle \(HCERS\)](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Susan Yuan](#); [max@gmsavt.org](#); [Murphy, Kirsten](#)
Subject: RE: Finance Model Workgroup Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:31:27 AM
Attachments: [DS_04112018.pptx](#)
[Copy of Medicaid DS Services by category for DA discussion 4-11-18.xlsx](#)

Hi Folks- I apologize for sending these so late, but here is the agenda and the materials we will be reviewing at today's DS Payment Reform meeting. See you soon.

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From: Parro, Lisa
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:25 PM
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Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Susan Yuan](#)
Subject: Finance Model Workgroup Meeting
When: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: AHS - WSOC Elm 40 or Call-in (Information below)

Please let me know if you will be attending in person or calling into the meeting.

Call-in number to the meeting is: +1 (802) 552-8456, 33157531#

Due to increase in meeting participants, the conference room at the WSOC for this meeting, 4/11, has been changed. DDS Staff will meet participants in the lobby of the Waterbury Office Complex.

Wednesday	4/11	1:00 – 3:00	Linden * Elm*
Friday	4/27	10:00 – 12:00	Cherry B
Friday	5/18	12:30 – 2:30	Linden * Ash

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Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: Finance Model Workgroup Meeting 1/26/18
Date: Friday, January 26, 2018 4:06:15 PM
Attachments: [Copy of DS adds DS service tracking2.xlsx](#)

Hi all- thanks you for participating in today's meeting. At the meeting we agreed that agencies would begin to fill out the attached template regarding how service data is captured and challenges with reporting. Agencies will begin gathering information and will discuss in more detail at their February 7 DS directors meeting. Then Directors will go back to their agencies and refine their information and send it back to Jennifer Perkins by 2/28. The instructions for what is needed for information is on a tab in the attached template. Sheet 1 lists the service codes. The second tab is for agencies to list activities or services that do not fit into the service codes, eg, intake.

Please let me know if you have questions. Please share with the other Directors who are not part of the group.

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Subject: RE: Finance Model Workgroup Meeting
Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 8:41:20 AM
Attachments: [Finance Model Workgroup - Rate Study Overview \(May 18 2018\) Handout.pdf](#)

Hi folks- the agenda for Friday's meeting is to hear from Stephen Pawlowski from Burns and Associates about the rate study. Attached is his powerpoint. We will also have copies at the meeting. The content will be reviewed and there will be time for questions and answers. See you Friday.

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Cc: Susan Yuan; Stephen Pawlowski; Hatcher, Donna; Cooper, Alicia; Poirier, Luann; Hutt, Monica; George, Camille; Mark Podrazik

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Where: AHS - WSOC Ash 49 Rm A213, Call-in Number below

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Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs
Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 10:58:57 AM
Attachments: [RE Follow up question on CFC HHAAAs.msg](#)

Thanks, all!

Sent with cc to Monica. Attached for your reference.

Selina

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From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
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Subject: Re: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs
I think it looks good with Camille's suggestions. Thanks Shawn.
Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2017, at 1:33 PM, Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov> wrote:

I think that the statement as proposed and edited by Camille makes sense. I don't think it's necessary to add more as the points raised for potential inclusion make up the bulk of the letter that Suzanne drafted for us....let's just answer their question and see what they say. Shawn, please do copy us on whatever response you and Selina send. Thanks!
Monica

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Subject: FW: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs

Hi Shawn – Thanks for sending this around. Please note I'm also adding Monica to the communication. Below I have offered a few suggestions, but I'm sure Megan might have others as well. In addition to my rather minor suggestions, I am wondering if there should be any mention about either the lack of other case management providers/options in Vermont for that population and/or that by having the two provider types we are ensuring that consumers have choice of service provider, which is consistent with the philosophy of person-centered services. Hope these help for now.

Camille George, Deputy Commissioner

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Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 5:24:19 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

I think it looks good with Camille's suggestions. Thanks Shawn.

Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2017, at 1:33 PM, Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov> wrote:

I think that the statement as proposed and edited by Camille makes sense. I don't think it's necessary to add more as the points raised for potential inclusion make up the bulk of the letter that Suzanne drafted for us....let's just answer their question and see what they say. Shawn, please do copy us on whatever response you and Selina send. Thanks!
Monica

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To: [Clark, Sarah](#); [O'Connell, Tracy E](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: RE: FY19 Governor's Recommend Budget
Date: Friday, January 26, 2018 10:01:10 AM
Attachments: [Agency of Human Services, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living FY19 Budget Cover Page FINAL .pptx](#)
[FINAL Working Doc SFY19 DAIL BudgetTestimony.pdf](#)
[SFY 2019 Budget Vantage Reports.pdf](#)

Sarah/Tracy,

These are all of DAIL's testimony/Vantage package documents including the one-pager. I just don't know what we're doing with the one-pager exactly – as you are well aware.

Bill

From: Clark, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Gobeille, Al <Al.Gobeille@vermont.gov>; Maksym, Martha <Martha.Maksym@vermont.gov>; Davis, Clarence <Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov>; Morgan, Candace <Candace.Morgan@vermont.gov>; Fisher, Jaime <Jaime.Fisher@vermont.gov>; Mohlman, Mary Kate <MaryKate.Mohlman@vermont.gov>; Dragon, Paul <Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov>; Gustafson, Cory <Cory.Gustafson@vermont.gov>; Costa, Michael <Michael.Costa@vermont.gov>; Collins, Lori <Lori.Collins@vermont.gov>; Berliner, Ashley <Ashley.Berliner@vermont.gov>; Menard, Lisa <Lisa.Menard@vermont.gov>; Touchette, Mike <Mike.Touchette@vermont.gov>; Bailey, Melissa <Melissa.Bailey@vermont.gov>; Fox, Mourning <Mourning.Fox@vermont.gov>; Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Schatz, Ken <Ken.Schatz@vermont.gov>; Brown, Sean P. <Sean.Brown@vermont.gov>; Shea, Karen <Karen.Shea@vermont.gov>; Murphy, Reeva <Reeva.Murphy@vermont.gov>; Vastine, Karen <Karen.Vastine@vermont.gov>; Dalley, Pam <Pam.Dalley@vermont.gov>; Levine, Mark <Mark.Levine@vermont.gov>; Dolan, Tracy <Tracy.Dolan@vermont.gov>; Tanzman, Beth <Beth.Tanzman@vermont.gov>
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Subject: FY19 Governor's Recommend Budget

See below for the link to Finance & Management's web site. It includes links to a variety of budget information including the Executive Budget Summary, Commissioner Greshin's presentation for legislative committees and FY19 Big Bill language.

I've also attached the FY19 AHS ups & downs document that will be shared with the JFO as a PDF document this afternoon. This has been reviewed by your Financial Directors. JFO will provide this information to the House Appropriations Committee for use in the AHS budget testimony starting next week.

For your information, I've also attached the narratives describing the Prevention initiatives.

As you finalize your testimony documents, please share with Tracy and I. As a reminder, Finance & Management is requiring the attached one-pager. I am still waiting on additional testimony guidance.

Finance & Management Web Site:

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Thanks,
Sarah

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From: [McFadden, Clare](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [Gerstenberger, Roy](#)
Subject: RE: input from hearings?
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 4:24:30 PM
Attachments: [Response to Public Comment all comments 1.3.17.docx](#)

Hi Camille- I have created a document in which I have compiled all the comments, both from the hearings and those submitted in writing. I am working on creating a summary of the comments and will be meeting next Tuesday with our DS workgroup who have been involved in the regs and legal to review what our responses will be. We will definitely be making changes, but not sure yet the extent. Attached is the document with all the comments. Do you want to be kept in the loop or weigh in on anything?

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Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Gerstenberger, Roy ; McFadden, Clare ; Parro, Lisa
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Cc: [Perreault, Liz](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: Invitation: June 14 DAIL Advisory Board Meeting
Date: Friday, June 08, 2018 2:20:36 PM
Attachments: [DAIL Advisory Board June 14, 2018.docx](#)

Hi Clare/Andre,

Attached are my thoughts re: talking points for the June 14 DAIL Advisory Board *HCBS Implementation Update* agenda item. As you can see – I can give a broad overview of our status to date and anticipated next steps – but any program specific discussions that would be generated as a result – would need to be handled by you. Please take a look and let me know if you think I should broaden or narrow my focus.

Thank you,

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Great, Shawn, thanks, we'll do our best to work around your schedule. If you have any handouts, can you please get them to Liz Perreault by June 6th?

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Cc: George, Camille <camille.george@vermont.gov>

Hi Megan and Camille... I'm off site and fairly certain I closed it. I know it was giving me troubles yesterday and crashing every time I tried to insert a chart, so I don't know if it thinks it's open. I'll be on site at 10. Sorry, Clayton

On Feb 14, 2017, at 9:04 AM, Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov> wrote:

I just tried and it still says Clayton has the document open. Clayton are you working in it or did it get left open?
Megan

From: George, Camille

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:49 AM

To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Cc: Kelly, Bill <Bill.Kelly@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: legislative document MFP quesitons

Importance: High

Megan – can you please go in and add this information this morning? I'm trying to sort out an issue with DBVI regarding their response. Thanks.

Camille George, Deputy Commissioner

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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:14 PM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Cc: Kelly, Bill <Bill.Kelly@vermont.gov>

Subject: legislative document MFP quesitons

Hi Camille,

It looks like Clayton is in the document right now so I cannot edit it. Here is the revised MFP section if you'd like to copy and paste it in. I left the nursing facility "notes" as is.

Response from Megan Tierney-Ward, Adult Services Division Director:

- **Vermont submitted an MFP sustainability plan in April 2015, as required by CMS. The plan can be found online**
here:http://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/Money_Follows_The_Person_Sustainability_Plan.pdf
- **The April 2015 plan stated that Vermont will engage in efforts to:**
 - *Continue the MFP staffing and demonstration services through calendar year 2020*
 - *Continue MFP transitions through calendar year 2018 with enhanced FMAP for eligible Choices for Care services through calendar year 2019*
 - *Develop a plan to incorporate the work of MFP Transition Coordinators within the current CFC provider network or a new identified CFC service*
 - *Incorporating elements of MFP Transition Funds into the CFC program*
 - *Enhancing the person-centered planning process for all transitions*
 - *Improving Vermont's re-institutional rate*
 - *Expanding housing opportunities including improved access to Adult Family Care*
 - *Requesting Vermont legislative approval to convert 4 limited MFP grant positions into permanent positions.*
- **In 2016, CMS unexpectedly reduced the final award to Vermont from \$13m to \$8m. Because the MFP grant timeline is directly tied to the MFP budget, it is anticipated that the timelines in the original sustainability plan will be shorten by approximately 1 – 1.5 years due to the reduction in funding.**
- **Based on the new budget, new MFP enrollments will end 12/31/17.**
- **The State will receive an MFP enhanced Medicaid match for all CFC home-based services provided to MFP participants who enrolled in calendar year 2017 for up to 365 days after enrollment.**
- **MFP administrative funding is anticipated to continue through June 2019.**
- **The four anticipated positions are required to continue quality management of critical areas such as discharge planning, workforce issues, person-centered planning (per federal HCBS rules) and Adult Family Care monitoring.**

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [Neveu, Lisa](#); [McMann, Angela](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#)
Cc: [Backus, Fna](#); [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [Clark, Bill](#); [Collins, Lori](#)
Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 4:55:01 PM
Attachments: [DVHA DAIL IGA 2-16-2018 .pdf](#)
[Managed Care Compliance Plan 102916.doc](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Hi-

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Hope this helps.

Thanks!

Bard

From: George, Camille
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Lambert, Linda <Linda.Lambert@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Pritchard, Hugh <Hugh.Pritchard@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Hi Linda – Please see our responses, in green, immediately below your questions. We'll be

back in touch with additional responses late next week or early the following week. Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Hi Linda- Thanks for your understanding. I'm out of the office this afternoon, but will follow up with staff tomorrow and will be back in touch.

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Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Pritchard, Hugh <Hugh.Pritchard@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Camille: Thanks for your status update--I appreciate being kept informed like this.

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Linda

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Linda

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 4:28 PM

To: Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>

Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>; Collins, Lori <Lori.Collins@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Hi Lisa/Angela,

Ena has asked me to draft an AHS response to the State Auditor's request below. My understanding

is that the auditor's interest is focused on CFC: Self and Surrogate Managed Services. Before submitting an AHS response, I would like to make sure that my understanding of roles and responsibilities for the items in question are aligned with those of DAIL and DVHA. The specific areas in question are as follows:

- **Program Integrity** (i.e., fraud, waste, and abuse);
- **Utilization Management** – specifically service authorizations; and
- **Claims Management** and/or **Claims Processing**

During the review – Bill C will be viewing my responses from the DVHA perspective - for each of these areas. Who from DAIL can provide the DAIL: CFC perspective?

Thank you,

Shawn

From: Neveu, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:42 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>
Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Angela and I have both been involved. Please keep in mind, the audit has not been completed and we do not have final outcomes or recommendations.

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Quality Outcomes Specialist

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- Senior Helpline: 1-800-642-5119 (for people 60 and older)

- VT Center for Independent Living: 1-800-639-1522 (for people under 60)
- Brain Injury Association of VT: 1-877-856-1772

From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:31 PM

To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela

<Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>; Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>

Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>;

Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Angela McMann or Lisa Neveu may be most familiar.

Bard

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:30 PM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Thanks Bard! I see that Megan is out until Monday, June 18th. Who would be familiar with the audit in her absence?

Shawn

From: Hill, Bard

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:26 PM

To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Yes...Megan has been closely involved.

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:00 PM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: Monitoring procedures

Bard or Megan – are you aware of the audit described below?

Shawn

From: Lambert, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>
Subject: Monitoring procedures

Shawn: I'm doing an audit of the CFC consumer and surrogate-directed services option. Bill Clark told me that you were his contact at AHS. I've been reviewing the various IGAs, including the AHS/DVHA Global Commitment IGA. Page 52 of the AHS/DVHA IGA states:

"On or before December 31, 2017, AHS will implement procedures for monitoring all aspects of the managed care program, including DVHA's performance in at least the following areas:

...

(3) Claims management; ...

(9) Program integrity; ...

(13) Areas related to the delivery of LTSS not otherwise included above;"

Could you please send me documentation that (1) details the monitoring procedures for the three areas in the above quote and (2) provides evidence that the monitoring is being performed in these three areas.

I'm also interested in the results of any monitoring activities pertaining to program integrity or CFC utilization.

Linda Lambert
Director, IT and Performance Audits
Vermont State Auditor's Office

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Clark, Bill](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Subject: RE: One more ...
Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 2:14:20 PM
Attachments: [DVHA DAIL IGA 2-16-2018 .pdf](#)

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Cheers-
Bard

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.
George Bernard Shaw

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From: Clark, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 1:35 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: One more ...

Hi Bard,

Linda is asking about this self-assessment, which I'm not sure we ever completed. Can you shed any light?

Thanks,
Bill

Bill Clark
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(802)879-5958

From: Lambert, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>
Subject: One more ...

Page 2 of the AHS/DVHA IGA states the following:

"DVHA and its IGA partners must conduct a self-assessment of Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) under Choices for Care for adherence to state and federal standards of care to include:

An assessment of existing initiatives designed to improve the delivery of MLTSS, including performance measures or performance improvement projects (PIPs) directed to this population;
and

An examination of processes to identify any potential corrective action steps toward improving the MLTSS system.”

Could you send me a copy of this self-assessment.

Linda

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#)
Subject: RE: Program integrity question - time sensitive: please review
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 4:28:22 PM
Attachments: [DVHA DAIL IGA 2-16-2018 .pdf](#)

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Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Camille: Thanks for your status update--I appreciate being kept informed like this.

[REDACTED]
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Linda

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#); [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: Topics for MTM
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018 1:19:52 PM
Attachments: [AHS Strategic Plan DAIL Objectives Jan 2018.short.docx](#)

Hi-

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Current status of HCBS rules compliance; presented by CFC, DDS, TBI

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cheers

Bard

From: Perreault, Liz
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 1:03 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Cc: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: Topics for MTM

Hi Bard,
Monica wanted me to reach out and see what you thought we should have for topic meetings. Technically we should have had a topic meeting yesterday but, I keep it in my head that it is the last Wednesday of the month...

Thanks for sharing your ideas!

Liz

Liz Perreault

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From: [Hickman, Selina](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [Davis, Clarence](#)
Subject: RE: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission
Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 1:34:22 PM
Attachments: [RE Follow up question on CFC HHAAAAs.msg](#)
[RE Vermont Choices for Care Program Summary and Proposed Planning to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protections.msg](#)
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Hi Camille,

You have the major communications sent to CMS. I've attached two emails and another document that could be helpful:

- Re: Vermont Choices for Care Program Summary and Proposed Panning to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protections: this email shows multiple attempts to gain response from CMS on the CFC conflict of interest exception request. It also highlights what we and they understand; the exception criteria is not a perfect fit for Vermont's situation, as there is more than one available case management agency.
- Re: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs: this email shows CMS confirmation that our follow up response was received.
- Conflict Free Case Management_DA_DMH(03): this document was sent to CMS on 9/22/17 and seeks the conflict free case management exception for mental health programs and services provided through Designated Agencies. This brief is able to show clearly that there is only one willing and qualified case manager for Mental Health HCBS services. No response has been received to this brief.

Finally, CMS indicated to the State of Vermont in conversations that any exception to the conflict free case management requirements described in federal regulations must be enacted through an amendment to our 1115 waiver. At the time, we decided the next opportunity to ask for the exception would be through the SUD amendment process, however, I do not believe that loose end was tied off prior to the SUD amendment approval.

Let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.



From: George, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn ; Davis, Clarence
Cc: Hickman, Selina

Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Thanks for sending this information along, Shawn. Clarence, I'd like to touch base with you about this. At last week's DAIL Advisory Board meeting, Shawn and a couple DAIL staff provided an update on the progress being made in implementing the CMS Home- and Community-Based Services Rules. In the course of the update, the topic of conflict-free case management came up and some present requested to receive a copy of the conflict free case management waiver exemption that the state filed with CMS and related documentation. This is a pretty sensitive topic, with strong opinions on both sides. Before we send anything out to

the DAIL Advisory Board (and in fact, it was 2 staff from the DD Council who are not members of the DAIL Advisory Board, but were in attendance) I'd like to consult and make sure we are on the same page about what we send out. I've cc'd Selina as I know she was very involved in this process and the exemption request and may both be aware of additional documentation and have some helpful advice.

Do you have time to touch base about this within the next week or so?

Also, Shawn, if you can send me the link to the DVHA webpage that contains the additional information about the Comprehensive Quality Strategy and other information related to the HCBS rules, I can include that once we sort out what additional information will be shared.

Thanks.

Camille George, Deputy Commissioner

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From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:47 AM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Cc: Davis, Clarence <Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Hi Camille – as per your request after last week's DAIL Advisory Board Meeting – attached are the following conflict-free case management items:

- Geographic exception request application (pdf: CFC Brief Action Plan – pp. 5 and 6)
- CMS correspondences (Outlook item: Follow Up question on CFC + embedded pdf: Vermont response)

I have copied Clarence because this item as discussed with him and Martha back in April – and I am not sure if any action has been taken since that meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions re: the attached documents.

Best,

Shawn

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To: [George, Camille](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [Davis, Clarence](#)
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Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 1:34:22 PM
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Hi Camille,

You have the major communications sent to CMS. I've attached two emails and another document that could be helpful:

- Re: Vermont Choices for Care Program Summary and Proposed Panning to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protections: this email shows multiple attempts to gain response from CMS on the CFC conflict of interest exception request. It also highlights what we and they understand; the exception criteria is not a perfect fit for Vermont's situation, as there is more than one available case management agency.
- Re: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs: this email shows CMS confirmation that our follow up response was received.
- Conflict Free Case Management_DA_DMH(03): this document was sent to CMS on 9/22/17 and seeks the conflict free case management exception for mental health programs and services provided through Designated Agencies. This brief is able to show clearly that there is only one willing and qualified case manager for Mental Health HCBS services. No response has been received to this brief.

Finally, CMS indicated to the State of Vermont in conversations that any exception to the conflict free case management requirements described in federal regulations must be enacted through an amendment to our 1115 waiver. At the time, we decided the next opportunity to ask for the exception would be through the SUD amendment process, however, I do not believe that loose end was tied off prior to the SUD amendment approval.

Let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.



From: George, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn ; Davis, Clarence
Cc: Hickman, Selina

Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Thanks for sending this information along, Shawn. Clarence, I'd like to touch base with you about this. At last week's DAIL Advisory Board meeting, Shawn and a couple DAIL staff provided an update on the progress being made in implementing the CMS Home- and Community-Based Services Rules. In the course of the update, the topic of conflict-free case management came up and some present requested to receive a copy of the conflict free case management waiver exemption that the state filed with CMS and related documentation. This is a pretty sensitive topic, with strong opinions on both sides. Before we send anything out to

the DAIL Advisory Board (and in fact, it was 2 staff from the DD Council who are not members of the DAIL Advisory Board, but were in attendance) I'd like to consult and make sure we are on the same page about what we send out. I've cc'd Selina as I know she was very involved in this process and the exemption request and may both be aware of additional documentation and have some helpful advice.

Do you have time to touch base about this within the next week or so?

Also, Shawn, if you can send me the link to the DVHA webpage that contains the additional information about the Comprehensive Quality Strategy and other information related to the HCBS rules, I can include that once we sort out what additional information will be shared.

Thanks.

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From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:47 AM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Cc: Davis, Clarence <Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Hi Camille – as per your request after last week's DAIL Advisory Board Meeting – attached are the following conflict-free case management items:

- Geographic exception request application (pdf: CFC Brief Action Plan – pp. 5 and 6)
- CMS correspondences (Outlook item: Follow Up question on CFC + embedded pdf: Vermont response)

I have copied Clarence because this item as discussed with him and Martha back in April – and I am not sure if any action has been taken since that meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions re: the attached documents.

Best,

Shawn

From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#)
Subject: Reminder: Invite staff to go over A3 form at MTM
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 2:35:05 PM
Attachments: [A3 StrategicPlanning.pptx](#)
[Agenda_011718.docx](#)
[AHS Strategic Plan DAIL Objectives Jan 2018.short.docx](#)
[DAIL APM ACO opportunities brainstorm Jan 2018.docx](#)
Importance: High

From: Perreault, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 1:55 PM
To: AHS - DAIL Management Team <AHS.DAILManagementTeam@vermont.gov>; Dragon, Paul <Paul.Dragon@vermont.gov>; Roessle, Dru <Dru.Roessle@vermont.gov>
Subject: DAIL Management Team Meeting 1/17

Hi Folks,

Just a reminder, we will be meeting in Cherry C this week so we can fit everyone in and use the smartboard for the A3 form.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you will need to call in.

Thank you!

Liz

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Gerstenberger, Roy](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Cc: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: Request: May DAIL Advisory Board
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:25:51 PM

Hi -

Roy and Megan - would you be available to give an update on our work (what has happened to date, current state, next steps) on the HCBS rules at the May 11 DAIL Advisory Board meeting? Megan, I assume still no word from CMS re: case management? That's likely to come up as well. How much time would you need for that?

[REDACTED]

Thanks

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [Schurr, Stuart](#)
Cc: [Kelly, Bill](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: Response re auditor questions (CFC/ARIS, and beyond)
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Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Hi Bill, Lisa, and Angela,

[REDACTED]

Shawn

[REDACTED]

Cheers
Bard

From: Hill, Bard
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Hi-

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Hope this helps.
Thanks!
Bard

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Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Hi Linda - Please see our responses, in green, immediately below your questions. We'll be back in touch with additional responses late next week or early the following week. Thank you.

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Hi Linda- Thanks for your understanding. I'm out of the office this afternoon, but will follow up with staff tomorrow and will be back in touch.

From: Lambert, Linda
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Camille: Thanks for your status update--I appreciate being kept informed like this.

[REDACTED] However, could you answer this part of my original email sooner since this addresses what you do rather than how the IGAs and compliance plan should be interpreted:

- Has DAIL established a program/organization that is responsible for conducting reviews, audits and investigations related to fraud and abuse for the consumer and surrogate-directed services option (please provide supporting documentation if such a program/organization exists)?

Incidents related to suspected Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse are reported by DAIL staff to the DVHA Program Integrity Unit and/or to the Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit (MFRAU). These are the designated state offices responsible for these types of investigations. Links to those reporting mechanisms can be found on the ASD web page called "Report a Concern". This protocol is consistent with section 2.7 of the DVHA DAIL Intra-Governmental Agreement (IGA).

- Also, does DAIL have an MOU w/the MFRAU that lays out DAIL's and the MFRAU's responsibilities under 42 CFR 455 (e.g., DVHA's PIU has such an MOU)?

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Linda

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Subject: RE: Program integrity question

[REDACTED] We do understand the importance of responding as promptly as possible. Thank you in advance for your patience and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

From: Lambert, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:01 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
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Linda

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Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>
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Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Hi Lisa/Angela,

Ena has asked me to draft an AHS response to the State Auditor's request below. My understanding is that the auditor's interest is focused on CFC: Self and Surrogate Managed Services. Before submitting an AHS response, I would like to make sure that my understanding of roles and responsibilities for the items in question are aligned with those of DAIL and DVHA. The specific areas in question are as follows:

- Program Integrity (i.e., fraud, waste, and abuse);
- Utilization Management – specifically service authorizations; and
- Claims Management and/or Claims Processing

During the review – Bill C will be viewing my responses from the DVHA perspective - for each of these areas. Who from DAIL can provide the DAIL's CFC perspective?

Thank you,

Shawn

From: Neveu, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:42 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>
Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Angela and I have both been involved. Please keep in mind, the audit has not been completed and we do not have final outcomes or recommendations.

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- Brain Injury Association of VT: 1-877-856-1772

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>; Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>
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Angela McMann or Lisa Neveu may be most familiar.
Bard

From: Skaflestad, Shawn
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:30 PM

To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>
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Thanks Bard! I see that Megan is out until Monday, June 18th. Who would be familiar with the audit in her absence?

Shawn

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
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Yes...Megan has been closely involved.

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To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
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Subject: FW: Monitoring procedures

Bard or Megan – are you aware of the audit described below?

Shawn

From: Lambert, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>
Subject: Monitoring procedures

Shawn: I'm doing an audit of the CFC consumer and surrogate-directed services option. Bill Clark told me that you were his contact at AHS. I've been reviewing the various IGAs, including the AHS/DVHA Global Commitment IGA. Page 52 of the AHS/DVHA IGA states:

"On or before December 31, 2017, AHS will implement procedures for monitoring all aspects of the managed care program, including DVHA's performance in at least the following areas: ...

(3) Claims management; ...

(9) Program integrity; ...

(13) Areas related to the delivery of LTSS not otherwise included above;"

Could you please send me documentation that (1) details the monitoring procedures for the three areas in the above quote and (2) provides evidence that the monitoring is being performed in these three areas.

I'm also interested in the results of any monitoring activities pertaining to program integrity or CFC utilization.

Linda Lambert
Director, IT and Performance Audits
Vermont State Auditor's Office

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To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Agree with Bard. Let's get a meeting set for next week with Stuart- he will need time to research this first. I won't be here but Camille can lead it.

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From: Tierney-Ward, Megan

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 11:47 AM

To: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard
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For reference, here is the related question she asked me: "Megan: Section 3.4 of the current (3/1/18) DVHA/DAIL IGA states "the process for developing, implementing, and monitoring adherence to individual plans must be in writing ..." (underline added). I'd like to make sure we have the documents that consist of the written process that comply with this requirement (particularly the monitoring aspect). Please send me the documents (or just list them and we can check whether we already have them) that DAIL uses to comply with this requirement for CFC consumer and surrogate-directed services."

And here was my answer: "Hi Linda. I believe we have talked about this topic in one of our past meetings. We do not currently have a process in which we consistently compare the SAMS plans to the MMIS claims at the individual level, like Hugh has been doing for the audit. We monitor globally through our business office who compares the SAMS "planned" amounts to the Medicaid payments to date and generates monthly report. I've attached a copy of the most recent one, which you can see is a "working document". This document is shared with a management group consisting of DAIL, Division of Rate Setting, Division of Licensing and Protection and Adult Services Division that meets monthly and discusses any abnormalities that may be happening. We review SAMS/MMIS claims samples as requested for specific reasons, such as by request of DVHA program integrity. For example, we did this a couple of months ago to evaluate the overlapping nursing facility claims. The results of that review were given to DVHA who instructed DXC to recoup a list of identified claims. Bard or Bill do you have anything to add?"

Megan

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Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:18 AM

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Subject: Re: Program integrity question

[REDACTED]
Make sense?

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2018, at 8:12 AM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:
Hi Bard and Megan - can you two please draft a response?

[REDACTED]
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Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:01 AM

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[REDACTED]

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- Utilization Management – specifically service authorizations; and
- Claims Management and/or Claims Processing

During the review – Bill C will be viewing my responses from the DVHA perspective - for each of these areas. Who from DAIL can provide the DAIL: CFC perspective?

Thank you,

Shawn

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Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:42 AM

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Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Angela and I have both been involved. Please keep in mind, the audit has not been completed and we do not have final outcomes or recommendations.

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Bard or Megan – are you aware of the audit described below?

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Make sense?

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

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Attachments: DVHA DAIL IGA 2-16-2018 .pdf
Managed Care Compliance Plan 102916.docx
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Make sense?

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks! While the current state auditor focus is CFC paid via ARIS, I think the scope of these Medicaid requirements may include all of Medicaid- for us:

ASP

CFC (all settings/providers- HCBS, ERC, NF?) DDS HCBS, ICF, FMR High Tech TBI

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Could you send me a copy of this self-assessment.

Linda

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Hi Bill, Lisa, and Angela,

[REDACTED]

Shawn

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ASP

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Cheers

Bard

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Hi Lisa/Angela,

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- Utilization Management – specifically service authorizations; and
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During the review – Bill C will be viewing my responses from the DVHA perspective - for each of these areas. Who from DAIL can provide the DAIL: CFC perspective?

Thank you,

Shawn

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Angela and I have both been involved. Please keep in mind, the audit has not been completed and we do not have final outcomes or recommendations.

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Linda

Hi Bill, Lisa, and Angela,

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Thanks!

Bard

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Lambert, Linda <Linda.Lambert@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Cc: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Pritchard, Hugh <Hugh.Pritchard@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Hi Linda - Please see our responses, in green, immediately below your questions. We'll be back in touch with additional responses late next week or early the following week. Thank you.

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Hi Linda- Thanks for your understanding. I'm out of the office this afternoon, but will follow up with staff tomorrow and will be back in touch.

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Camille: Thanks for your status update--I appreciate being kept informed like this.

[REDACTED] However, could you answer this part of my original email sooner since this addresses what you do rather than how the IGAs and compliance plan should be interpreted:

- Has DAIL established a program/organization that is responsible for conducting reviews, audits and investigations related to fraud and abuse for the consumer and surrogate-directed services option (please provide supporting documentation if such a program/organization exists)?

Incidents related to suspected Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse are reported by DAIL staff to the DVHA Program Integrity Unit and/or to the Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit (MFRAU). These are the designated state offices responsible for these types of investigations. Links to those reporting mechanisms can be found on the ASD web page called "Report a Concern". This protocol is consistent with section 2.7 of the DVHA DAIL Intra-Governmental Agreement (IGA).

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Linda

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Subject: RE: Program integrity question

Hi Linda - I am writing to update you that before we respond to your questions, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We do understand the importance of responding as promptly as possible. Thank you in advance for your patience and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Neveu, Lisa <Lisa.Neveu@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>
Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Clark, Bill <Bill.Clark@vermont.gov>; Collins, Lori <Lori.Collins@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Hi Lisa/Angela,

Ena has asked me to draft an AHS response to the State Auditor's request below. My understanding is that the auditor's interest is focused on CFC: Self and Surrogate Managed Services. Before submitting an AHS response, I would like to make sure that my understanding of roles and responsibilities for the items in question are aligned with those of DAIL and DVHA. The specific areas in question are as follows:

- Program Integrity (i.e., fraud, waste, and abuse);
- Utilization Management – specifically service authorizations; and
- Claims Management and/or Claims Processing

During the review – Bill C will be viewing my responses from the DVHA perspective – for each of these areas. Who from DAIL can provide the DAIL: CFC perspective?

Thank you,

Shawn

From: Neveu, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:42 AM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>
Cc: Backus, Ena <Ena.Backus@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Monitoring procedures

Angela and I have both been involved. Please keep in mind, the audit has not been completed and we do not have final outcomes or recommendations.

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- Brain Injury Association of VT: 1-877-856-1772

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Angela McMann or Lisa Neveu may be most familiar,
Bard

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Thanks Bard! I see that Megan is out until Monday, June 18th. Who would be familiar with the audit in her absence?

Shawn

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Yes...Megan has been closely involved.

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Bard or Megan – are you aware of the audit described below?

Shawn

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>
Subject: Monitoring procedures

Shawn: I'm doing an audit of the CFC consumer and surrogate-directed services option. Bill Clark told me that you were his contact at AHS. I've been reviewing the various IGAs, including the AHS/DVHA Global Commitment IGA. Page 52 of the AHS/DVHA IGA states:

"On or before December 31, 2017, AHS will implement procedures for monitoring all aspects of the managed care program, including DVHA's performance in at least the following areas: ...
(3) Claims management; ...
(9) Program integrity; ...
(13) Areas related to the delivery of LTSS not otherwise included above;"

Could you please send me documentation that (1) details the monitoring procedures for the three areas in the above quote and (2) provides evidence that the monitoring is being performed in these three areas.

I'm also interested in the results of any monitoring activities pertaining to program integrity or CFC utilization.

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And here was my answer: "Hi Linda. I believe we have talked about this topic in one of our past meetings. We do not currently have a process in which we consistently compare the SAMS plans to the MMIS claims at the individual level, like Hugh has been doing for the audit. We monitor globally through our business office who compares the SAMS "planned" amounts to the Medicaid payments to date and generates monthly report. I've attached a copy of the most recent one, which you can see is a "working document". This document is shared with a management group consisting of DAIL, Division of Rate Setting, Division of Licensing and Protection and Adult Services Division that meets monthly and discusses any abnormalities that may be happening. We review SAMS/MMIS claims samples as requested for specific reasons, such as by request of DVHA program integrity. For example, we did this a couple of months ago to evaluate the overlapping nursing facility claims. The results of that review were given to DVHA who instructed DXC to recoup a list of identified claims. Bard or Bill do you have anything to add?"

Megan

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Subject: Re: Program integrity question

Hi

I think this has implications that are bigger than cd/sd and bigger than CFC, although the current topic is CFC cd/sd. [REDACTED]

Make sense?

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2018, at 8:12 AM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:
Hi Bard and Megan - can you two please draft a response?

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:01 AM

Subject: Program integrity question

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Linda

From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
To: Pritchard, Hugh; Lambert, Linda
Cc: Hutt, Monica; George, Camille; Schurr, Stuart
Subject: Response to ARIS Claims Samples [secure]
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:49:21 PM
Attachments: [DAIL Responses 3.13.18.docx](#)
[PBR CompRespite Cap Edit Change.pdf](#)
[PBR Overtime Rate Change.pdf](#)
[#3-5 T301 for DAIL.xlsx](#)
[#6 T351 R&C 720 All Agencies for DAIL.xlsx](#)
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[FW Rates.msg](#)

Good afternoon Hugh and Linda,

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Megan

Megan Tierney-Ward

Adult Services Division Director

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NOTE: If you need immediate assistance and are unable to reach me, please contact Colleen Bedard at colleen.bedard@vermont.gov. Thank you.

From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Diane Lanpher](#)
Cc: tutton@leg.state.vt.us; [Hutt, Monica](#); [Kelly, Bill](#)
Subject: Responses to additional questions re: DAIL budget
Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:42:00 AM
Attachments: [Rep.Lanpher Response 02.24.17.pdf](#)

Good morning, Representative Lanpher:

Attached please find the responses to the additional questions that you sent to Commissioner Hutt. Between this memo and the one sent on February 15, we believe we have covered all of your questions to date, but please be in touch if you have additional questions or would like more information. Thank you.

From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#); [Roth, Amy](#)
Subject: Revised EVV document
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 8:51:17 AM
Attachments: [Personal Care-EVV Req. AHS Services.02052018v3.docx](#)

Hi-

V3 of the EVV document, draft for discussion today. This is relevant to ASD and DDSD.
Not to be confused with the A3. Or WD40. Or 7up.

Cheers-
Bard

“The best way to get a good idea is to get a lot of ideas.”
Donald Berwick

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Subject: September 14 DAIL Advisory Board Meeting - 10:00-2:30
Date: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:34:05 PM
Attachments: [Act 186 Outcome 7 Vermonts elders live with dignity in settings they prefer .for 09142017.pdf](#)
[Act 186 Outcome 8 Vermonters with disabilities live with dignity and in settings they prefer.for 09.14.2017.pdf](#)
[Act 186 Scorecard DAIL outcome indicators \(full revised draft 2017\).EXPANDED.pdf](#)
[Agenda 091417.pdf](#)
[DAIL Advisory Board v.5 Appendix final.pptx](#)
[DAIL Advisory Board v.5 Final.pptx](#)
[Disability and Health Grant YR2 Briefing.pdf](#)
[Long-Term Ombudsman Poster 2017.pdf](#)
[071317 Draft Minutes.cq.pdf](#)

~ On behalf of Camille George~

Hello, DAIL Advisory Board Members:

We hope you had a good month of August off and are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on September 14th. Following up on some of our recent meetings and discussions about future agenda items, we have a very full agenda planned for September. I appreciate the willingness of so many of you who are willing to stay a bit late this month so that we can fit everything in that we need to this month. Below are some brief descriptions for some of our agenda items:

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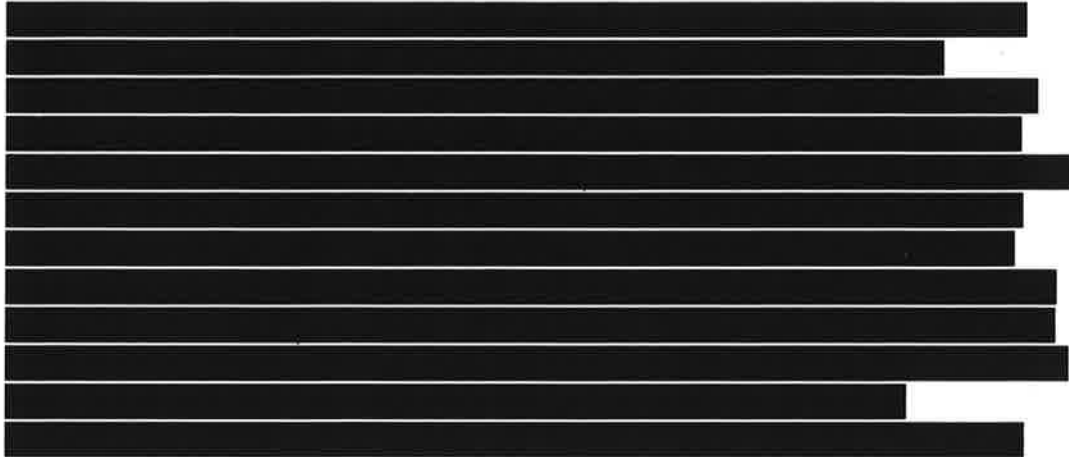
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4. **State Long Term Care Ombudsman:** Many of you will remember that each year the State Long Term Care Ombudsman submits an annual report to the legislature and as part of that report, is required to submit an assessment of the programs ability to operate free from conflict of interest as an appendix to that report. Over the past year, the Vermont Ombudsman Project and DAIL have been working collaboratively to implement new Federal Regulations for ombudsman programs, including conflict of interest. Per state statute, the DAIL Commissioner is required to establish a committee who represent the interests of individuals receiving long-term care for the purpose of ensuring that the Ombudsman program is free from conflicts of interests. Congratulations, DAIL Advisory Board, that committee is YOU! Last year, a small subcommittee of the Advisory Board worked with the State Ombudsman to review conflict of interest in detail, particularly in light of the new Federal Regulations and the need to revise the Ombudsman program policies to come into compliance. At that time, because the work was still on-going related to implementing the regulations and revising the policies, the board requested that a similar subcommittee be formed this year to last year's be convened to work with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman again and then report back to the full Advisory Board. So, State Long Term Care Ombudsman Sean Londergan will be talking a bit more about the program, this charge and requesting volunteers to be part of the subcommittee. Angela Smith-Dieng has been the DAIL lead working with the Ombudsman Program most recently so she will be joining as a resource. So, please be thinking about your interest and ability to serve on this subcommittee.

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I know that this is a lot of content for us to get through during our meeting. I hope this additional information and advance handouts will help you prepare. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

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“Life’s too short not to go barefoot.”

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Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 1:56:00 PM
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Phew!

From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#)
Subject: So Sorry, correct agenda and handouts for 2/21 MTM
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:50:27 PM
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I'm sorry, I removed the wrong thing...this should be correct now. Thanks for your patience.

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~Rabindranath Tagore

From: Smith-Dieng, Angela
To: Hutt, Monica; George, Camille; Tierney-Ward, Megan; Hill, Bard
Subject: SPA draft for your review
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:39:48 PM
Attachments: 2018 02 13 DRAFT SPA.docx

Hi everyone,

Attached is what we have so far as our draft State Plan on Aging for 2019-2022. A first draft is due to Rhonda at ACL on March 1st (same day as NAPIS variance explanations!). She has said it doesn't have to be perfect – just send what we've got so far so they can get a sense of where we're at and if we're including all the required components. I imagine there will be a few drafts back and forth with ACL. Rhonda also went through the ACL SPA instructions with me to make sure I was including key components AND she reiterated that we should try to make it not too long, and keep it manageable and measurable.

I am most interested in your feedback on pages 5-19, the narrative context and then the goals/objectives/strategies section. The goals section has been through multiple reviews by the SUA team, the AAA directors, and others since December and continues to be a work in progress. The narrative has only been reviewed so far by the SUA team. As a reminder, whatever we put in the goals section we are then accountable to report progress on to ACL, so if there are things we want to mention but don't necessarily want to have a specific objective about, let's see if we can weave them into the narrative rather than the goals. For example, I'm realizing there isn't really anything in there right now about work around CFC or nursing homes; maybe doesn't need to be in specific goals but perhaps in the narrative.

Bard, note that I am also hoping for your help, along with Jordan's, for the IFF section on page 22. I'm not sure how much we'll be able to do in this initial draft or what might need to wait for our usual IFF timeline in March...?

If you're able to send feedback in the next week (by 2/20) that would be ideal. If that's not possible, we can aim for later next week.

Thanks so much,
Angela

Angela Smith-Dieng

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Cc: [Hill, Bard](#); [Goodwin, Jordan](#); [Woodruff, Mary](#); [Smith, Tiffany](#); [Gurney, Charles](#)
Subject: SPA Draft Updated
Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 4:33:47 PM
Attachments: [2018 03 22 Draft State Plan on Aging for Public Comment.pdf](#)

Hi Monica and all,

Attached is a revised SPA draft. I've made a few changes/updates:

1. I added an executive summary.
2. I added in information about the caregiver needs assessment results in the narrative following the older Vermonters needs assessment.
3. I added in the IFF info – though we still need to tweak the timing tables based on the AAA feedback at their last meeting (Bard, Jordan and I are meeting 3/28)
4. I slightly revised Objective 1.3 by deleting “regional planning commissions” and I added “explore re CFC” to objective 2.4 re family caregiver assessments.

Once you've approved and we update the IFF section, I think it will be ready to go online for public comment.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Angela

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Subject: ST J CFC MNG Pilot Project.docx
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:42:26 PM
Attachments: [ST J CFC MNG Pilot Project.docx](#)

Hi-

I created this draft attachment as a foundation for internal DAIL/DVHA discussions of feasibility.

Think it's helpful?

Cheers

Bard

"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just."

Abraham Lincoln

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Subject: State Interagency Team System of Care Plan for 2018
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018 4:55:35 PM
Attachments: [SIT System of Care Plan 2018.pdf](#)

Please find attached the ***System of Care Plan*** that was developed by the State Interagency Team (SIT). **Feel free to forward to others. The plan can also be found on the IFS website at: <http://ifs.vermont.gov/docs/sit>**

This report is a statutory requirement of Act 264 – the law passed in 1988 and was then expanded in 2005 with an Interagency Agreement between the Agency of Education (AOE) and the Agency of Human Services (AHS). Act 264 requires that SIT *submit an annual report to the commissioners of developmental and mental health services, social and rehabilitation services and education on the status of programs for children and adolescents with a severe emotional disturbance which shall include a system of care plan. The system of care plan shall identify the characteristics and number of children and adolescents with a severe emotional disturbance in need of services, describe the educational, residential, mental health or other services needed, describe the programs and resources currently available, recommend a plan to meet the needs of such children and adolescents, and recommend priorities for the continuation or development of programs and resources.* Despite the statutory mandate, it is unclear when the last report was written (it's been over a decade at least).

This report brings together what SIT members have consistently heard expressed in communities, what its members know regarding best practice with families, and what the data are telling us about resources, gaps, and issues in the system that the most vulnerable families face every day as they try to navigate our service system. SIT also wanted to use this report to highlight the interdisciplinary work occurring at AHS and AOE.

The following recommendations from SIT are detailed in this report.

1. Support statewide integration of services through reinvigorating and resourcing Act 264 statutory mandates.
2. Focus on the number of children and youth in residential placements. A "Turn the Curve Initiative" began in June 2015 to look at increasing trend of not only more children and youth being placed in residential settings, but also the increased occurrence of very young children (4 and 5 years old) being placed in residential facilities. The goal of the Turn the Curve work is to: Increase the number of youth who are in family settings and increase family engagement for youth who are placed in residential care towards improving caregiver readiness.
3. Support payment reform efforts that move the System of Care away from fee-for-service and toward accountability focused on performance outcomes.
4. Support funding for family and youth partnership to be a shared responsibility of all AHS departments.

5. Increase collaboration with early childhood service providers and community supports due to trend of high rate of young children being placed into DCF custody and the fact that education begins for children in Vermont at age three.

Please feel free to ask questions or offer suggestions,
Cheryle

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Subject: Summary of agency submissions on DS Tracking Spreadsheets
Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:56:35 PM
Attachments: [Page 1 Column B Summary Responses 3.21.xlsx](#)
[Page 2 summary of responses 3.21.xlsx](#)

Good afternoon,

For our meeting tomorrow morning, I have attached the summarized info on the DS Tracking Spreadsheets. A final determination on whether some activities included in Column B are allowable or not hasn't been made on all. Some agencies responded with activities not currently under the definition but they felt should be.

I also attached a list of the agency responses in the second page of the spreadsheet. These responses are slightly more difficult to categorize because agencies appear to have blended 2 different categories of services: 1.) activities the agency billed for, but couldn't report to the MSR 2.) activities not currently funded, but which the agency has to do, such as approving timesheets, developing trainings, checking background checks etc. for which there is no cost center. Also, agencies appear to be using the terms "billable" and "reportable" interchangeably.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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To: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Lane, Sara](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: The Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) Validity Study (NY)
Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:16:44 PM
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This is kind of interesting...note the highlight below:

In 2011, the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) engaged stakeholders in the process of identifying the elements necessary to support a systemic change from fee for service to a managed care service delivery system. Such a change would allow for better coordination of care and provision of supports to the people that OPWDD serves. One area of focus for stakeholders was the review and identification of a needs assessment instrument that would best align with a person-centered service delivery system.

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After extensive research and stakeholder engagement effort, OPWDD chose the interRAI Intellectual Disability (ID) assessment instrument. This instrument was selected for two main reasons. First, the instrument met all of the criteria identified by stakeholders that were deemed relevant to the assessment of a person's needs. Secondly, the instrument met the necessary rigor in the person-centered administration process.

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The selection of the interRAI ID instrument and subsequent development of the CAS aligns with the use of interRAI assessment instruments by other New York State agencies (the Department of Health and the Office of Mental Health) providing supports for people in need of care for more than 120 days, which is also defined as people in need of long-term services and supports (LTSS). Since all interRAI assessment instruments contain a common core data set, the use of the interRAI assessments across service systems allowed New York State to adopt a core standardized assessment for all people in need of LTSS. The use of a core standardized assessment will allow New York State, for the first time, to have the ability to evaluate and compare the needs of people receiving LTSS across different service systems (e.g., DOH, OPWDD, OMH). This will help to break down the silos between systems providing LTSS in New York State. The development of a core standardized assessment for people with LTSS needs was also a requirement for states utilizing Federal Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) funding for Medicaid redesign allocated under the Affordable Care Act.

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To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Topic Meeting for 4/25
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:19:44 PM
Attachments: [Management Team Topic Ideas.docx](#)

Hello ladies,

I have noticed the end of the month is sneaking up on us....again. Next week is supposed to be our topic meeting with management team. I have attached a list that has been created so far of ideas for deep dive. Please let me know what you think we should do or if you have more to add to the list. If you do, just add in a different color and I will update the master list.

Thank you!

Liz

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Subject: Updated Agenda for tomorrow Management Team Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:09:14 PM
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[The Vermont Leadership Institute Internal Questions.docx](#)

Hi folks,

Some changes and additional handouts. I've resent everything. See you all in the A.M!

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Subject: Updated and one more handout for the Advisory Board Meeting 2/9/17
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Attachments: SFY18 DAIL BudgetTestimony v.FINAL.pdf
Summary of Comments Rules Implementing the DD Act.pdf

Good Afternoon All:

Attached you will find a updated copy of the Budget Testimony and a Summary of Comments to be presented by Roy Gersternberger, Director of DDSD.

Thank you and look forward to meeting everyone on Thursday.

Have a good evening.

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Good morning!

Attached is the agenda and handouts for the upcoming management team meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

~Lewis Grizzard

From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: HCBS Rules and other coordination meeting request
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 10:23:48 AM

Hi Liz- can you please schedule 45 Mina for Bard, Clare, Monica H and me to discuss the above topic? Thanks

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
Cc: [Perreault, Liz](#); [Courcelle, Andre](#); [McFadden, Clare](#)
Subject: Invitation: June 14 DAIL Advisory Board Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018 2:56:00 PM

Hi Shawn – I'm writing to see if you are available to join Andre Courcelle (Adult Services Division) and Clare McFadden (Developmental Disabilities Services Division) to provide an update on Vermont's implementation of the CMS HCBS rules at our June 14 DAIL Advisory Board meeting. I'd like for the advisory board to have an update on where we stand with the CMS HCBS rules implementation - status of transition plan and CMS approval and our implementation work including any news on Conflict Free CM, any settings issues, including those that have been identified for heightened scrutiny and next steps? We'll probably only have ½ hour or so to do this update. The DAIL Advisory Board meets here in the Cherry conference room. We're still ironing out the details, but we're probably looking to have this on the agenda sometime between 11:30 - 2 based on Clare and Andre's availability. If there are any handouts or if you have any AV needs, Liz Perreault would need to have them by June 6 as we send materials out at least one week in advance of each meeting. Thanks for considering this request and hope you can make it!

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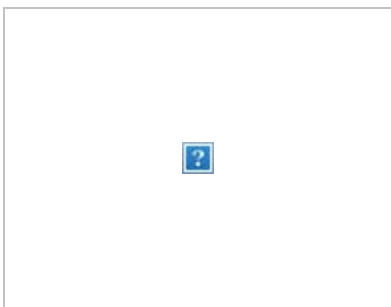
Also, Robert, I just wanted you to know that I am following up on some of the information that

was requested at the June meeting about the 3 residential care homes that are closing and where they stand. I had some information, but it is now dated so I've asked staff to update me. And, there was a request for documents related to the Conflict Free Case Management Discussion. This is a bit more complicated because none of the communication went directly from DAIL to CMS. So, our General Counsel is working with the Attorney General for AHS to identify documents and sort out what is responsive to this request. So, if we have not already sent this information out about both of these topics before the meeting, I can provide an update on the status.

Thanks.

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Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Letter of Support RE: Follow up from our Congressional/DAIL Call
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 11:26:29 AM
Attachments: [Request Letter of Support 3.15.2018.pdf](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your offers to support the Department's application for the [TBI State Partnership Grant](#) opportunity through the Administration on Community Living. This opportunity has the potential to provide up to \$150,000 per year to the State of Vermont to support TBI services. The attached letter describes DAIL's vision for the grant and our partners in this effort. We are asking that letters of support be submitted **no later than March 28, 2018** to our TBI Program lead Sara Lane, BSN, RN at sara.lane@vermont.gov. Letters may be addressed to:

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Thank you so much for your support!

Best,

Megan Tierney-Ward
Adult Services Division Director

November is National Family Caregiver Month. Over 64,000 Vermonters are family caregivers, providing countless hours of unpaid but essential care to loved ones young and old. Find out more about what it's like to be [Caregiving Around the Clock](#). If you are a caregiver of an older Vermonter, contact the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 to learn more about family caregiver training, counseling, peer support, and respite options in your community, and check out these [10 Tips for Family Caregivers](#).

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Subject: Follow up from our Congressional/DAIL Call

Hello all,

It was nice to talk with all of you today. I spoke with Diane Dalmasse and we had a calendar malfunction which removed our call from her schedule. In any case, she assured me that Hugh Bradshaw would be visiting DC in the next few weeks and will plan to update you on the VR issues from our agenda today.

In discussing our question about the HCBS rules, we referenced some letters that have been circulating which call into question the interpretation of the HCBS standards and imply a review and loosening of those same standards. There has been at least one other that I have seen. Please do let us know if you hear anything about this or have any insight into changes coming down the pike.

Thanks, Monica

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Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 2:42:12 PM
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Maryland is interested in finding out which states use the SIS for LOC determinations and seeking information, documents, and/or links to related materials.

Please provide a response to the following questions:

- 1) Does your state use the SIS?
- 2) If so, does your state use the results of the SIS as part of determining Level of Care (LOC) determinations for ICF/IID eligibility for HCBS programs?
- 3) If your state uses the SIS, do you also use additional assessment tools to augment information gained from the SIS?
- 4) If so, what additional tools do you use?
- 5) Finally, please provide copies or links to relevant policies, procedures, regulations and/or rules related to the LOC determination methodology and process.

Please forward your response directly to our consultant, Laura Nuss, at lnussgroup@gmail.com.

We appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Workman

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From: [Perreault, Liz](#)
To: [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#)
Subject: Management Team Topic Meeting - Need your input
Date: Friday, February 09, 2018 2:48:09 PM

Hi,

We never decided what to have as our next topic meeting. Would you please look at the ideas and see if any of them seem good to do on 2/28? If you have other ideas, please include those too.

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Current status of HCBS rules compliance; presented by CFC, DDS, TBI

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Thank you for your input!

Liz

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#); [Hill, Bard](#)
Subject: May DAIL Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:07:00 PM

Hi –

Am trying to put together the agenda for the May DAIL Advisory Board and am looking for ideas. We had planned on a couple of items, but they are not yet ready for prime time and will be covered in June/July.

So far, I have

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Roy and Stuart – Update on status of DS SOCP and Regs (again, probably ½ hour max)

Roy and message from Megan re: CMHS HCBS rules

Any thoughts?

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: Message to go out with DAIL Advisory Board materials
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:49:00 PM
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Hi Liz – here is the message that would go out from me in the e-mail when we send materials to the DAIL Advisory Board. You would put this after any intro you have:



Happy May, DAIL Advisory Board Members!

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Quick Update on the CMS HCBS Rules: This is another topic that we have discussed with you before, but not for a while. Although we are still waiting to see if there may be any changes related to these rules at the federal level, the Developmental Disabilities Services Division and Adult Services Division (ASD) have been forging ahead with the steps needed to assess our current system of care and to identify any changes we might need to make to come into compliance with the rules. Megan Tierney-Ward from ASD cannot attend, but between Roy and me we can hopefully catch you up on the status.

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From: George, Camille
To: [Gerstenberger, Roy](#)
Cc: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: More about DAIL Advisory Board
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:20:29 AM

Roy, the other item we are needing from you is an update on DAIL's work in implementing the CMS HCBS rules, just wanted to remind you of that. Thanks!

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HIGHLIGHTS:

1. **AHCA Vote Could Come Next Week**
2. **CCD Letter to Congress Opposes Amended AHCA**
3. **Florida Among First States to Request Flexibilities from New HHS Leadership**
4. **House Passes Regulatory Accountability Act; Senate Version Introduced**
5. **Legislation Would Expand Right to Community Integration**
6. **GAO Includes Medicaid Recommendations in Report on Government Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication**
7. **Langevin Dear Colleague Letter Calls for DD Act Funding**
8. **House Members Sign Letter Supporting Lifespan Respite Care Programs**

AHCA Vote Could Come Next Week

House Republicans may attempt a floor vote on the American Health Care Act (AHCA) as early as next week, after Paul Ryan abruptly pulled the bill before it could be voted on last month due to a lack of support. The revived push for a floor vote was spurred by the approval by the 30-plus members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus of amendments to the legislation that would allow states the option to waive Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) requirements for insurers in their exchanges. The amendments, developed by members of the Freedom Caucus in collaboration with Representative Tom McArthur (R-NJ), a co-chair of the moderate Tuesday Group. The amendments would permit states to seek waivers of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)-mandated EHBs and the ACA's limits on agebanding of premiums for older insureds. The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) would be required to approve such a waiver within 60 days if the state would need only asserted that the waiver would reduce average premiums, increase enrollment, stabilize the market for health insurance coverage, stabilize premiums for individuals with pre-existing conditions, or increase the choice of health plans. States that requested these waivers would be required to put in place protections to minimize cost increases for those with pre-existing conditions, such as high risk pools. House Whip counts indicated on April 27 that there were at least 15 votes—but as many as 35—opposed to passage. However, even with House passage, the consensus of Hill pundits is that the Senate is highly unlikely to pass the bill in its current form.

CCD Letter to Congress Opposes Amended AHCA

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) sent a letter to Congress expressing its strong opposition to the amended American Health Care Act (AHCA).

According to CCD, the “amended American Health Care Act retains the original bill’s proposals to dramatically cut Medicaid services that are vital to people with disabilities and seniors through per capita caps.” The new amendments, the coalition says, makes “the amended AHCA even more harmful to people with disabilities.”

The new amendments, the letter indicates, “would allow states to easily obtain waivers that would allow them to charge higher premiums to people with pre-existing conditions, including people with disabilities,” and “would allow states to seek waivers from the Affordable Care Act’s requirement to provide essential health benefits, including crucial services for people with disabilities such as mental health and substance use disorder services, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, preventative and wellness services and chronic disease management, and pediatric services.” The letter also reiterates CCD’s opposition to converting Medicaid to per capita caps, calling the proposal “a cap that is totally unrelated to the actual costs of needed care for enrollees” that “will force states to cut services and eligibility that put the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities at significant risk.”

FMI: The letter is available at [http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/4-27-17-draft-letter-to-the-Hill-re-amended-AHCA-\(final\)_DM-edits.pdf](http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/4-27-17-draft-letter-to-the-Hill-re-amended-AHCA-(final)_DM-edits.pdf).

Florida Among First States to Request Flexibilities from New HHS Leadership

Florida Governor Rick Scott's Administration sent a letter to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tom Price that may provide an early indication of the types of flexibilities states will seek in response to a letter Price and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma sent to governors in which the pair committed to "ushering in a new era for the federal and state Medicaid partnership where states have more freedom to design programs that meet the spectrum of diverse needs of their Medicaid population." If approved by HHS, the requested changes will be added to the state's current 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) waiver.

In the letter, Florida described its intention to submit requests to change its current 1115 MMA waiver, and asked CMS for other support. The requests include:

- A block grant of federal funds as a replacement for Florida's various supplemental payment programs along with annual savings the state achieves through Florida's current 1115 waiver.
- Flexibility to modify retroactive eligibility.
- HHS's support to "strengthen the relationship between Medicaid beneficiaries and primary care providers" in order to reduce "uncoordinated and inappropriate ER visits."
- HHS's support to eliminate federal requirements that "lead to duplicative work at the state level and federal level for certified Medicaid managed care rates" and network adequacy requirements.
- HHS's support to "remove the federal administrative burdens placed on the state by the 'Access Rule.'"

FMI: The letter is available at <http://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/31717.pdf>.

House Passes Regulatory Accountability Act; Senate Version Introduced

The Regulatory Accountability Act has passed the House by a vote of 238-183. A Senate version has been introduced by Senators Rob Portman (R—OH), Orrin Hatch (R—UT), Heidi Heitkamp (D—ND) and Joe Manchin (D—WV).

The bill revises federal rulemaking procedures under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to require a federal agency to "make all preliminary and final factual determinations based on evidence" and to consider: (1) the legal authority under which a rule may be proposed; (2) the specific nature and significance of the problem the agency may address with a rule; (3) whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency may address with a rule and whether such rules may be amended or rescinded; (4) any reasonable alternatives for a new rule; and (5) the potential costs and benefits associated with potential alternative rules, including impacts on low-income populations.

Rulemaking notice requirements are revised to require agencies to:

- "publish in the Federal Register advance notice of proposed rulemaking involving a major or high-impact rule, a negative-impact-on-jobs-and-wages rule, or a rule that involves a novel legal or policy issue arising out of statutory mandates;
- consult with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before issuing a proposed rule and after the issuance of an advance notice of proposed rulemaking;
- provide interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making process;
- hold a hearing before the adoption of any high-impact rule;
- expand requirements for the adoption of a final rule, including requiring that the agency adopt a rule only on the basis of the best evidence and at the least cost; and
- grant any interested person the right to petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule."

A "major rule" or "major guidance" is a rule or guidance that OIRA determines is likely to impose: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more, adjusted annually for inflation; (2) a major increase in costs or prices; (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S. enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises; or (4) significant impacts on multiple sectors of the economy. The bill defines "high-impact rule" as a rule that OIRA determines is likely to have an annual cost on the economy of \$1 billion or more, adjusted annually for inflation; and "negative-impact-on-jobs-and-wages rule" as any rule likely to reduce employment or wages in certain economic sectors or industry areas by specified amounts over specified periods.

The bill specifies the minimum amount of information that must be included in an advance notice of a proposed rulemaking. After notice or advance notice of a proposed rulemaking, the agency making the rule "is prohibited from: (1) advocating for the submission of information to form part of the record of review, (2) appealing to the public to undertake advocacy, or (3) communicating for publicity or propaganda within the United States in a manner not authorized by Congress." The agency may request comments or information in an impartial manner.

The notice of final rulemaking that agencies must publish when they adopt a final major rule shall include a report, to be revised every five years, on the benefits and costs to regulated entities. If an agency determines in a revised report that the cost to regulated entities has exceeded the anticipated cost at the time the final rule was issued, the agency must submit to Congress an assessment of whether the rule is accomplishing its regulatory objective; and whether it has been rendered unnecessary considering changes in the subject area, other government regulations, and alternatives that might impose smaller burdens or achieve lower costs. Upon delivery of such an assessment about a rule exceeding the anticipated cost, the agency must reopen the public docket to receive additional comments, and consider modifications or alternatives that reduce costs and increase benefits to regulated entities or individuals.

The bill revises standards for the scope of judicial review of agency rulemaking to "prohibit a court from deferring to an agency's determination of the costs and benefits or other economic or risk assessment if the agency failed to conform to guidelines on such determinations and assessments established by OIRA." Courts would also be prohibited from deferring to determinations made in the adoption of an interim rule, or guidance.

Title II of the bill modifies the scope of judicial review of agency actions to authorize courts reviewing agency actions to decide de novo (without giving deference to the agency's interpretation) all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of

constitutional and statutory provisions, and rules made by agencies. If the reviewing court “determines that a statutory or regulatory provision relevant to its decision contains a gap or ambiguity, the court shall not interpret or rely on that gap or ambiguity as an implicit delegation to the agency of legislative rulemaking authority, or a justification for interpreting agency authority expansively or for deferring to the agency’s interpretation on the question of law.”

Title IV prohibits a final agency rule from being published or taking effect until OIRA makes a determination as to whether the rule is a high-impact rule that may impose an annual cost on the economy of at least \$1 billion. Further, agencies must “postpone the effective date of a high-impact rule until the final disposition of all actions seeking judicial review of the rule.”

Title V requires each federal agency to submit a monthly report to OIRA for each rule the agency expects to propose or finalize during the following 12 months. The reports must include a summary of the nature of the rule, the objectives of and legal basis for issuance of the rule, the stage of the rulemaking as of the date of submission, and whether the rule is subject to periodic review as a rule with a significant economic impact. Each agency must also submit a monthly report for any rule expected to be finalized during the following 12 months for which the agency has issued a general notice of proposed rulemaking, which must include an approximate schedule for completing action on the rule; estimates of its cost, economic effects, and any imposition of unfunded mandates; and a list of influential scientific information disseminated by the agency relating to the rule, including any peer review plans for the information.

Title VI requires the general notice of proposed rulemaking by a federal agency to include the Internet address of a plain-language summary, not exceeding 100 words, of the proposed rule, which shall be posted on the regulations.gov website.

FMI: To read the bill or track its progress, go to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5/text>.

Legislation Would Expand Right to Community Integration

Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D—NY) has reintroduced the Disability Integration Act (DIA). The legislation, modeled on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act, expresses in law an explicit civil right for people with disabilities to receive Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) in the community. It reads: “No public entity or LTSS insurance provider shall deny an individual with an LTSS disability who is eligible for institutional placement, or otherwise discriminate against that individual in the provision of, community-based long-term services and supports that enable the individual to live in the community and lead an independent life.”

Under the Act, discrimination by a public entity or LTSS insurance provider includes:

- “the imposition or application of eligibility criteria or another policy that prevents ...an individual with an LTSS disability, or any class of individuals with LTSS disabilities, from receiving a community-based long-term service or support;
- the imposition or application of a policy or other mechanism, such as a service or cost cap, that prevents...an individual with an LTSS disability, or any class of individuals with LTSS disabilities, from receiving a community-based long-term service or support;
- a failure to provide a specific community-based long-term service or support or a type of community-based long-term service or support needed for an individual with an LTSS disability, or any class of individuals with LTSS disabilities;
- the imposition or application of a policy, rule, regulation, or restriction that interferes with the opportunity for an individual with an LTSS disability, or any class of individuals with LTSS disabilities, to live in the community and lead an independent life, which may include a requirement that an individual with an LTSS disability receive a service or support (such as day services or employment services) in a congregate or disability-specific setting;
- the imposition or application of a waiting list or other mechanism that delays or restricts access of an individual with an LTSS disability to a community-based long-term service or support;
- a failure to establish an adequate rate or other payment structure that is necessary to ensure the availability of a workforce sufficient to support an individual with an LTSS disability in living in the community and leading an independent life;
- a failure to provide community-based services and supports, on an intermittent, short-term, or emergent basis, that assist an individual with an LTSS disability to live in the community and lead an independent life;
- the imposition or application of a policy, such as a requirement that an individual utilize informal support, that restricts, limits, or delays the ability of an individual with an LTSS disability to secure a community-based long-term service or support to live in the community or lead an independent life;
- a failure to implement a formal procedure and a mechanism to ensure that individuals with LTSS disabilities are offered the alternative of community-based long-term services and supports prior to institutionalization...
- a failure to ensure that each institutionalized individual with an LTSS disability is regularly notified of the alternative of community-based long-term services and supports...; and
- a failure to make a reasonable modification in a policy, practice, or procedure, when such modification is necessary to allow an individual with an LTSS disability to receive a community-based long-term service or support.”

The bill also includes “a failure to ensure that there is sufficient availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing to allow an individual with an LTSS disability to choose to live in the community and lead an independent life, including the availability of an option to live in housing where the receipt of LTSS is not tied to tenancy” as a part of its definition of discrimination.

The legislation defines an “individual with an LTSS disability” as an individual with a disability who requires assistance in accomplishing activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, or health-related tasks in order to live in the community, who is currently in an institutional placement or is at risk of institutionalization if that person does not receive community based long term services and supports.

The bill’s definition of community is quite similar to the language in the definition of HCBS settings issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the HCBS rule, with a couple of key differences, especially that no more than four unrelated individuals with an LTSS disability may reside in the same group or shared residence. This definition would not

supersede the CMS regulation—rather, Medicaid policy would still allow for states to provide HCBS in settings that meet the CMS definition, but they may not satisfy the DIA’s requirements, in much the same way that Medicaid policy allows for activity that does not meet Olmstead requirements. Also similar to the relationship between Medicaid policy and the Olmstead mandate is the fact that under the Disability Integration Act, the Attorney General has the authority to enforce this law in a manner that is consistent with ADA enforcement. In other words, CMS would continue to determine whether a state Medicaid HCBS action is consistent with Medicaid policy; meanwhile, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) would determine whether such an action (along with non-Medicaid and even non-state-related actions) are consistent with DIA requirements.

The legislation requires that all public entities and LTSS insurance providers must complete a self-evaluation within six months after implementing regulations are released. Within one year of completing the self-evaluation, public entities must submit a transition plan for addressing the issues identified in the self-evaluation and achieving the purpose of this legislation. The plan must address these issues as soon as practicable, but public entities have up to 10 years to complete the plan. The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration on Community Living (ACL), is charged with reviewing and approving state transition plans.

The prospects for passage of this bill are uncertain. The legislation is currently before the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP).

FMI: To read the bill or track its progress, go to [https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/910?](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/910?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A115+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&r=37)

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GAO Includes Medicaid Recommendations in Report on Government Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released its annual report to Congress on “Additional Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Other Financial Benefits.” The report contains three areas of recommendations regarding Medicaid.

GAO suggests that “federal spending on Medicaid demonstrations could be reduced by billions of dollars if the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) improved the process for reviewing, approving, and making transparent the basis for spending limits approved for Medicaid demonstrations, including better ensuring that valid methods are used to demonstrate budget neutrality and implemented other actions and recommendations, such as establishing specific criteria for assessing whether demonstration spending furthers Medicaid objectives.” The watchdog agency also believes that “CMS should take steps to improve the oversight of state Medicaid payments to institutional providers and better ensure that the federal government does not provide funds for excessive state payments made to certain providers, which could result in savings of hundreds of millions of dollars annually.” Both of these recommendations are holdovers from previous years. This year’s report adds a recommendation regarding Medicaid Personal Care Services Data: “CMS needs timely, complete, and consistent data on Medicaid personal care services so it can effectively monitor these services, which could lead to savings of tens of millions of dollars annually.”

FMI: The report is available at <http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/684304.pdf>.

Langevin Dear Colleague Letter Calls for DD Act Funding

Thirty-four Members of the House of Representatives signed onto a Dear Colleague letter authored by Representative James Langevin (D-RI) in support of the Developmental Disabilities Act programs: \$40 million for University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, \$42 million for Protection and Advocacy Systems, and \$76 million for Councils on Developmental Disabilities. The letter points out that current funding levels have not kept pace with inflation.

Langevin and his colleagues cite the longer lifespans of individuals with developmental disabilities as introducing “new issues around aging and caregiving that must be met by the three programs.” The letter also references the need for adequate funding for DD Act entities to “drive programs and policies that move people with developmental disabilities into competitive, integrated employment.”

FMI: The letter can be found at <http://www.aucd.org/docs/Final%20LHHS%20Approps%20Letter%20--%20DD%20Councils-PADD-UCEDDs.pdf>.

House Members Sign Letter Supporting Lifespan Respite Care Programs

Twenty-six Members of the House of Representatives have signed on to a bipartisan letter written by Representatives Jim Langevin (D-RI) and Gregg Harper (R-MS) in support of funding for the Lifespan Respite Care Act program. The letter points out that “the Lifespan Respite Care Act was authorized in 2006 as the only federal program to address respite issues for families regardless of age or disability.”

The letter underlines the need for respite care in the US, and indicates that the lack of coordination between various programs that offer respite “continues to impede access to these crucial supports.” The Representatives point out that the Lifespan Respite program, which “has already provided grants to 35 states and the District of Columbia,” helps grantees to “coordinate federal, state and local resources and streamline the delivery of planned and emergency respite services.” The signatories urge appropriators to include \$5 million for the program in the FY18 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

FMI: The letter is available at

https://archrespite.org/images/Lifespan_Appropriations/FY_2018/House_Member_Letter_FY18.pdf.

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### CBO Scores AHCA

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has released its highly anticipated scoring of the American Health Care Act (AHCA), and many commentators have observed that several of the CBO's findings will make the legislation a tougher sell for Republicans. The CBO estimated that enacting the AHCA would reduce federal deficits by \$337 billion over the 2017-2026 period, largely based on an \$880 billion cut to Medicaid. The CBO also estimated that, by 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under the AHCA than under current law, the increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would rise to 21 million in 2020 and then to 24 million in 2026. To estimate the budgetary effects, CBO and JCT projected how the legislation would change the number of people who obtain federally subsidized health insurance through Medicaid, the nongroup market, and the employment-based market, as well as many other factors.



CBO estimates that several major provisions affecting Medicaid would decrease direct spending by \$880 billion over the 2017-2026 period. That reduction would stem primarily from lower enrollment throughout the period, culminating in 14 million fewer Medicaid enrollees by 2026, a reduction of about 17 percent relative to the number under current law. Some of that decline would be among people who are currently eligible for Medicaid benefits, and some would be among people who CBO projects would be made eligible by additional states adopting the optional expansion of eligibility authorized by the ACA before 2020, when the legislation would terminate the enhanced federal matching rate for new enrollees under the expansion of Medicaid and would place a per capita-based cap on the federal government's payments to states for medical assistance provided through Medicaid.

**Per Capita-Based Cap on Medicaid Payments for Medical Assistance.** CBO also indicated that the per capita cap limit on federal Medicaid reimbursement would reduce outlays because "Medicaid spending would grow on a per-enrollee basis at a faster rate than the CPI-M (Medical component of the Consumer Price Index)." According to CBO's projections, Medicaid spending would increase at an average annual rate of 4.4 percent while the CPI-M would grow 3.7 percent per year over the 2017-2026 period. With less federal reimbursement for Medicaid, CBO predicts that "states would need to decide whether to commit more of their own resources to finance the program at current-law levels or whether to reduce spending by cutting payments to health care providers and health plans, eliminating optional services, restricting eligibility for enrollment, or (to the extent feasible) arriving at more efficient methods for delivering services." CBO anticipates that states would adopt a mix of those approaches, which would result in additional savings to the federal government.

**FMI:** The CBO estimate is available at <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/115th-congress-2017-2018/costestimate/americanhealthcareact.pdf>.

## **CMS Administrator Verma, HHS Secretary Price Issue Statement to Governors on Medicaid Flexibility**

New Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Seema Verma and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tom Price have issued a joint letter to the nation's Governors, outlining a vision of enhanced flexibility for states to administer their Medicaid programs. In the letter, Price and Verma commit to "ushering in a new era for the federal and state Medicaid partnership where states have more freedom to design programs that meet the spectrum of diverse needs of their Medicaid population." While focusing on "break[ing] down barriers," the letter also restates CMS's commitment to "certain mechanisms, which ensure state accountability," such as "budget neutrality for waivers and demonstration projects," and "reasonable public input processes and transparency guidelines." The letter describes "some of the key areas where [CMS] will improve collaboration with states and move towards more effective program management," including:

- Providing "reasonable timelines for home and community-based services transformation," although the letter does not specify any changes to current timeframes. Price and Verma do commit to "greater state involvement in the process of assessing compliance of specific settings."
- Making "the State Plan Amendment approval process more transparent, efficient, and less burdensome," improving the speed of waiver renewals.

**FMI:** The letter is available at <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/sec-price-cms-admin-verma-ltr.pdf>.

## **Four GOP Governors Call for New Approach to Medicaid Reform**



Four GOP governors wrote congressional leaders Thursday saying that the American Health Care Act's (AHCA'S) approach to Medicaid would not work for states and suggesting a different approach. "It provides almost no new flexibility for states, does not ensure the resources necessary to make sure no one is left out, and shifts significant new costs to states," wrote Govs. John Kasich of Ohio, Rick Snyder of Michigan, Brian Sandoval of Nevada, and Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas.

The governors offer an alternative policy proposal that includes the following components:

1. States should be given a choice between the following options:
  - a. Enacting structural Medicaid reform by converting financing to a per capita cap or block grant model for one or more population groups. Regardless of which reform option a state elects, reform "must allow states an appropriate transition period and the opportunity to use a partial and/or multi-phase approach to implementation."
  - b. Defaulting to the current structure, with reduced federal financial participation for Medicaid expansion programs. Under this option, Medicaid expansion enrollees would be funded under the traditional match rate for that population.
2. The nature of the current federal-state relationship "needs to fundamentally change." Significant new state flexibility and control "will be required to effectively manage the financial risk associated with structural reform," and "will also enable states to design more innovative programs focused on achievement of state priorities and outcomes, rather than compliance with processes."

Under either per capita caps or block grants, enrollment would be optional and could be capped for some populations. However, certain populations would be mandatory and excluded from any enrollment caps. These include aged, blind, and disabled individuals, as well as children and pregnant women up to pre-Affordable Care Act (ACA) federal mandatory minimum eligibility standards.

Under a **per capita cap** option, "states would assume the increased risk associated with capped funding for benefits per Medicaid enrollee, but would continue to share risk with the federal government for population growth. This option would be based on federal match of expenditures by the state up to the amount(s) determined by the per capita cap(s). The model must be built upon a financing base that takes the most current data/expenditures into account when building base funding levels...including all federal funding earned through, or supported by, state contributions, provider taxes, and other local arrangements."

Each eligibility category would have its own per capita cap. A transition to this model would start "with the childless adult and parent populations for whom a state is receiving enhanced match, and could be followed by additional populations at the state's discretion." While states would be required to include any adult populations for whom they are receiving enhanced match, a state could choose to implement per capita caps for any of the following populations:

1. Childless adults;
2. Parents and caretaker relatives;
3. Children;
4. Pregnant women; and
5. Disabled and elderly.

The governors offer "several options for consideration in establishing per capita cap amounts and growth rates" and recommend that "the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) model each of the options below and provide estimated impact on a state-by-state and national level." The per capita growth rate "should account for the lack of control that states currently have of certain underlying costs (e.g. pharmacy, RHCs, FQHC PPS, Medicare Parts B & D)." The proposal calls for an annual adjustment of medical CPI "plus an additional percentage adjustment to address those underlying costs." However, the governors say, "reductions to this additional adjustment over medical CPI should be discussed as states receive additional

flexibilities to adequately address underlying costs.” The governors also call for “an adjustment factor that would be triggered by specific national economic events.”

Under a **block grant** option, a state would be required “to convert financing for the adult expansion population into a block grant and could choose to phase in other populations.” Potential block grant populations are the same as those listed under the per capita cap model, “except for the disabled and elderly eligibility groups.” A state that chooses one or more block grant option “will switch from the current federal matching arrangement to a financial maintenance-of-effort (MOE) for the populations covered by the block grant(s), based on state expenditures in a designated base year.” States will be able “to access stable and predictable federal allotments by meeting a financial MOE based on a level of state spending. States that meet their financial MOE would be permitted to draw 100% of their available federal allotment. Therefore, as states become more efficient in the management of their Medicaid programs, they will be able to continue using federal dollars without committing additional state dollars.”

Under this option, Medicaid would be split into several parts, most of which would be block grant-eligible. States would have full control over the service delivery system “and would be permitted to impose conditions of participation on the adult populations.”

- Under a new Part A of Medicaid, the adult enhanced match populations, as well as other nonelderly, non-disabled populations a state chooses to include, would be served through a Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)-like model. Allotments to states would be capped and indexed. The funding formula would consist of several variables, including a national federal minimum per capita amount for adults and children to promote equity among the states, a state-specific per capita amount that reflects variations among states, and adjustments based on population growth and relative state poverty levels, regardless of whether a state had previously expanded Medicaid under the ACA or through a Section 1115 Demonstration Project.
- Under Part B, Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) would be delivered through a separate program that would level the playing field between HCBS and institutional care. Funding would be indexed for elderly population growth, low-income population growth, and inflation. States would be “assured of stable and predictable levels of funding as they transition to new service delivery models and accelerate towards person-centered planning and supports.”
- Under a new Part C, medical services for individuals with disabilities and low-income seniors, as well as any other populations whom a state does not include in Part A, would continue as under current law, regardless of which other block grants a state chooses to take. Federal funding would remain an open-ended match with no change in benefits for individuals with disabilities and low-income seniors, including the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for children with disabilities.

The proposal would also allow states to **retain the current financing structure of Medicaid.**

Under this option, “Medicaid expansion enrollment at the enhanced federal match rate would be frozen, grandfathering all current enrollees at the enhanced rate for a period of time.” All new enrollees would be funded under the traditional match rate for that population.

The governors also discuss redefining the federal-state partnership. As examples of “federal regulatory overreach” they include the new Medicaid managed care regulations, access requirements, mental health parity requirements, and the home and community-based services (HCBS) settings rule, and “strongly recommend that Congress suspend these rules and bring states to the table to best determine how to modify and operationalize the requirements being imposed upon states.” The proposal suggests that “the federal rule-making and promulgation process should be reworked to incorporate the following two steps: 1. Engage states during the

pre-conceptual phase of work. 2. Establish a distinct process for state Medicaid leaders to review federal regulation and guidance prior to finalization to ensure the policies proposed are operationally sound.” The governors call for “a shift from the focus on process to a focus on outcomes” wherein “states and the federal government should agree to a set of performance standards and the federal government should only intervene when those standards are not being met.”

Some of the additional state authorities the governors feel are necessary to enable states to manage reform include:

- **Enrollment Limits:** As populations transition into per capita caps, “states should be given additional authority to freeze or reduce enrollment, with exceptions for certain population groups (aged, blind, and disabled individuals, as well as children and pregnant women up to mandatory minimums described above).”
- **Conditions of Eligibility:** States should “have the authority to impose conditions of eligibility to prevent the ‘crowd-out’ effect.” This would include work requirements.
- **Cost-Sharing:** States should “have the authority to implement enforceable financial participation of enrollees,” with higher limits “for the adult groups versus children, pregnant women, ABD, and duals, as well as tiered cost-sharing to discourage inappropriate use of higher cost services and settings.”
- **Benefit Redesign:** States “should be given the authority to design outcomes-based benefit packages,” including “flexibility around LTSS services,” such as “optional coverage of EPSDT, except for children with disabilities and children in custody” and restructuring or eliminating the requirement for statewideness and comparability “to allow states the flexibility to design and test pilot programs or target benefits to a specific population.”
- **Mandatory Managed Care:** States “must have the option to mandatorily enroll all populations in managed care, with the exception of American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

**FMI:** The letter and proposal can be found at

[http://healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=S\\_gEqkALBFY=&tabid=160](http://healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=S_gEqkALBFY=&tabid=160).

## **Toolkit to Assess Federal Medicaid Proposal**

To assist states in assessing the potential implications of federal Medicaid proposals, the State Health and Value Strategies Program and Manatt Health have developed a toolkit providing state-by-state data on Medicaid enrollment and expenditure trends-factors that are central to establishing the amount each state would be allocated under capped funding proposals. While the resource was developed before the American Health Care Act was made public, it still provides useful data for making predictions about how each state will fare under the bill’s per capita cap proposal, and an explanation of the relevance of each data set.

**FMI:** The toolkit is available at <http://www.statenetwork.org/resource/data-points-to-consider-when-assessing-proposals-to-cap-federal-medicaid-funding-a-toolkit-for-states/>. An explanation of the resource can be found at <http://www.statenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/State-Network-Manatt-Data-Points-to-Consider-When-Assessing-Proposals-to-Cap-Federal-Medicaid-Funding-February-2017.pdf>.

## **Kaiser Brief Assesses Impact of Medicaid Restructuring on People with Disabilities**

A new brief from the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) explains the role that Medicaid plays for nearly 7 million nonelderly adults with disabilities in the U.S. and explores what the American Health Care Act (AHCA) could mean for their health care and coverage. The brief

provides an excellent, detailed overview for policy-makers who may be unfamiliar with Medicaid's role in supporting people with disabilities, KFF points out that Medicaid covers more than three in 10 nonelderly adults with disabilities, including people with physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries; intellectual or developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome and autism; and mental illness. Over half who are enrolled in Medicaid live below the federal poverty level. They are four times as likely to receive nursing or other health care at home, and more than 1.5 times as likely to have 10 or more health care visits in a year compared to those with private insurance. The brief also explains that people with disabilities account for 15% of total Medicaid enrollment but 42% of program spending due to their greater health needs and more intensive service use.

KFF argues that "the changes to Medicaid in the House GOP bill – notably the end of enhanced funding for the ACA Medicaid expansion and the fundamental change in program financing to a per capita cap – carry significant implications for this population." While per capita cap financing could come with increased flexibility for states in subsequent legislation, KFF says, "the associated federal funding reductions over time may lead states to consider cuts in Medicaid eligibility, benefits, and provider reimbursement. Nonelderly adults with disabilities could be particularly affected by such cuts, as many rely on Medicaid coverage pathways and services that are offered at state option and have higher spending, due to their greater need for acute and long-term care services."

**FMI:** The brief is available at <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-restructuring-under-the-american-health-care-act-and-nonelderly-adults-with-disabilities/>.

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House Passes AHCA

The US House of Representatives has narrowly approved legislation to repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. The vote, 217 to 213, with twenty Republicans voting against the bill, sends the American Health Care Act (AHCA) to an uncertain future in the Senate, where a handful of Republican senators immediately rejected it, signaling that they would start work on a new version of the bill virtually from scratch.

The AHCA, which had appeared to stall weeks ago, was revived by an amendment crafted by Congressman Tom MacArthur (R.--N.J.) to woo members of the conservative Freedom Caucus to vote for the bill. The proposal reinstates Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) as the federal standard, removing a confusing amendment adopted in late March that would have required states to define the essential health benefits package for purposes of premium tax credits. The amendment would also, in what could be perceived as a bid to shore up the support of moderates who were concerned about undermining access to care, maintain most of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA's) market reforms, including the

- Prohibition on preexisting condition exclusions;

- Prohibition on discrimination based on gender;
- Guaranteed issue and renewability requirements;
- Coverage of adult children up to age 26 on their parent's plans; and
- Community rating, except as permitted by waiver.

However, the amendment would allow states to apply for waivers from the ACA's EHB requirements and many of the community rating rules. States would have to "attest" that their requested waiver was intended to "reduce premium costs, increase the number of persons with healthcare coverage, or advance another benefit to the public interest in the state, including the guarantee of coverage for persons with pre-existing medical conditions." The amendment provides that HHS "shall" approve applications within 90 days of determining the application complete.

While the MacArthur amendments provided the changes necessary to cobble together a Republican voting majority, the most significant provisions for state developmental disability service systems remain those that would impose a per capita cap on Medicaid spending.

According to the most recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) scoring of the AHCA, the Medicaid provisions would reduce federal support to states for Medicaid by \$839 billion over the 10 year period from 2017 to 2026. These savings would be achieved by ending the financing formula of federal matching rates and replacing it with state options for a per capita cap or block grant. The per capita cap would be adjusted annually by the Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all eligibility groups, plus an additional 1 percent only for the aged and disabled eligibility groups for 2020 and subsequent years.

Although the AHCA is highly unlikely to pass the Senate in its current form, and indeed, as noted above, may be replaced entirely by a Senate-crafted bill, the per capita cap proposal does not appear to be one of the more controversial provisions of the bill within the Republican caucus. Although the timeline is constantly shifting, the most recent expectation on Capitol Hill is that the Senate will produce a bill in the next few weeks, and hope to complete voting before the August recess. Rather than locate development of a Senate version of the AHCA in the relevant committees, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R—KY) has created an ad hoc working group to draft a bill. The group includes McConnell and three other members of the Republican leadership: John Cornyn of Texas, the majority whip; John Thune of South Dakota, the chairman of the Senate Republican Conference; and John Barrasso of Wyoming, the chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, who has been a point man for the party on health care. The group also includes three committee chairmen: Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the Finance Committee; Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee; and Senator Michael B. Enzi of Wyoming, the head of the Budget Committee. The other senators in the Republican working group are from states that have expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act: Tom Cotton of Arkansas, Cory Gardner of Colorado, Rob Portman of Ohio and Patrick J. Toomey of Pennsylvania.

Truven Releases Annual Report on Medicaid LTSS Expenditures

Truven Health Analytics has issued its annual report on Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) expenditures, documenting Medicaid's significant role in LTSS. The report presents data for federal fiscal year (FY) 2015 along with updates for FY 2012 through 2014, and compares recent trends to historical patterns.

Total Medicaid LTSS expenditures were \$158 billion in FY 2015, a four percent increase from FY 2014, continuing the recent trend of historically low LTSS spending growth. HCBS have

accounted for all Medicaid LTSS growth in recent years while institutional service expenditures have been flat. HCBS spending increased seven percent in FY 2015, while institutional service spending decreased less than 0.1.

The percentage of total Medicaid LTSS spent on HCBS increased from 53 percent in FY 2014 to 55 percent in FY 2015. The number of states in which HCBS were a majority of expenditures increased from 25 in FY 2014 to 28 in FY 2015. Managed care accounted for 18 percent of FY 2015 LTSS spending. LTSS provided through managed care continued to grow more rapidly than overall Medicaid LTSS, increasing 24 percent in FY 2015 from \$23 billion to \$29 billion.

Another trend is the increased use of relatively new Medicaid State Plan authorities and demonstrations—state plan HCBS (section 1915(i)), self-directed personal assistance services (section 1915(j)), community first choice (section 1915(k)), health homes (section 1945), and the Money Follows the Person Demonstration. In FY 2015, spending for these authorities grew 57 percent from \$5.9 billion to \$9.3 billion, driven primarily by new states implementing the community first choice benefit.

The percentage of LTSS expenditures for HCBS continued to vary across population groups. HCBS accounted for 76 percent of spending in programs targeting people with developmental disabilities, compared to 44 percent of expenditures for programs targeting older adults and people with physical disabilities and 42 percent for behavioral health services provided to people with mental health and substance use disorders. HCBS spending for all three populations increased relative to institutional services in FY 2015.

Accompanying the report are numerous data tables that summarize national and state-level expenditures by service category and state. These tables document state variation in Medicaid LTSS, including overall expenditures growth, the balance between institutional and HCBS spending, the use of new program authorities, differences in data by target population, and the use of managed care.

FMI: The report is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/ltss/downloads/reports-and-evaluations/ltss expenditures ffy2015 final.pdf>.

Family Caregivers Act Introduced in Senate

Last week, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Baldwin (D-WA) introduced S. 1028, the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act. The bill will be marked up by the Senate HELP Committee on Wednesday, May 10.

The RAISE Family Caregivers Act would implement the federal Commission on Long-Term Care's bipartisan recommendation that Congress require the development of a national strategy to support family caregivers. This strategy would include actions that the federal government, state and local governments, communities, healthcare, long-term services and supports and other providers, employers, and others can take to assist family caregivers. The bill also provides for an advisory council to help develop the national strategy in an effective way. This council will include representation from diverse stakeholders such as family caregivers, older adults with long-term needs, persons with disabilities, advocates for caregivers and those with care needs, and health care and social service providers, among others.

FMI: To read the bill or track its progress, go to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1028?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S.+1028%22%5D%7D&r=1>.

CMS Grantee Develops Self-Direction Curriculum for Case Managers

To assist states and health plans, the Integrated Care Resource Center, with support from the former National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPS), has developed Self-Direction of Home- and Community-Based Services: A Training Curriculum for Case

Managers. The curriculum is a product of the Integrated Care Resource Center, funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Integrated Care Resource Center is a national initiative helping states improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. The state technical assistance activities provided by the Integrated Care Resource Center are coordinated by Mathematica Policy Research and the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS).

The webinars and accompanying resources in the curriculum provide an overview of self-direction, considerations for the design and implementation of a self-direction program, and best practices for oversight of a self-direction program in a managed care context. The curriculum also provides several tools to help case managers explain the self-direction option and the related responsibilities of individuals choosing this option. In addition, there is information for health plans to help individuals determine if the self-direction option is right for them.

FMI: The curriculum can be found at http://www.chcs.org/resource/self-direction-home-community-based-services-training-curriculum-case-managers/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=a424421cda-HCBS+Curriculum+-+05%2F08%2F17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bbc451bf-a424421cda-152150789.
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## CMS Releases Annual 372 Data Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released its annual report presenting information from the CMS 372 reports for 1915(c) waivers. The report, produced by Truven, covers waiver years ending in 2013 and 2014, and presents trend data for section 1915(c) waivers starting with 2009. According to the report, over 1.6 million people received section 1915(c) waiver services in 2014, a five

percent increase from 1.5 million in 2013, and the number of section 1915(c) waiver participants has increased by an average of four percent per year since 2009.

Participants received services for an average of 10 months in 2014, as in previous years. Average waiver expenditures per person were \$26,055, 72 percent of total Medicaid spending for these individuals (\$36,039). Average waiver expenditures, Truven points out, “have been almost flat since 2009, with an average annual increase of less than half a percent.” Total Medicaid expenditures per waiver participant grew slightly more quickly, one percent per year from 2009 through 2014. Waiver expenditures accounted for only 72 percent of total Medicaid expenditures for waiver participants in 2014, compared to 76 percent in 2009.

Section 1915(c) waiver data by targeted population group have changed little over the years when adjusting for overall participant growth. In all years, a majority of participants received services in waivers targeting older adults and/or people with physical disabilities (54 percent in 2014). Most of the remaining participants received supports from waivers targeting people with developmental disabilities (43 percent in 2014). Older adults and people with physical disabilities received section 1915(c) waiver services for a shorter duration of time (nine months) than people with developmental disabilities (11 months). Waivers targeting people with developmental disabilities accounted for \$30 billion in 2014, 71 percent of all section 1915(c) waiver expenditures, reflecting higher average costs per participant for this population. Most of the remaining spending, 27 percent, was targeted to older adults and/or people with physical disabilities (\$11 billion). Waivers targeting people with brain injuries, medically fragile children, people with HIV/AIDS, and people with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance comprise approximately three percent of section 1915(c) waiver participants and two percent of waiver expenditures.

Accompanying the report are tables that display 2013 and 2014 data for each section 1915(c) waiver, followed by state-level data for total participants and for each target population. State-level tables rank states according to the proportion of total state residents who received section 1915(c) waiver services.

**FMI:** The report is available at

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/ltss/downloads/reports-and-evaluations/cms-372-report-2014.pdf>.

## **CMS Releases Annual LTSS Beneficiaries Report**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released its annual report on long term supports and services (LTSS) spending in Medicaid. The latest report analyzes 2013 data. According to the report, “Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports Beneficiaries in 2013,” prepared by Truven, approximately 5.2 million people received Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports (LTSS) during calendar year 2013.

This estimate is greater than the 4.8 million or 4.9 million LTSS beneficiaries

estimated in LTSS beneficiary reports for 2010 through 2012 because 2013 data for the first time include state-reported estimates for managed LTSS programs other than the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Data in this report, Truven points out, “still should be considered underestimates of Medicaid institutional LTSS and home and community-based services (HCBS) beneficiaries” because “only eight states provided managed care beneficiary data for this report, fewer than half of the 18 states that provided LTSS through managed care programs during 2013.”

Most LTSS beneficiaries (3.7 million or 72 percent) received Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), including about 223,000 people (four percent) who also received institutional services during the year. About 1.7 million individuals (33 percent) received institutional services, including people who also received HCBS during the year. In 28 states, between 60 and 80 percent of beneficiaries used HCBS.

A majority of beneficiaries were under age 65, including both children and youth under age 21 (16 percent) and people age 21 through 64 (40 percent). Older adults comprised 44 percent of beneficiaries. In each age group, a majority of individuals received HCBS, including people who received both HCBS and institutional services. Older adults were less likely to receive HCBS than people under age 65: only 54 percent of LTSS beneficiaries age 65 or older received HCBS compared to 82 percent of people age 21 through 64 and 86 percent of children and youth.

**FMI:** The report is available at

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/ltss/downloads/reports-and-evaluations/cms-372-report-2014.pdf>.

## Senate Passes Budget Resolution

The Senate has passed an FY 2018 Budget Resolution by a near party line vote of 51 to 49. The measure includes reconciliation instructions to ease passage of tax reform, a priority for Republican lawmakers and President Trump. Though the budget resolution does not actually set the budget, it provides guidelines for federal spending and revenue bills and, through the reconciliation instructions, fast-tracks certain committee and Congressional action for this fiscal year.

The reconciliation instructions call on the Senate Finance Committee and appropriate House committees to develop legislation that increases the deficit by up to \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. That legislation would be exempt from filibuster rules and only require a simple majority (50) in the Senate to pass during FY 18. In addition to taxation, the Finance Committee has jurisdiction over Medicaid, Medicare, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and other health and human services programs. The Senate budget assumes over \$5 trillion in program cuts, including a nearly 30% cut in inflation adjusted dollars to non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs. Given the program areas under Finance’s jurisdiction, the reconciliation instructions could be used to make another attempt at restructuring Medicaid financing.

The resolution now goes to the House, which is likely to pass it without changes.

**FMI:** The resolution is available at

<http://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20171023/BILLS-115HConRes71-SA.pdf>.

## SSI Payments to Increase in 2018

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has recently announced that there will be a two percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits in 2018. The maximum federal SSI payment for individuals will grow to \$750 per month from \$735 in 2017. For couples, the highest federal payment will be \$1,125 per month, up from \$1,103. Additionally, work incentive thresholds for Social Security and SSI beneficiaries with disabilities will see a nominal increase.

**FMI:** More information on 2018 SSI payments can be found at

<https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2018.pdf>.

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we invite aging and disability I&R/A agencies (including state aging and disability agencies, AAAs, ADRCs, CILs and other agencies serving older adults and persons with disabilities) to take our **2018** Aging and Disability I&R/A National Survey. The survey is designed to assess the state of Information and Referral/ Assistance (I&R/A) systems serving older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers. Findings from the survey will highlight important trends and developments in the provision of I&R/A services as well as innovative practices. The results of the survey will be compiled into a final report and shared with the I&R/A network. We are conducting the survey in partnership with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). You may already have received a link to this online survey from your state agency or council.

For efficiency and consistency, your agency may wish to coordinate a single response to the survey on behalf of your agency. We are requesting responses by **April 23**. The I&R Center's director, **Nanette Relave**, is available to address questions, offer assistance, and provide the survey in an alternate format if needed (she can be contacted at 202-898-2578 x305 or nrelave@nasuad.org).

We appreciate your time and assistance in completing this survey to increase our collective knowledge and understanding of the delivery of I&R/A to older adults and individuals with disabilities!

[Click here](#) to access the survey online.

MassOptions: Connecting Individuals to Services through a Centralized I&R Platform

The National I&R Support Center is hosting a webinar on MassOptions: Connecting Individuals to Services through a Centralized I&R Platform. This webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, April 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

The University of Massachusetts Medical School, its nonprofit business affiliate UHealthSolutions, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs launched the MassOptions program in **2015** as a free online and helpline service to simplify access to long-term services and supports for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers throughout Massachusetts. MassOptions blends the person-centered communication that is at the heart of I&R with a centralized, innovative technological resource to better connect individuals to multiple services. Join this webinar to learn more about how this technology-driven platform fulfills its key mission of delivering effective I&R/A services, and hear how program partners are sustaining and expanding this work. Our presenters are Jeff Auger, Director of UHealthSolutions, and Kerrie Topi, Associate Director of Customer Service Operations, UHealthSolutions.

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HCBS Clearinghouse

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.

National Beneficiary Survey: Disability Statistics, 2015

The Social Security Administration's (SSA) Office of Retirement and Disability Policy has published the results of the 2015 National Beneficiary Survey (NBS). The survey supplements SSA records and provides extensive data on the employment efforts of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. The survey was given to 4,062 beneficiaries ranging in age from 18 through full retirement and includes information on beneficiary characteristics and health, program and service participation, employment interest and activity, job characteristics, and benefits and employment interaction.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

The Person-Centered Counseling Training Program

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is offering a course designed to help individuals build competency working with person-centered counseling (PCC). There are 23.6 million people in need of PCC every year. The practice of person-centered counseling is built on the principle that individuals

receiving counseling should be given power over the options surrounding the services they are receiving. This includes allowing the individual to choose where they would like to access counseling. Person-centered counseling centers on the specific needs of an individual, their families, and their caregivers, tailoring resources to fit their unique needs.

This course is split in six parts, spanning from an introduction to No Wrong Door Systems to the role of advocacy. **The entire course is now available online free of charge; simply scroll to the bottom of the page and select which part(s) you would like to download.**

[Click here](#) to access the course.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The Forum on Opioids: Strategies and Solutions for Minority Communities

The CMS Office of Minority Health is partnering with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's Office of Behavioral Health Equity (SAMHSA OBHE) to host a special National Minority Health Month forum. The Forum on Opioids: Strategies and Solutions for Minority Communities will be held **April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET.**

The forum will address opioid use and behavioral health in the context of minority populations and will feature a panel consisting of public health leaders, health care professionals, and community members. Topics covered will include prevention, diagnosis, intervention, recovery, and access to services.

The forum will stream live online, but there are also a limited amount of spaces available for participants to attend in person in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) to register.

Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities in Health Care in Medicare Advantage

CMS has released a new report analyzing disparities in the care received by Medicare Advantage beneficiaries from **2015-2016**. The report was compiled using information from the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) and the Medicare Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey. It looks at differences in care by race, ethnicity, and gender, and also isolates racial and ethnic differences experienced by women and men.

With the exception of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) beneficiaries, beneficiaries who identified as a racial or ethnic minority were found to consistently experience worse or similar care when compared to their white counterparts. Overall, differences between men and women were negligible.

This report may be useful as a tool for spreading awareness about health disparities, designing interventions, and developing methods to ensure Medicaid programs are administered equitably across diverse populations.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Social Security Administration

National Social Security Month

National Social Security Month is celebrated in April and is dedicated to educating you about Social Security programs and services. From programs that help support you through life's journey, to services that help put you in control, to systems that help protect what's important to you, Social Security is committed to helping secure today and tomorrow for you and your family. Celebrate by seeing what you can do online.

To spread the word about their many online services, the Social Security Administration has developed a social media toolkit that includes ready-to-use content, such as web graphics and social media posts.

[Click here](#) to access the social media toolkit.

[Click here](#) to learn more about what you can do online at the Social Security Administration's website.

From Other Organizations

Aging and Disability Business Institute

Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Primary Care Webinar

The Aging and Disability Business Institute at n4a is presenting a webinar on The Ambulatory Integration of the Medical and Social (AIMS) model. The AIMS model was developed to help improve collaboration of medical and social services and grew out of the need to more fully incorporate the social determinants

of health into practice. The program works by pairing masters-prepared social workers with primary care teams in order to identify, address and monitor social factors which affect health. Early results have shown positive effects including fewer hospitalizations and lower readmission rates.

This webinar is intended to assist community-based organizations (CBOs) who are interested in learning more about the AIMS program and who may be considering replicating AIMS. By the end of the webinar, participants will better understand the importance of integrating health and social care, know the basic principles of AIMS intervention, and be able to articulate opportunities and challenges of collaboration between CBOs and medical services.

This webinar is being held **April 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to learn more.

American Society on Aging

The Case for Palliative Care for People with IDD and Dementia Webinar

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a webinar on palliative care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and Dementia. This webinar is part of the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center webinar series sponsored by the Administration for Community Living.

This webinar will discuss recent work from the International Summit on Intellectual Disability and Dementia.

Presenters of this webinar will share case examples that help illustrate the value of service integration efforts between intellectual disability and palliative care providers, specialized training for caregivers on end-of-life care and supports, and involvement of adults with intellectual disability early on in their advance care planning.

This webinar will take place on **Wednesday, April 18, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

LEAD Center

Building Employment Opportunities

through Inclusive Career Pathways Webinar

The LEAD Center is hosting a webinar on Virginia's Career Pathways Connection. The webinar will address how Career Pathways promotes opportunity consistent with the goals of The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Participants will also learn more about the Career Pathways Toolkit, gain an increased understanding of the partnerships supporting this system, and have the opportunity to discuss Career Pathways in other states.

This webinar will take place on **Monday, April 23, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to learn more.

National Center on Law and Elder Rights

Legal Basics: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Resources Webcast

The National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) is hosting a webcast on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) resource limits and rules. SSI resource regulations can be complex, and understanding them is critical to ensuring eligibility for the program.

Tracey Gronniger and Jenny Chung Mejia, two attorneys from Justice in Aging, will educate participants on the penalties of excess resources, how to avoid the resource transfer penalty, and other important tips for managing resources.

This webcast will take place on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

Online Ombudsman Learning Center

Consumer Voice and the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC) are co-sponsoring a new online training center to provide course content for Ombudsman staff and volunteers as well as advocates, family members, and other consumers.

The platform is accessible via computer or mobile device and will feature two sections of courses, one created by Consumer Voice, and one created by NORC. The Consumer Voice section currently offers a course on revised nursing home regulations and will continue to add more courses on federal regulations, policies, and advocacy strategies. NORC has currently uploaded two courses, one on volunteer management and one on abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Future NORC courses will focus on Ombudsman program practices and advocacy.

After registration, users can begin using the platform for free and will receive a certificate upon course completion. More courses will continue to be added to the platform in the future.

[Click here](#) to access this online learning platform.

National Council on Aging

Five Things to Know About the New Medicare Cards

New Medicare cards begin rolling out this month. The biggest change consumers will notice is the removal of their social security numbers from the cards as part of an effort to reduce the risk of identity theft. The new cards will be rolled out between **April 2018 and April 2019**, and beneficiaries should be sure to destroy their old Medicare cards upon receipt of the new card.

NCOA has created a summary of the five most important things to know about this process that can be found [here](#).

Oral Health America

North Dakota: An Example of an Oral Healthcare Program for Older Adults in Long-Term Care Facilities

Oral Health America is hosting a webinar to discuss how North Dakota has collaborated with key partners to establish an older adult oral health care program for residents in long-term care facilities. This webinar will discuss an overview of the importance of conducting a basic screening survey; engaging key stakeholders to strategize on the oral healthcare delivery and education programs provided to staff in long-term care facilities; and implementing a standardized screening tool.

This webinar will take place on **Thursday, Apr 26, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Events

National Disability Rights Network Annual Conference

The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) is hosting their Annual Conference from **June 18 - 21, 2018** in Baltimore, MD. The conference will be attended by over 500 P&A professionals and will feature over 70 workshops to help attendees grow skills, build partnerships, and improve advocacy efforts. The conference will also feature several day-long institutes dedicated to specific disability rights topics such as abuse and neglect investigation and monitoring skills, due process hearing skills, and complex litigation.

Early bird registration by check is \$825 for Monday - Thursday and \$650 for Tuesday - Thursday. Registration dates and forms will be released soon.

[Click here](#) for more information.

2018 Healthy Aging Summit

The **2018** Healthy Aging Summit will be held in Washington, DC from **July 16-17**. This Summit will focus on keeping Americans healthy as they transition into older adulthood and maximizing the health of all older adults through prevention strategies like encouraging healthy lifestyles, planning for aging, improving the use of preventive services, and much more. The Summit will highlight interventions, services, supports, and strategies that optimize health and prevent, avert, or delay entry into the healthcare system.

The **2018** Healthy Aging Summit seeks broad participation by subject matter experts from diverse disciplines, provider types, and the public-private sectors. This Summit will explore what is working across important areas such as healthcare, transportation, built environment, housing, law and policy, and faith-based partnerships. Whether you are a provider, healthcare consumer, health official, educator, student, caregiver, or older adult, your involvement at this Summit is critical!

[Click here](#) for more information.

AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference

The 40th Annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference will be held **June 3 to 6, 2018**, in Dallas, Texas. The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a program summary.

Aging and disability I&R/A professionals are invited to join the National I&R Support Center and its partners for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals from across the country discussing initiatives and innovations in aging and disability I&R/A programs. This year's pre-conference Summit will include a focus on important trends and developments in I&R/A programs, including discussion of the changing roles of I&R/A specialists and sharing of resources and practices that promote the sustainability of services in a changing environment.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Job Opportunities

Advocacy and Policy Consultant

The American Society on Aging is seeking an advocacy and policy consultant based in Washington, DC. The consultant will monitor issues identified by ASA's Public Policy Committee, make recommendations for advocacy efforts based on existing ASA priority areas, provide analysis to inform policy positions, assist in expanding/enhancing ASA's policy agenda and advise on when and how to most effectively weigh in. The purpose is to identify policy advocacy opportunities where ASA, its members and collaborative partners, can uniquely impact issues of importance in a timely, responsive, manner.

The consultant will, as required, assist ASA Board leadership in arranging meetings or testimony (including preparation) on issues of importance to the organization. Additionally, the consultant may be asked to directly represent ASA in meetings with policy makers and collaborative advocacy partners (e.g. NCOA, n4a, NANASP, MOWAA etc.).

For more information [click here](#).

Vice President of Quality and Operations for Managed Care Association

A Vice President for Quality and Operations is sought for a variety of activities within the Association for Community Affiliated Plans, a nonprofit trade association of more than 60 Safety Net Health Plans. Responsibilities will include quality and operational support, grants management and development, and various management tasks.

Qualifications include:

- Masters' degree (completed or in process) preferred.
- 10-15 years of work experience.
- Preference given to applicants with strong experience in federal or state quality initiatives.
- Strong writing, analytical, presentation, management and organizational skills.
- Ability to work well independently.
- Management experience preferred.

The job is located in **Washington, DC**.

For more information [click here](#).

Director, Wisconsin Bureau of Adult Long Term Care Services

The Department of Health Services (DHS); Division of Medicaid Services (DMS); is seeking a talented professional to fill a vacancy for a Bureau Director (Health Services Manager) in the Bureau of Adult Long Term Care Services (BALTCS).

The BALTCS Director administers and provides leadership to Wisconsin's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waivers for managed long-term care programs and self-directed long-term supports for frail elders and people with physical or intellectual/developmental disabilities. This includes a comprehensive review of existing policy and management structure of the adult long-term care programs to address critical concerns and develop revisions to program models to ensure cost-effective practices and meet the critical needs of Wisconsin's long-term care population.

Minimally qualified candidates will have:

- Experience formally supervising and managing staff. This includes tasks such as planning, organizing, monitoring and directing staff, resolving conflict, conducting performance evaluations, delegating work responsibilities and monitoring personnel workload.
- Experience managing projects to ensure successful implementation. This includes leading project teams and monitoring outcomes and deliverables.
- Strong communication skills, both oral and written, including skill in establishing and maintaining liaison with individuals and groups of diverse interests.
- Experience leading and setting direction through supervision and influence to align organization mission and goals.
- Policy analysis and development experience.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Observances

National Minority Health Month 2018

April is National Minority Health Month. The Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is recognizing this observance by placing a special emphasis on collaboration that increases awareness of and addresses health disparities. One example of these efforts is the special April CMS report released on health disparities in Medicare Advantage beneficiaries highlighted above in this Friday Update. OMH welcomes your engagement with this observance.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to get involved.

Funding Opportunities

No Wrong Door System Business Case Development

The Administration for Community Living has announced a new funding opportunity in support of No Wrong Door Systems. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) would specifically fund up to 9 state grantees to support business case development for high performing, streamlined LTSS access systems, or No Wrong Door Systems, in order to demonstrate the value of home and community based services. Grantees will enhance or modify their existing LTSS delivery systems in order to implement innovative approaches to evaluating how the performance of streamlined access impacts multiple payers, multiple populations, healthcare utilization, and the return on investment at the State and Federal levels.

The goal is to support states with documenting efficiency and/or cost savings. Funds may be used to develop an integrated data system, evaluate existing data elements, and/or implement a training protocol to support the intervention being tested.

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 p.m. ET on June 11, 2018.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Grants to Enhance State Adult Protective Services

The Administration for Community Living has announced a new funding opportunity for states to strengthen and improve their adult protective services (APS) systems statewide. Funding can be used for a wide-range of activities in the areas of APS practice; services for those experiencing abuse; and APS data collection, reporting, and infrastructure, including the technical ability to

provide comprehensive case component data to ACL's National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS).

ACL will be holding an information call on **Thursday, April 19** to cover highlights of the funding opportunity, including purpose and application components. Participants will have the ability to ask questions.

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 p.m. ET on June 25, 2018**.

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I&R/A interactions, technology is transforming how Americans seek information. Social media, smartphones, mobile apps, ecommerce and other developments are changing expectations for how individuals access and receive information. Additionally, technology has the potential to enhance the administration of I&R/A programs in areas such as data sharing, call center management, and maintenance of resource databases.

In this evolving field, the identification and sharing of promising practices can help strengthen our understanding of the role of technology in I&R/A programs that serve older adults, people with disabilities, and family and friend caregivers. In this context, the National Information and Referral Support Center, administered by the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) and with funding provided in part by the Administration for Community Living, is launching this *Technology in Practice* contest to identify and disseminate promising practices on the use of technology in aging and disability I&R/A programs. We encourage organizations to think broadly about their use of technology, including practices that make better use of existing technology, those that leverage low-cost technology, and those that adopt new or emerging technology.

Please view the link below to find more detailed information about eligibility, selection criteria, and awards. For the submission form in an alternate format, please contact I&R Support Center Director Nanette Relave at nrelave@nasuad.org. The deadline for submission entries is **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to submit an entry.

NASUAD Publishes Primer on Budget Reconciliation and LTSS Programs

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) published a primer on budget reconciliation and long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs. With the inauguration of President Trump on January 20, 2017, Republicans now control the White House and both branches of Congress. As the new leadership begins work to fulfill their campaign promise of repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the parliamentary budget reconciliation process has become the focal point of legislative strategies. Congress has passed a budget resolution that sets the stage for ACA repeal, using budget reconciliation legislation as the vehicle. While reconciliation is a powerful tool that can be used to pass significant and sweeping legislation, it also has some stark limitations that restrict the type of changes that can be enacted. Nevertheless, reconciliation can be used to restructure significant components of Federal health and human services programs without requiring a 60-vote threshold in the Senate. Knowledge of the budgetary process and its associated rules will help constituents understand the types of changes that could be made to health and human services programs.

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State Medicaid Integration Tracker: February 2017 Edition

NASUAD has published the February Edition of the State Medicaid Integration Tracker. The State Medicaid Integration Tracker is a monthly report summarizing state actions in Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), as well as State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and other Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives. The Tracker also includes updates on state participation in other LTSS activities, including: the Balancing Incentive Program; Medicaid State Plan Amendments under §1915(i); Community First Choice Option under §1915(k); and Medicaid Health Homes. This tracker includes new updates for each state that occurred during the most recent month.

[Click here](#) to view the tracker.

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HCBS Call for Sessions is Now Open!

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is pleased to announce the Call for Sessions for the 2017 National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference, August 28- August 31, 2017 in Baltimore, MD. The HCBS Conference has become the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of home and community based services. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this important event. The conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Proposals are currently being accepted for one hour and fifteen minute workshops.

Submissions are expected to be descriptive and engaging. We encourage you to consider bringing a panel of partners together and using exciting and engaging ways of presenting your materials. The Call for Sessions for the 2017 HCBS Conference will close on **March 3, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to submit a proposal.

I&R Center Webinar: Helping People Access Home and Community Based Services

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on Helping People Access Home and Community Based Services: Migrating, Coding, Storing, and Searching for Data in Minnesotahelp.info. Effectively managing data to support individuals' access to community resource information and needed services is a challenge shared by many information and referral/assistance programs. Join this webinar to hear how Minnesota's aging and

disability network approached this challenge through development and maintenance of MinnesotaHelp.info. Our speakers will share information and lessons learned from over 16 years of experience with data management, maintenance, and sharing. Presenters for this webinar will be Krista Boston, Director, Consumer Assistance Programs, Minnesota Board on Aging, and Bethany Hawley, Supervisor, Data Management Program, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. Pre-registration is required and space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

HCBS Clearinghouse

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Hunger in Older Adults: Challenges & Opportunities for the Aging Network

Meals on Wheels of America released a new report, funded by the AARP and Caesars Foundations, titled *Hunger in Older Adults: Challenges and Opportunities for the Aging Network*. This first-of-its-kind resource explores a variety of available food assistance programs that can be used in combination to more effectively address the needs of seniors in your community. While national, state and local assistance programs often operate in isolation, it is proven that by using these programs in a coordinated way they can more effectively address the myriad of health, environmental, physical, and economic barriers to food security that many older adults face. Through best practices and actionable strategies, *Hunger in Older Adults* seeks to engage Aging Network leaders and advocates as partners to increase use of food assistance programs by older adults as this vulnerable population is set to double by 2050.

All are invited to learn more about the report, and practice models for advancing its recommendations on a webinar. MOWAA is hosting on **February 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

[Click here](#) to view details and register for the webinar.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Alzheimer's and Dementia Resources You Can Use

The National Institute on Aging (NIA/NIH), the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are hosting a webinar about Alzheimer's and dementia resources. Included in the presentation will be information about: What's new with consumer, caregiver, and professional resources on dementia, helpful resources on areas of special interest; and how the federal government is implementing the National Alzheimer's Plan, including the overall direction of the plan and its 2017 changes. Presenters for the webinar are Tanya Friese, DNP, RN, CNL USN (Ret.), Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Educational Coordinator, Road Home Program, Rush University Medical Center; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, Director, Institute of Gerontology and Professor of Psychology, Wayne State University; Lisa McGuire, PhD, Lead, Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, CDC; Mark Snowden, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington; and Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, MSW, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 1, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

From Congress

The Senate

Senate Judiciary Committee Approves Elder Abuse Prevention Bill

On Thursday, February 9th, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (S. 178). The legislation creates new training requirements for Federal justice officials regarding elder abuse and exploitation, as well as requiring Federal districts to have designated staff to handle elder abuse cases. Additionally, the legislation includes new coordination and collaboration requirements, and increased penalties for individuals who target older adults for exploitation. The Elder Justice Coalition, of

which NASUAD is a member, has endorsed this act. The bill will be reported to the full Senate for a potential vote in the future.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the legislation.

Tom Price Confirmed as Secretary of Health and Human Services

Early this morning, the Senate confirmed Dr. Tom Price to be Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under the Trump administration. The final vote was 52-47, with all of the Senate Republicans voting to confirm Dr. Price. No Democrats voted for confirmation. President Trump has previously stated that Dr. Price will lead the administration's work on developing policy to replace the Affordable Care Act. Prior to his appointment to HHS, Dr. Price was a Congressman representing Georgia in the House of Representatives. He served as Chairman of the House Committee on the Budget and was also a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Price has been a fixture in conservative policy, including membership in the House Doctor and Tea Party Caucuses, as well as serving as the Chair of the Republican Study Committee in 2009-2010. As a Representative, Dr. Price introduced [comprehensive legislation](#) outlining his vision of an Affordable Care Act repeal and replace plan. The legislation proposed repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with tax credits and health savings accounts. Notably, his legislation also allows individuals to opt out of public programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, Tri-Care, in order to receive these tax credits. Dr. Price is a physician and was a practicing orthopedic surgeon prior to his career in politics.

The House of Representatives

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Advances Medicaid Bills

On Tuesday, February 7th, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health advanced two pieces of Medicaid-related legislation. These bills would place new restrictions on certain types of income and assets when determining eligibility for Medicaid. Energy and Commerce is the House committee with jurisdiction over the Medicaid program. One piece of legislation addresses eligibility for Medicaid long-term services and supports. If passed, the legislation would require states to count income derived from some types of annuities towards the Medicaid eligibility of an institutionalized person. Under spousal impoverishment rules, states provide an allowance for the spouse of an individual receiving Medicaid-funded institutional LTSS. The proposed legislation would modify the method for counting income for when specified

annuities are purchased during the 60-month "lookback period" prior to the individual applying for Medicaid. If passed, half of the income generated from these types of annuities would be counted when determining eligibility for the spouse in the institution.

The other bill deals with the treatment of lottery winnings and certain other lump-sum payments for the purposes of eligibility. Under Medicaid rules, income is counted on a "point-in-time" basis. Thus, large lump-sum payments could result in a person being Medicaid ineligible in the month that they received the income but obtaining or regaining eligibility in the following month. Under the proposed legislation, lump-sum payments exceeding \$80,000 would be prorated over multiple months for the purposes of determining Medicaid eligibility.

[Click here](#) to view these pieces of legislation.

From Other Organizations

Alliance of Information & Referral Systems

Call for Proposals Ends Today for the 2017 I&R Conference

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2017 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. The conference is being held in Tampa, Florida, with pre-conference intensives on May 21 and the regular conference May 22-24, 2017. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery.

The Aging and Disability conference track offers a great opportunity to share developments and effective practices in serving older adults and persons with disabilities with I&R colleagues across the country. This track is coordinated by NASUAD's I&R Support Center, which strongly encourages aging and disability I&R agencies to review the call for proposals and consider a submission.

Topics such as family caregiving, mental health and substance abuse, disability across the lifespan, social determinants of health, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), business acumen, partnering with health care entities, No Wrong Door system initiatives, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of new technologies in I&R, transportation, housing, and data collection and quality assurance are all examples of topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **February 10, 2017**. Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette](#)

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[Click here](#) to view the call for proposals.

[Click here](#) to view past presentation topics.

Consumer Voice

Webinar: A Deeper Dive into the Revised Federal Nursing Home Regulations

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care is hosting a webinar about the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) revised federal nursing home regulations. Experts from Justice in Aging, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, and Consumer voice will take a closer look at the following sections of the revised regulations: Assessment, care planning & discharge planning; transfer-discharge; nursing services; and unnecessary and antipsychotic drugs. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend this event.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Justice in Aging

Legal Basics Webinar: Elder Abuse

Justice in Aging is hosting a legal basics webinar on the topic of elder abuse. The recent White House Legal Aid report highlighted a troubling finding: one in 10 older adults and close to 50% of people with dementia are victims of elder abuse. Legal and aging network services help communities prevent elder abuse and help victims of elder abuse access services and justice. Lori Stiegel, a nationally recognized expert on older adults and elder abuse, will present a Legal Basics Webinar to help legal and aging network professionals prevent elder abuse. During this training, Lori will provide a basic overview of legal protections, information attorneys and non-attorneys need to spot and report on elder abuse, and legal interventions to protect against elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Newer legal services attorneys, law students, aging and disability network professionals looking to understand the basic information about elder abuse are encouraged to attend. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Mathematica

Webinar: The Promise of State Initiatives to Prevent Long-Term Work Disability

Mathematica's Center for Disability Policy is hosting a webinar about state initiatives that are used to prevent long-term work disability. Every year, millions of Americans suffer from medical conditions that affect their ability to work. This puts them at risk of losing their jobs or being forced to rely on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). States could help many of these workers stay in their jobs, but promising options for doing this remain largely untested. The five states with state-mandated short-term disability benefits-California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island-are promising settings for such tests. During this webinar, a panel of experts from Mathematica, Sedgwick, and the state of California will discuss the promise of state-based systems from the perspectives of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. The event will take place on **Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET**. Pre-registration is required for this webinar.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Events

Moving Medicaid Data Forward, Forum 2: Medicaid Enrollment-Overview and Data Sources

Mathematica Policy Research is hosting a forum that will cover enrollment research on Medicaid for the second installment of the Moving Medicaid Data Forward forum series. The Affordable Care Act, the 2008 recession, and a continuing transition to community-based care are just a few of the events and circumstances that have impacted Medicaid over the past decade. Now, a new Congress and administration brings another discussion of major changes in Medicaid and health care as a whole. Where does Medicaid enrollment stand in the midst of these changes? What are the methods and data sources that are used to conduct research into the enrollment levels of different states and populations? Enrollment is a fundamental measure in Medicaid; changes in enrollment affect budgets, program administration, and ultimately health outcomes. Productive discussions of Medicaid policy are only possible through an understanding of enrollment research and available data. The forum will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET**. The forum will take place at Mathematica's Washington, DC, office and via webinar. A reception will follow immediately after the forum.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Registration Open: Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Release

Registration is now open for the State-of-the-Science Conference under the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) will be held **February 13, 2017**, at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington DC. This conference, Disability Statistics: Lessons in Data Collection and Application to Policy and Practice, will discuss data collection strategies in the morning sessions and practical applications of disability data in the afternoon.

This year will feature a two-day event and combined the State of the Science conference with the release of the 2016 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium on February 14, 2017, also at the National Academies of Sciences Building. The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. When working on legislative and other matters relating to persons with disabilities, the Compendium will make finding and using disability statistics easier. It will prove invaluable to your work.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Jobs & Internships

Mercer Seeks Medicaid LTSS Financial Consultant

Mercer Government Human Services Consulting is seeking qualified candidates for an open position as a Medicaid LTSS Financial Consultant. The selected individual will be primarily responsible for leading/managing work projects with Mercer's government clients, mostly State Medicaid Agencies, on developing provider payment fees/rates for Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) such as home health care, residential services, personal assistance services and/or substance abuse services. The successful candidate must have prior relevant experience with provider payment methodologies for Medicaid LTSS, knowledge of Medicaid LTSS/HCBS policies, excellent communication skills and strong project management skills. This position can be located in Mercer's Atlanta, Minneapolis, Phoenix or Washington D.C. offices.

[Click here](#) to view the posting.

Arkansas DHS Seeks Deputy Chief Financial Officer of Medical Services

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Deputy Chief Financial

Officer - Medical Services. The CFO is responsible for overseeing all financial activities occurring within assigned areas of the division, as well as financial policy and long-term financial planning for the divisional or population driven components of DHS. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or a related area; plus nine years of experience in the area of accounting, finance, or a related field, including six years in professional financial management capacity. All applications must be submitted by **February 14, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view the posting.

Grant Opportunities

Two Grant Opportunities for Field Initiated Projects

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitative Research (NIDILRR) announced two new grant opportunities under the Field Initiated Projects program. The purpose is to generate new knowledge through research or to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. The two grants are intended to carry out research and development activity. The deadline for both grants is **February 8, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

Elder Justice Funding: Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders

Under an Elder Justice Innovation Grant from the U.S. Administration on Community Living, the ABA Commission on Law and Aging, with the National Center for State Courts, has released a Request for Proposals to the highest court in each state to establish, expand and enhance state Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS). This funding opportunity offers state courts up to \$20,000 to establish, enhance or expand WINGS (with special provision for up to \$30,000 for selected states with an intensive focus). In addition to funding, successful applicants will receive extensive expert technical assistance including help with strategic planning, outcome measurement, and data collection, as well as opportunities for information-sharing with other state WINGS.

The essence of WINGS is the partnership among state courts and

stakeholders in the aging and elder justice, disability, legal, mental health, and guardianship networks. Your state chief justice and state court administrator has received the RFP and may be reaching out to stakeholder entities. Let the court know of your interest in working through WINGS to improve state guardianship systems, avoid unnecessary guardianship, and prevent and address abuse. The proposal deadline is **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. ABA Commission on Law and Aging encourages you to connect with your state court about an application.

[Click here](#) to view details about the funding opportunity.

Grant: Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation

The Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) announced a new grant opportunity, Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation Options for Individuals with Disabilities, under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRPP). The purpose of this grant is to further the applications of automated products and robotics to assist with transportation for people with disabilities and to improve the overall traveling chain to meet the needs of travelers with disabilities. All applications must be electronically submitted by **March 21, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

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Session proposals will open at the end of January. Registration for the conference will open in April. Thank you to all of the inquiries we have received already. We look forward to reviewing submissions and seeing everyone in 2017.

[Click here](#) to sign up to receive updates.

New NASUADiQ Online Course: Medicaid Managed Care 101

NASUAD is pleased to announce the launch of the new Medicaid Managed Care 101 module on [NASUADiQ.org](#). NASUADiQ is a free online learning center designed to help strengthen participants' knowledge of the aging and disability networks. Our online courses provide overviews and analyses of systems and services that impact older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. The Medicaid Managed Care 101 course provides an overview of Medicaid managed care and outlines important differences between the Medicaid fee-for-service and Medicaid managed care delivery systems. The course also explains types of managed care plans, how states can implement managed care programs, and key requirements that must be followed. To get started, click the link below and create a free account.

[Click here](#) to view the course.

Webinar: Helping Connect Individuals to Benefits: Approaches, Tools & Promising Practices

The National I&R Support Center is hosting a webinar on Helping Connect Individuals to Benefits: Approaches, Tools, and Promising Practices. This webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

Despite the availability of public benefits programs that can help meet basic needs and improve economic security, many low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities are under-enrolled. In this webinar, the National Council on Aging (NCOA) will present findings from a recent study on how stigma affects perceptions of these programs, and results from a national survey of what messages can effectively counter stigma.

Participants will also see how NCOA's newly redesigned online screening tool, BenefitsCheckUp®, can assist with identifying benefits. The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) will present information about the current outreach campaign to individuals with disabilities that may be eligible for financial assistance through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) and Low Income Subsidies (LIS). Participants will learn about promising practices for providing outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to increase enrollment in Medicare savings programs. Presenters for this webinar will be Brandy Bauer, Communications Manager, Center for Benefits Access, National Council on Aging and Linda Nakagawa, Policy Analyst, NASUAD.

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Medicaid & CHIP: Applications, Determinations, & Enrollment

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for October 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Cultural Awareness in Dementia Care

The Administration for Community Living's National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center has partnered with the American Society on Aging for a new webinar series. The first webinar is titled, "Cultural Awareness in Dementia Care."

Participants who attend this webinar will learn about the steps for implementation related to the Minnesota Board on Aging's Cultural Awareness in Dementia Care initiative. American Indian and Somali cultural consultants will share their experience in working with service providers to strengthen capacity to provide culturally enhanced services. The webinar will take place on **January 17, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

Registration for this webinar is free and complimentary CEUs are available.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Issues Guidance to States on Community First Choice

On December 30, 2016, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a State Medicaid Director (SMD) letter with guidance to the state Medicaid directors about the implementation of Community First Choice (CFC) State Plan Option. The CFC State Plan Option is a home and community-based (HCBS) benefit package available to states as an effort to promote integration in the community. Included in the letter are links to the state plan amendment (SPA) pre-print and technical guide for CFC. The technical guide provides detailed guidance regarding the different sections of the SPA pre-print, as well as the criteria that CMS will use to review and approve CFC amendments.

Of note, the SMD letter and associated guidance provide clarification of a couple of key issues related to the implementation and operation of the CFC. First, the letter provides guidance regarding the regulatory requirement stating that unpaid supports cannot be required as a replacement for paid LTSS. CMS clarifies that this requirement does not force states to reimburse for previously unpaid care or to exceed the authorized hours of care. Instead, the provision means that unpaid supports cannot be compelled as a condition of CFC. CMS also provides guidance on the availability of CFC service and administrative matching funds. CMS also clarifies the ability to offer CFC-like services through 1115 demonstrations, but notes that states can only secure the 6% increase in Federal matching funds via an approved CFC SPA. Additionally, the technical guide provides information about standard questions that will be asked of all CFC applications regarding the settings where CFC services are provided. These questions are to ensure that the settings meet the integration requirements included in the HCBS final rule.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

[Click here](#) to view the technical guide.

[Click here](#) to view the state plan pre-print.

CMS Releases RFI Regarding PACE-Like Models of Care

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a Request for Information (RFI) to gather information for the possible development of a model test under the PACE Innovation Act of 2015 (PIA). The RFI seeks comment about the elements of a PACE-like model test and types of technical assistance that organizations and states would require for "individuals dually

eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, age 21 and older, with disabilities that impair their mobility and who are assessed as requiring a nursing home level of care and meet other eligibility criteria." Additionally, the RFI seeks comments about any additional populations whose health outcomes could benefit from enrollment in the PACE-like models and ways the PACE model could be adapted to serve these populations. CMS is seeking feedback from all interested parties. All comments must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on February 10, 2017**. Comments must be received electronically via PDF form to MMCOcapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov.

[Click here](#) to view the RFI.

Social Security Administration

Interdisciplinary Training for Those Who Serve Vulnerable Adults and Seniors

The Social Security Administration (SSA) developed a Representative Payee Training series, "Interdisciplinary Training for those who serve Vulnerable Adults and Seniors." This training includes useful modules to educate individuals and organizations about the roles and responsibilities of serving as a representative payee, elder abuse, and financial exploitation, effective ways to monitor and safely conduct business with the banking community, and ways to recognize the changes in decisional capacity among vulnerable adults and seniors.

[Click here](#) to view the training.

United States Access Board

Public Briefing on Final Rules

The United States Access Board members and staff are hosting a public briefing on three recent final rules:

- Updated ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buses and Vans (published December 14)
- Accessibility Standards for Medical Diagnostic Equipment (to be published January 9)
- Information and Communication Technology Standards and Guidelines (to be published soon)

The briefing will be held on **Tuesday, January 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET**, in the Access Board's Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004. For the comfort of all participants and to promote a fragrance-free environment, attendees are requested not to use perfume, cologne, or other fragrances.

Participants may also attend the briefing over the phone. Please dial 888-396-7314 and use the passcode 209 2216. [Click here](#) to access CART Streaming during the event.

From Congress

Senate & House of Representatives

Congress Reconvenes and Begins ACA Repeal Process

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New NASUADiQ Online Course: Medicaid Managed Care 101

NASUAD is pleased to announce the launch of the new Medicaid Managed Care 101 module on [NASUADiQ.org](#). NASUADiQ is a free online learning center designed to help strengthen participants' knowledge of the aging and disability networks. Our online courses provide overviews and analyses of systems and services that impact older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. The Medicaid Managed Care 101 course provides an overview of Medicaid managed care and outlines important differences between the Medicaid fee-for-service and Medicaid managed care delivery systems. The course also explains types of managed care plans, how states can implement managed care programs, and key requirements that must be followed. To get started, click the link below and create a free account.

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HCBS Clearinghouse

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.

Medicaid & CHIP: Applications, Determinations, & Enrollment

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for October 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

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From the Administration

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Issues Guidance to States on Community First Choice

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[Click here](#) to view the letter.

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Social Security Administration

Interdisciplinary Training for Those Who Serve Vulnerable Adults and Seniors

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United States Access Board

Public Briefing on Final Rules

The United States Access Board members and staff are hosting a public briefing on three recent final rules:

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The briefing will be held on **Tuesday, January 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET**, in the Access Board's Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004. For the comfort of all participants and to promote a fragrance-free environment, attendees are requested not to use perfume, cologne, or other fragrances.

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(HCBS) Conference, August 28- August 31, 2017 in Baltimore, MD. The HCBS Conference has become the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of home and community based services. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this important event. The conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Proposals are currently being accepted for one hour and fifteen minute workshops.

Submissions are expected to be descriptive and engaging. We encourage you to consider bringing a panel of partners together and using exciting and engaging ways of presenting your materials. The Call for Sessions for the 2017 HCBS Conference will close on **March 3, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to submit a proposal.

I&R Center Webinar: Helping People Access Home and Community Based Services

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on Helping People Access Home and Community Based Services: Migrating, Coding, Storing, and Searching for Data in Minnesotahelp.info. Effectively managing data to support individuals' access to community resource information and needed services is a challenge shared by many information and referral/assistance programs. Join this webinar to hear how Minnesota's aging and disability network approached this challenge through development and maintenance of MinnesotaHelp.info. Our speakers will share information and lessons learned from over 16 years of experience with data management, maintenance, and sharing. Presenters for this webinar will be Krista Boston, Director, Consumer Assistance Programs, Minnesota Board on Aging, and Bethany Hawley, Supervisor, Data Management Program, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. Pre-registration is required and space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Materials Now Available from I&R Center Benefits Webinar

The National I&R Support Center hosted a webinar on Helping Connect Individuals to Benefits: Approaches, Tools, and Promising Practices on January 24. A recording of the webinar, the slides, and a transcript of the captions are now available. In this webinar, the National Council on Aging (NCOA) presented findings from a recent study on how stigma affects perceptions of these programs, and results from a national survey of what messages can effectively counter stigma. Participants also saw how

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NCOA's newly redesigned online screening tool, BenefitsCheckUp®, can assist with identifying benefits. The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) presented information about the current outreach campaign to individuals with disabilities that may be eligible for financial assistance through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) and Low Income Subsidies (LIS). Participants also learned about promising practices for providing outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to increase enrollment in Medicare savings programs. Presenters for this webinar were Brandy Bauer, Communications Manager, Center for Benefits Access, National Council on Aging and Linda Nakagawa, Policy Analyst, NASUAD.

[Click here](#) to view the webinar materials.

HCBS Clearinghouse

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Medicaid & CHIP Eligibility & Enrollment Data Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for November 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility, and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: TIM Talks: Health IT and the Community Based Organization

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Office of

Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (ONHPP), in collaboration with consultant Tim McNeill, is hosting a business acumen webinar on Health IT Interoperability and the Community Based Organization (CBO). This webinar will review the requirements for Health IT and clinical integration, physician requirements, options to consider when selecting a vendor, and preparation for compliance. As always, participants will also have an opportunity to ask any other Business Acumen related questions through the chat function after the webinar presentation. The event will take place on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m ET**. Pre-registration is required.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Webinar: Lewy Body Dementia: The Importance of Comprehensive Care & Support

The Administration for Community Living's National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center, in collaboration with the American Society on Aging, is hosting a webinar about Lewy Body dementia and the importance of comprehensive care and support. This webinar provides an overview of Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's. Attendees will learn the symptoms of and treatments for LBD and how the disease affects caregivers. A person living with LBD will share first-hand experiences and compensatory strategies. Pre-registration is required for this event that will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**. CEUs are available for attendees.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Webinar: Applying Promising Practices to Advance Care of Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees with Dementia

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO), in collaboration with The Lewin Group and Community Catalyst, are hosting a webinar about applying promising practices to advance care of Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with dementia. The care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias presents unique challenges to all settings of the health care delivery system. This webinar will emphasize: 1) Presentation of

the business case for a dementia capable delivery model of care; 2) Review of key components of an effective care model (e.g., identification and screening for a high-risk population of beneficiaries and caregivers, workforce preparation, and collaboration with community-based organizations for caregiver assessment and support); and 3) Interventions implemented within two Medicare-Medicaid financial alignment model demonstrations.

This webinar is intended for interested leadership within health plan and PACE organizations, including directors of medical care, care management and/or long-term services and supports. It will take place on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Department of Education

A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities

The Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) created a transition guide to advance their efforts in ensuring that all students and youth with disabilities are equipped with the skills and knowledge to be engaged in the 21st Century workforce. In doing so, OSERS recognizes the significance of collaborative partnerships and hopes that the information in this guide will assist families and their students and youth with disabilities in developing and pursuing their goals for adult life.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

From Congress

Lawmakers Work to Develop ACA Replacement Strategies

This week, Republican lawmakers gathered in Philadelphia to work on several legislative issues including developing a health care strategy. Republicans have begun legislative maneuvers that will enable them to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with a simple majority, thereby not needing any Democratic support. The majority party has not yet provided specifics about their replacement plans, and continue discussing options at the meeting. On Thursday, President Trump provided some high level thoughts, including the likely inclusion of health savings accounts (HSA) coupled with high deductible health plans (HDHP) in the ACA replacement. Other ideas under discussion

include the use of high risk pools as an option for individuals with pre-existing conditions. Earlier in the week, a group of Republican Senators released a separate replacement proposal. The proposal would allow states to select from three options, including keeping the ACA intact; using Federal money that would have been spent on ACA to implement a system of HSA/HDHP coverage; or implementing a state-only solution without any Federal funding. Leaders in Congress have not yet opined on the legislation and whether it is a viable option for replacement. Meanwhile, other discussions surrounding potential replacement bills are ongoing. The issue is likely to remain on the forefront of Congressional activity as Republicans work to finalize repeal and replacement plans over the next several months.

[Click here](#) to view information about the proposed ACA replacement bill.

From the White House

Trump Administration Enacts Several Policies in First Week

During the first week of his administration, President Trump signed a number of executive orders enacting sweeping changes to the Federal government. Most significantly to health and human services programs, the President directed agencies to seek ways to limit the impact of the Affordable Care Act, implemented a halt on new regulations, and enacted a Federal hiring freeze.

The order on ACA does not provide policy specifics, but instructs Federal agencies to seek authority within current law to provide waivers and exemptions that lessen the burden of ACA policies on a variety of health care entities, patients, and businesses. This order is intended to begin the transition away from ACA as Congress works to repeal the statute. The halt on regulations directs agency heads to refrain from sending new rules to the Federal Register until they have been reviewed by a new appointee. Additionally, agencies are directed to withdraw rules that were sent to the Federal register and not yet published, and delay the effective date of rules that were issued but not yet in effect. Lastly, the hiring freeze prevents Federal agencies from bringing in new staff for at least the next 90 days. During that period, the Office of Management and Budget is instructed to come up with a long-range plan to reduce the Federal workforce through attrition. The hiring freeze will end once the plan has been implemented.

[Click here](#) to view information about the hiring freeze.

[Click here](#) to view information about the ACA.

[Click here](#) to view information about the regulatory halt.

From Other Organizations

AARP Public Policy Institute

Materials Now Available From Family Caregiver & MLTSS Webinar

The AARP Public Policy Institute held a webinar on family caregivers and managed long-term services and supports. The video recording is now archived. Please watch this recorded webinar on AARP's newly released report, [Family Caregivers & Managed Long-Term Services and Supports](#). In the webinar, the authors discussed their findings and recommendations. They also highlighted practical tools and promising practices in this emerging field of addressing family needs in managed long-term services and supports.

[Click here](#) to view the materials.

Alliance of Information & Referral Systems

Call for Proposals Open for 2017 I&R Training & Education Conference

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2017 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. The conference is being held in Tampa, Florida, with pre-conference intensives on May 21 and the regular conference May 22-24, 2017. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery.

The Aging and Disability conference track offers a great opportunity to share developments and effective practices in serving older adults and persons with disabilities with I&R colleagues across the country. This track is coordinated by NASUAD's I&R Support Center, which strongly encourages aging and disability I&R agencies to review the call for proposals and consider a submission.

Topics such as family caregiving, mental health and substance abuse, disability across the lifespan, social determinants of health, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), business acumen, partnering with health care entities, No Wrong Door system initiatives, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of new technologies in I&R, transportation, housing, and data collection and quality assurance are all examples of topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **February 10, 2017**.

Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette Relave](#).

[Click here](#) to view the call for proposals.

[Click here](#) to view past presentation topics.

Consumer Voice

Webinar: A Deeper Dive into the Revised Federal Nursing Home Regulations

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care is hosting a webinar about the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) revised federal nursing home regulations. Experts from Justice in Aging, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, and Consumer voice will take a closer look at the following sections of the revised regulations: Assessment, care planning & discharge planning; transfer-discharge; nursing services; and unnecessary and antipsychotic drugs. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend this event.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Relationship-Centered Care

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting a webinar titled, Relationship-Centered Care: A Healthcare Provider's Guide to Patient Engagement, Shared Decision Making, and Improved Outcomes. This webinar will discuss relationship-centered care, a primary and behavioral care construct that emphasizes patient engagement and collaboration. Speakers for this webinar are Margaret Kirkegaard, MD, Family Physician, and Jeffrey Ring, PhD, Health Psychologist. This webinar is intended for primary and behavioral healthcare providers, state policy officials, office medical staff, health plan executives, hospital executives, and others involved in continuity of care initiatives. The event will take place on **Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Justice in Aging

Legal Basics Webinar: Elder Abuse

Justice in Aging is hosting a legal basics webinar on the topic of elder abuse. The recent White House Legal Aid report highlighted a troubling finding: one in 10 older adults and close to 50% of people with dementia are victims of elder abuse. Legal and aging network services help communities prevent elder abuse and help victims of elder abuse access services and justice. Lori Stiegel, a nationally recognized expert on older adults and elder abuse, will present a Legal Basics Webinar to help legal and aging network professionals prevent elder abuse. During this training, Lori will provide a basic overview of legal protections, information attorneys and non-attorneys need to spot and report on elder abuse, and legal interventions to protect against elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Newer legal services attorneys, law students, aging and disability network professionals looking to understand the basic information about elder abuse are encouraged to attend. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Mathematica

Webinar: The Promise of State Initiatives to Prevent Long-Term Work Disability

Mathematica's Center for Disability Policy is hosting a webinar about state initiatives that are used to prevent long-term work disability. Every year, millions of Americans suffer from medical conditions that affect their ability to work. This puts them at risk of losing their jobs or being forced to rely on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). States could help many of these workers stay in their jobs, but promising options for doing this remain largely untested. The five states with state-mandated short-term disability benefits-California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island-are promising settings for such tests. During this webinar, a panel of experts from Mathematica, Sedgwick, and the state of California will discuss the promise of state-based systems from the perspectives of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. The event will take place on **Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.** Pre-registration is required for this webinar.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

National Disability Institute

Webinar: A Deeper Look at Four New ABLE Programs

The National Disability Institute (NDI) is hosting a webinar

focused on introducing participants to four of the most recent ABE plans to launch. Moderated by Michael Morris, the Executive Director of the National Disability Institute, the webinar will feature presentations from representatives on behalf of the STABLE Kentucky Program, Michigan's MiABLE Program, the Oregon ABE Savings Plan, and Virginia's ABLEnow Program. The webinar will focus on various program characteristics including: Learning the enrollment process of each program; learning the fees associated with each program; learning the investment opportunities offered with each program; and identifying how those differences may affect which program best meets your specific needs. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.** Potential ABE participants, their families, and all other ABE stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Events

AiA17 - The Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging

The American Society on Aging's (ASA) 2017 Aging in America Conference will take place in Chicago, March 20-24. Will you be there? The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults.

The Aging in America Conference is recognized for its 360-degree view of the multidisciplinary issues, challenges and opportunities in aging. In addition to programs organized within 11 professional program categories, our 2017 conference will feature several "conferences within the conference" that run each day throughout the week, including the Managed Care Academy series of programs. Don't miss this opportunity to network and learn from the experts on multiple topics and earn up to 26 CSA CEUs at no additional cost!

Register by **January 31, 2017**, and save 10%. Enter discount code NASUAD50 and save \$50 more!

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Moving Medicaid Data Forward, Forum 2: Medicaid Enrollment-Overview and Data Sources

Mathematica Policy Research is hosting a forum that will cover

enrollment research on Medicaid for the second installment of the Moving Medicaid Data Forward forum series. The Affordable Care Act, the 2008 recession, and a continuing transition to community-based care are just a few of the events and circumstances that have impacted Medicaid over the past decade. Now, a new Congress and administration brings another discussion of major changes in Medicaid and health care as a whole. Where does Medicaid enrollment stand in the midst of these changes? What are the methods and data sources that are used to conduct research into the enrollment levels of different states and populations? Enrollment is a fundamental measure in Medicaid; changes in enrollment affect budgets, program administration, and ultimately health outcomes. Productive discussions of Medicaid policy are only possible through an understanding of enrollment research and available data. The forum will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET**. The forum will take place at Mathematica's Washington, DC, office and via webinar. A reception will follow immediately after the forum.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Registration Open: Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Release

Registration is now open for the State-of-the-Science Conference under the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) will be held **February 13, 2017**, at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington DC. This conference, Disability Statistics: Lessons in Data Collection and Application to Policy and Practice, will discuss data collection strategies in the morning sessions and practical applications of disability data in the afternoon.

This year will feature a two-day event and combined the State of the Science conference with the release of the 2016 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium on February 14, 2017, also at the National Academies of Sciences Building. The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. When working on legislative and other matters relating to persons with disabilities, the Compendium will make finding and using disability statistics easier. It will prove invaluable to your work.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Jobs & Internships

Mercer Seeks Medicaid LTSS Financial Consultant

Mercer Government Human Services Consulting is seeking

qualified candidates for an open position as a Medicaid LTSS Financial Consultant. The selected individual will be primarily responsible for leading/managing work projects with Mercer's government clients, mostly State Medicaid Agencies, on developing provider payment fees/rates for Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) such as home health care, residential services, personal assistance services and/or substance abuse services. The successful candidate must have prior relevant experience with provider payment methodologies for Medicaid LTSS, knowledge of Medicaid LTSS/HCBS policies, excellent communication skills and strong project management skills. This position can be located in Mercer's Atlanta, Minneapolis, Phoenix or Washington D.C. offices.

[Click here](#) to view the posting.

Grant Opportunities

Two Grant Opportunities for Field Initiated Projects

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitative Research (NIDILRR) announced two new grant opportunities under the Field Initiated Projects program. The purpose is to generate new knowledge through research or to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. The two grants are intended to carry out research and development activity. The deadline for both grants is **February 8, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

Elder Justice Funding: Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders

Under an Elder Justice Innovation Grant from the U.S. Administration on Community Living, the ABA Commission on Law and Aging, with the National Center for State Courts, has released a Request for Proposals to the highest court in each state to establish, expand and enhance state Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS). This funding opportunity offers state courts up to \$20,000 to establish, enhance or expand WINGS (with special provision for up to \$30,000 for selected states with an intensive focus). In addition to funding, successful applicants will receive extensive expert technical assistance including help with strategic planning, outcome measurement, and data collection, as well as opportunities for information-sharing with other state

WINGS.

The essence of WINGS is the partnership among state courts and stakeholders in the aging and elder justice, disability, legal, mental health, and guardianship networks. Your state chief justice and state court administrator has received the RFP and may be reaching out to stakeholder entities. Let the court know of your interest in working through WINGS to improve state guardianship systems, avoid unnecessary guardianship, and prevent and address abuse. The proposal deadline is **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. ABA Commission on Law and Aging encourages you to connect with your state court about an application.

[Click here](#) to view details about the funding opportunity.

Grant: Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation

The Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) announced a new grant opportunity, Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation Options for Individuals with Disabilities, under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRPP). The purpose of this grant is to further the applications of automated products and robotics to assist with transportation for people with disabilities and to improve the overall traveling chain to meet the needs of travelers with disabilities. All applications must be electronically submitted by **March 21, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

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Confirmation as Assistant Secretary of Aging and Administrator of ACL



Mr. Lance Robertson is under consideration for the position of Assistant Secretary of Aging and Administrator of ACL. Many of you know Lance, as he is one of the longest serving state directors in the country. He has been the Director of Oklahoma's Aging Services Division since 2007 and has led a number of quality improvement and systems modernization activities that have sustained and improved Oklahoma's aging services even

during times of challenging budget cuts at the state and national level.

Here at NASUAD, we have been incredibly fortunate to work with him in a number of capacities - including as a longtime member of our board of directors in a number of roles, such as Treasurer, Vice President, and President. Lance is a strong collaborator as well as an individual who truly takes the challenge and responsibility of mentoring new professionals seriously. A significant number of state aging and disability directors have gone to Lance for advice, suggestions, or simply for support during their time in leadership.

Lance's work has extended beyond aging services and has resulted in improved partnerships with the disability network, including service providers, advocates, and individuals who receive supports and services. His ability to partner with entities across the fields of aging, disability, and LTSS system be a crucial asset within the Federal government.

To summarize, NASUAD truly believes that Lance's lengthy experience in the network, established relationships with state and federal partners, and his passion for mentoring young and emerging professionals will be incredibly valuable in the ACL Administrator position.

NASUAD is collecting letters of support for Lance as he begins the confirmation process and we hope that you will all join us in supporting his nomination. NASUAD developed a template support letter, which is can be found [here](#). You can submit these letters to:

1. support_letter@help.senate.gov
2. courtney.lawrence@hhs.gov
3. allison.marre@hhs.gov
4. lancearobertson@yahoo.com

If you choose to provide a letter in support of his nomination, please also send a copy to Ali Diaz (adiaz@nasuad.org). Thank you!

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Needs in Your State and Community

NASUAD is currently administering a brief survey to learn more about the access of older adults and persons with disabilities to oral health services. This survey is a follow-up to the [NASUAD/NCIL 2015 I&R/A National Survey](#), which found that dental services were one of the most frequent unmet service requests for individuals in the community. We're seeking more information about the gaps, barriers, and challenges that older adults and people with disabilities face when they seek oral health services. We are also interested in successes, promising practices, and other information regarding dental supports for individuals in these population groups. We are requesting a response by **July 21st, 2017**.

To access the survey, please [click here](#).

Disability Network Learning Collaborative Application Office Hours

Is your state agency or organization applying to be a part of the Disability Business Acumen Learning Collaborative? Have questions about the application process? Looking for feedback on the opportunity (or challenge) you'd like to focus on? If so, then please plan to join us on **Monday, July 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET** or **Wednesday, July 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET** for a Question and Answer call-in session hosted by the Disability Business Acumen Resource Center. With no set agenda, representatives from the Resource Center will be on hand to answer your questions and provide feedback as you develop your Learning Collaborative application.

If you would like to pose a question or just listen in to the discussion, please e-mail businessacumen@nasuad.org to register, submit your question(s) and receive the call-in information. Have a question, but can't make it to either of the call-in sessions? Send it to businessacumen@nasuad.org - in addition to receiving an individual response, frequently asked questions and responses will be posted to the Disability Business Acumen Resource Center website.

For more information about the Learning Collaborative, [please visit our website here](#).

HCBS Conference Registration is Now Open!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Baltimore, MD from **August 28th to August 31st**. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-

term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The conference hotel is currently sold out of our block on most peak nights. Please visit our [conference website](#) for a list of nearby hotels. All of these hotels are within a 5-10 minute walk from the conference venue. If you are a government employee, make certain to ask for the government per diem rate. Please keep an eye on our website for updates on the room block in the case of cancellations, or in the case that we are able to add more rooms to our block.

Register today! The early bird deadline ends July 31st! [Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and register!

HCBS Clearinghouse

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Working Together Toward Better Health Outcomes

The Partnership for Healthy Outcomes, a project of the Center for Health Care Strategies, Nonprofit Finance Fund, and the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, has published a report that captures and analyzes lessons from health care organizations and community-based organizations (CBOs) that are partnering to address both clinical and the social determinants of health. This report is based on a survey of more than 200 health care related partnerships. "Working Together Toward Better Health Outcomes" provides important lessons to inform partnerships that seek to improve access to care, address health inequities, and make progress on social issues like food, education, and housing.

Visit our [HCBS Clearinghouse](#) to access the report.

From the Administration

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Informational Bulletin on Medicaid Managed Care Rule Compliance

On **June 30th, 2017**, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released an information bulletin to states regarding compliance with the Medicaid managed care final rule. CMS believes that some of the new rules are potentially burdensome to states, and so intends to use its enforcement discretion to work with states to implement state-specific compliance solutions, based on state needs and circumstances. If a state is interested in taking advantage of CMS' enforcement flexibility, the state will need to identify to their regional office the particular regulation(s) that they will be unable to implement by the mandated compliance date. Once identified, CMS will then work with the state to assess compliance with those regulations in the following ways:

- The specific goals and intent for the regulation;
- Compliance with regulatory standards that were in effect prior to the Medicaid managed care rule publication in 2016;
- Alternatives the state could consider in moving toward compliance and strategies for how states can best mitigate specific risks and concerns with non-compliance; and,
- Developing a timeline for future compliance with the regulatory requirement.

Notwithstanding the above-noted flexibility, CMS will not provide additional flexibility for the following provisions:

- The actuarial soundness and payment provisions found in §§ 438.4, 438.5, 438.6, and 438.7;
- The pass-through payment provisions found in §438.6(d); and
- The medical loss ratio (MLR) provisions found in §§ 438.8 and 438.74.

To access the bulletin, [click here](#).

Department of Labor

Overtime Rule No Longer Supported

On **Friday, June 30th, 2017**, the Trump Administration filed court documents signaling that they will no longer defend the Department of Labor (DOL) overtime rule that was released in **May 2016** under the previous administration. The overtime rule would have roughly doubled the salary threshold for overtime exemptions to \$47,476, but was put on hold by an injunction from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. DOL is expected to release a new request for comments in order to develop a new overtime proposal.

Read more [here](#).

Dialogue on Stay-at-Work and Return-to-Work Practices

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) will host a webinar and virtual discussion on Stay-at-Work (SAW)/Return-to-Work (RTW) practices. Participants, including insurers, providers, employers, and policy makers will discuss strategies and recommendations for policies that support SAW/RTW. The three Policy Working Groups (PWGs) are 1) Replicating/Adapting Washington's COHE Model, 2) Musculoskeletal Injuries and Pain Management, and 3) Transition Back to Work. Participants are encouraged to share their ideas and participate **June 26th to July 14th, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Caregiver Peer Support

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a Peer Support Mentoring Program. This program provides an opportunity for caregivers to share their stories, encourage others, and seek advice. The Peer Support Mentoring Program is seeking caregivers who want to serve as mentors or be mentored. Mentors often report satisfaction in helping others, and mentees describe gaining emotional support and recognition that they are not alone.

You can learn more about the Caregiver Peer Support Mentoring Program by contacting your local Caregiver Support Coordinator. Enter your zip code into the locator link at www.caregiver.va.gov to find your local Caregiver Support Coordinator.

National Institute on Aging

Promising but Inconclusive Evidence on Interventions to Prevent Cognitive Decline

The National Institute on Aging commissioned a committee of experts through the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to conduct an extensive scientific review and provide recommendations in order to better understand what actually might prevent or reduce risk of cognitive decline or dementia. There have been a wide range of programs and products, such as diets, exercise regimens, games, and supplements, which claim to help with these conditions. However, through their scientific review, the committee did not find sufficient evidence to recommend specific interventions to

prevent cognitive decline or dementia. Although, they did note "encouraging" evidence for three types of interventions: cognitive training, blood pressure control for people with hypertension, and increased physical activity.

To read more about these findings, [click here](#).

From Other Organizations

Justice in Aging

Webinar on Implementing Statewide Legal Standards

Justice in Aging is hosting a webinar on how to protect older Americans' rights through legal assistance. Penelope Hommel, Co-Director of The Center for Social Gerontology, and Sarah Halsell, a Legal Assistance Developer, will present the webinar entitled "Development and Implementation of Statewide Standards." This webinar will focus on establishing and implementing statewide legal standards that define and protect high-impact and high-quality care. This webinar will take place on **July 12th, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Committee for Quality Assurance

Webinar on Improving LTSS Care Delivery

As states have shifted long-term services and supports (LTSS) from fee-for-service to managed care, processes that affect member outcomes become very important for community-based partners to meet state and MCO requirements. Improving operations in areas such as person-centered care and care transitions can increase efficiency and improve the quality of care, outcomes, member satisfaction and quality of life.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is sponsoring a webinar through the American Society on Aging web seminar series on enhancing core operational processes for LTSS care delivery. During this webinar, Paige Cook from NCQA will share insights from their research on person-centered care and care transitions, and tools to effectively measure quality and implement quality improvement initiatives.

Join NCQA on **Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.** [Click here](#) for more information.

National Council on Aging

Webinar on Building Inclusive Programs to Serve Adults with Disabilities

Americans with disabilities brave significant barriers to accessing health care services and preventing their ongoing health conditions. The Living Well with a Disability (LWD) program seeks to address this health disparity through peer-led programs designed for adults with disabilities. Meg Ann Traci and Tracy Boehm Barrett of the University of Montana Rural Institute For Inclusive Communities will cohost with Karl Cooper of the American Association on Health and Disability to present this webinar entitled, "Building Inclusive Programs to Serve Adults with Disabilities." This webinar will explain more about the development and success of the LWD program and how to properly implement this evidenced-based program. The webinar will take place on **July 18th, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Disability Institute

Webinar on Exploring Assistive Technology (AT) Programs

The National Disability Institute will host a webinar exploring assistive technology (AT) programs and how it can be used to help individuals build their finances. This webinar will define assistive technology, give examples of assistive technology resource programs, and also discuss ways to access the programs across the nation.

This webinar will take place on **July 12th, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Oral Health America

Webinar on Growing Older with a Smile: Promoting Oral Health for

Older Adults

More attention is being placed on the impact of oral health on overall health, and as older adults are aging with more natural teeth, expectations of maintaining oral health are higher than ever before. This webinar, a part of Oral Health America's Wisdom Tooth Project Webinar Series, will discuss promoting oral health for older adults. Steve Shuman, DDS, MS, Associate Professor, of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, will be presenting on oral health concerns for older adults, connections between oral and systemic health, and potential barriers to dental care for older adults, as well as resources to address them.

This webinar will take place on **Thursday, July 20th, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. ET.** [Click here](#) for more information.

Grant Opportunities

ACL Grant: Model Approaches for Enhancing Home and Community Based Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

ACL has a funding opportunity to increase integration and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities and to improve the quality of home- and community-based services (HCBS). This is to be done by developing and testing one or more model approaches of a coordinated and comprehensive system for enhancing and ensuring the independence, integration, safety, health, and well-being of individuals living in the community.

Informational materials are available about this funding opportunity:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Informational Webinar Presentation Slides](#)

Applications for the grant are due by **July 24th, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET.** For more information, [click here](#).

Disability Employment Initiative Grants

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is releasing an eighth round of Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) grants. The approximately eight (8) grants will total a combined \$15 million dollars with each grant's ceiling set at \$2.5 million and floor set at \$1.5 million. DEI grants aim to encourage and develop existing careers for two

populations: youth (ages 14 to 24) with visible, non-visible, and other significant disabilities such as chronic health conditions; and, adults (18 and older) with visible, non-visible, other significant disabilities, and including those who acquired disabilities in adulthood. Grantees are expected to improve their existing "career pathways" systems and make them fully accessible and inclusive to all individuals with disabilities. The grant opportunity closes on **July 31st, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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and Pacific Islander Older Adults

NASUAD is pleased to have partnered with the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) to bring you a new NASUADiQ online learning center course, Strengthening Cultural Competence in I&R/A Work with Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Older Adults. This course will provide an overview of the AAPI Aging population for Information & Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) staff and providers. During this course, the NAPCA National Resource Center on AAPI Aging will provide a general overview of AAPI older adult populations throughout America, including demographic trends, cultural diversity and barriers to accessing services. The course will offer strategies for staff and providers to integrate cultural and linguistic competence into their work with AAPI older adults, strengthening access to the Aging Network's long-term services and supports system for this diverse group nationwide.

To access the Strengthening Cultural Competence in I&R/A Work with AAPI Older Adults, please visit our [NASUADiQ online learning center](#).

NASUAD Publishes Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the **June 2017** Edition of the State Medicaid Integration Tracker. The State Medicaid Integration Tracker is a monthly report summarizing state actions in Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), as well as State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and other Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives.

The Tracker also includes updates on state participation in other LTSS activities, including: the Balancing Incentive Program; Medicaid State Plan Amendments under 1915(i); Community First Choice Option under 1915(k); and Medicaid Health Homes. This tracker includes new updates for each state that occurred during the most recent month.

[Click here](#) to view this month's Tracker.

[Click here](#) for comprehensive information on each state, as well as archived versions of the Tracker.

HCBS Conference Registration is Now Open!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Baltimore, MD from **August 28th to August 31st**. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share

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best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services including the Administration for Community Living, CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and register!

HCBS Clearinghouse

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.

Money Follows the Person 2015 Annual Evaluation Report

Mathematica Policy Research recently released their Money Follows the Person 2015 Annual Evaluation Report. This report provides basic information about the program, as well as how the program has grown and changed since transitions began in 2007. The Annual Evaluation Report also discusses estimates of program outcomes and is the basis for a report to congress.

[Click here](#) to access the report through the HCBS Clearinghouse.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Request for Public Comment on Proposed Revisions for the Older Americans Act Annual State Program Performance Report

Public comment is now open for the proposed revisions for the Older Americans Act Title III and VII, Chapters 3 and 4 Annual State Program Performance Report (SPR). On **Thursday, June 1, 2017**, ACL released these proposed revisions. The Notice of

Comment Request is now on display in the Federal Register (Vol. 82, No. 104, page 25293 -25294).

For the first time since 2005, the SPR and the software system used to submit the SPR are being redesigned. The proposed revised SPR will collect quantitative data from State Units on Aging (SUAs) on the Older Americans Act Title III and Title VII Chapters 3 and 4 programs. This data collection will fulfill requirements of the OAA and the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act (GPRA Modernization Act) of 2010 and related program performance activities.

[Click here](#) to view the Notice of Comment Request.
[Click here](#) to find the State Program Performance Report Requirements Draft 2017 and the State Program Performance Report Attachment A Definitions Draft 2017.

Public comment will be open until **July 31, 2017**.

Electronic comments can be submitted to
SPRredesign.comment@acl.hhs.gov.

Written comments can be mailed to the following address:
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Community Living
Washington DC 20201
Attention: Jennifer Klocinski

For further information contact Jennifer Klocinski by telephone at (202) 795-7377 or by email at
SPRredesign.comments@acl.hhs.gov.

Updated ACL Public Access Plan

ACL has updated its Public Access Plan that was originally published in **February 2016**. The purpose of the Public Access Plan is to make peer-reviewed publications and scientific data available to the public, arising from research funded in whole or part by ACL through the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). The updated Public Access Plan includes public access to the scientific data component, and ACL will begin implementing the new component **October 1, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS Issues Proposed Revision Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities' Arbitration Agreements

On **October 4, 2016**, the Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities Final Rule was published. This rule prohibited pre-dispute agreements for binding arbitration. The court granted a preliminary injunction on **November 7, 2016**, after the American Health Care Association and a group of nursing homes sued for preliminary and permanent injunction to stop CMS from enforcing this requirement.

Since then, CMS has reconsidered the arbitration requirements in the 2016 Final Rule, and CMS has issued new proposed revisions to arbitration agreement requirements for long-term care facilities. Overall, CMS states that these new proposed revisions would help strengthen transparency in the arbitration process, reduce unnecessary provider burden and support residents' rights to make informed decisions about important aspects of their health care.

This proposed rule is scheduled to be published on **June 8th, 2017** and comments are due by **August 7th, 2017**.

For more information, [click here](#) to read the proposed regulation.

2017 Spousal Impoverishment Standards

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently released an informational bulletin related to the 2017 Spousal Impoverishment Standards. In 1988, Congress enacted provisions to prevent "spousal impoverishment," or when the spouse who is still living at home in the community is left with little or no income or resources. Under the Medicaid spousal impoverishment provisions, a certain amount of the couple's combined resources is protected for the spouse living in the community. This informational bulletin includes the minimum and maximum amount of resources and income that can be protected for a spouse in the community in 2017.

[Click here](#) to access the 2017 Spousal Impoverishment Standard.

Strategies to Streamline Transitions for Medicaid-Eligible Beneficiaries Who Newly Qualify for Medicare

On **June 7th, 2017**, CMS issued an Informational Bulletin to promote smooth transitions for individuals in the adult group who become Medicare eligible. The bulletin discusses the required processes for completing redeterminations of eligibility when Medicaid adult group beneficiaries turn 65 or attain Medicare eligibility. Additionally, CMS highlights opportunities for states to promote smooth transitions for these beneficiaries while reducing administrative burden on them and states.

[Click here](#) to access the informational bulletin.

CMS Seeks Public Input on Reducing the Regulatory Burdens of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)

On **Thursday June 8th, 2017**, CMS issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from the public on how to create a more flexible, streamlined approach to the regulatory structure of the individual and small group markets. The purpose of this process is to recognize and eliminate or change regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective; impose costs that exceed benefits; or create inconsistencies that otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies. This RFI will be open for public comment for 30 days.

[Click here](#) to view the Request for Information.

Department of Labor

Provider Transformation Manual

The Provider Transformation Manual has been created to capture learning from, and support the continued success of, the Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program (EFSLMP), an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). The manual is intended to support and guide provider organizations interested in redesigning their service delivery models to have an Employment First emphasis on competitive integrated employment. Based on ODEP's Criteria for Performance Excellence in E1st Provider Transformation, the manual contains eight modules that cover the key components of successful systems change.

[Click here](#) to access the manual.

Workplace Accommodations: Low Cost, High Impact

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments Act and regulations from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission redirected attention on workplace accommodations by widening the definition of disability; more coverage means more employees will be entitled to workplace accommodations. This increased attention has caused some employers concern about the costs of providing disability accommodations to employees. However, the Job Accommodation Network (JAN), a service of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), released its most recent study entitled "Workplace Accommodations: Low Cost, High Impact" that indicates that workplace accommodations are not only low cost, but also have a positive impact on the work environment. The study also found that the typical small expenditures for

disability accommodations generally pay for themselves in the form of reduced training costs and worker's compensation, and increased morale and productivity. The JAN study has been an ongoing research study since 2004 and represents a wide array of industry sectors and sizes.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From States

Virginia No Wrong Door System Staff Retirement

The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services has shared news of the retirement of Katie Roeper from the state's No Wrong Door system. Katie's leadership, creativity and entrepreneurial expertise - and her commitment to systems change - fostered development of a unique No Wrong Door (NWD) system that has brought diverse public, private and nonprofit partners together. Through Virginia's NWD system, a wide array of agencies, many of which were once siloed, are now connected through common goals and electronic tools, linking Virginians with the supports they need to maintain independence and the quality of life they desire. While Katie's vision and passion will be sorely missed, she has helped build a strong network of NWD champions, supported by an accomplished NWD Team, to continue to sustain and advance this important work. Katie will be continuing her leadership of NWD through August 11th. NASUAD deeply appreciates Katie's contributions to the well-being of older adults, people with disabilities, and family and friend caregivers in Virginia, and wishes her and her family all the best.

From Other Organizations

AARP

New Fact Sheet: Capped Financing for Medicaid Does Not Account for the Growing Aging Population

The AARP Public Policy Institute has a new fact sheet available that includes new projections that the American Health Care Act's Medicaid per capita cap financing proposal will not keep pace with changing demographics, particularly with the growing and aging of the 65+ population. The fact sheet discusses how the AHCA proposes to shift to capped financing in Medicaid, though this could constrain the Medicaid program in its ability to

adequately serve consumers, including millions of older adults and people with disabilities.

[Click here](#) to read the fact sheet.

No Wrong Door: Promising Practices for Accessing Long-Term Services and Supports

On **June 14th, 2017**, the third edition of the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) State Scorecard will be released. In a new blog post from the AARP Public Policy Institute, Wendy Fox-Grage writes about the first paper in a series of promising practices and emerging innovations reports. This series is a new feature of the upcoming Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Scorecard.

To read the blog post, [click here](#).

Altarum Institute

Overall Health Sector Expansion at Slowest Pace in Three Years

Altarum's Center for Sustainable Health Spending has recently released the latest trends in the health sector. Trends shown include: a slowdown in health care employment growth by 10,000 per month; prices slowing across the board; and total spending growth down 0.5% from last year's rate. The leveling off in expanded coverage combined with the uncertain future of recent coverage gains are the likely contributors to the slowdown in health job growth in 2017.

[Click here](#) for more information from Altarum on trends in health care employment, health care prices, and national health spending.

American Society on Aging

Webinar: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse in Later Life: What You Can Do to Support Older Victims

The American Society on Aging is hosting a webinar on how to assist older survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Bonnie Brandl and older survivors will present on the best ways to identify indicators of abuse and the safety needs of victims of elder abuse. Participants will also learn the most practical resources and strategies to respond to this increasingly prevalent issue.

The webinar will be held on **June 13, 2017, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Justice in Aging

Webinar: Legal Basics: Social Security

Justice in Aging will be hosting a webinar covering the basics of the Social Security program. It is designed for legal services and other advocates who are just beginning in the field and those who want to learn more about the provisions of the program. The webinar will cover a wide range of topics including the rules surrounding Social Security, general information on how the program functions, and who is eligible for claim benefits. Other information will also be discussed including how benefits are determined, timing considerations when applying for benefits, and recommendations on where to find more information. This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Kaiser Family Foundation

Issue Brief: Older Americans Likely to See the Largest Changes in their Health Insurance under the AHCA

A new issue brief from the Kaiser Family Foundation discusses how older adults are likely to see some of the largest changes in their health insurance under the American Health Care Act (AHCA) that was recently passed by the House of Representatives. It is projected that Americans ages 50 - 64 who are uninsured would rise to 10 million in 2026, doubling the current proportion of those who are currently uninsured. Along with this projection, it is also estimated that many of those who currently have coverage would see an increase in premiums before 2026.

The Kaiser Family Foundation's report explains the AHCA provisions that would redesign the private healthcare market so it is more similar to the pre-Affordable Care Act age, when those in the fifties and sixties were at a high risk of facing unaffordable healthcare premiums and being uninsured. Under the AHCA, insurers will have more freedom to charge older adults higher premiums. They will also have new waivers under which States could opt out of certain ACA insurance market rules, and there will be changes in the way tax credits are calculated. According to the Congressional Budget Office, these changes could cause some

older Americans to see increases in out of pocket expenses for insurance premiums by the thousands of dollars per year.

[Click here](#) for the report.

National Committee for Quality Assurance

Roadmap to Success in LTSS

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has released their Roadmap to Success in LTSS. This is a collection of resources to guide organizations through standards for Long Term Services and Supports. This resource will help states and managed care organizations ensure that their partners coordinate care successfully across multiple services including, medical, behavioral and social services to help keep people in their preferred setting, which is oftentimes their home and community.

To access the Roadmap to Success in LTSS, [click here](#).

Events

National Disability Rights Network P&A/CAP Annual Conference

The P&A/CAP Annual Conference will be held **June 12th-15th** in Baltimore, Maryland. P&A staff, board members, PAIMI Council members, colleagues, disability advocates, attorneys and NDRN federal partners will gather together for a week of intense training, hard work, collaboration. The conference will host more than 70 workshops.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

The Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard Solutions Forum

Join the AARP Public Policy Institute, The SCAN Foundation, and The Commonwealth Fund, for a discussion on the newly released report, Picking Up The Pace of Change: A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Adults, People with Physical Disabilities, and Family Caregivers.

This report provides a multidimensional look at state performance for the delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS), based on a uniform set of performance measures and how performance has changed over time. It also includes the critical role that housing and transportation play in assisting

older adults, people with physical disabilities and their family caregivers, as well as promising practices and emerging innovations to foster greater information exchange and ensure that states have a menu of tools to help them improve performance.

At this forum, featured speakers and a panel of state and federal experts will discuss Scorecard findings and how states can pick up the pace of change.

This discussion will be held on **Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET** at the Columbus Club at Union Station (**50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002**); Lunch will be available at **12:00 PM**.

For more information, [click here](#).

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 3rd Global Summit

The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 3rd Global Summit will be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET**. The event's discussion will be led by national and international prevention leaders, focusing on elder abuse and financial exploitation.

The event will be held at the Securities and Exchange Commission Building, located at **100 F Street NE Washington, District of Columbia, 20002**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Jobs & Internships

The American Foundation for the Blind Seeks a Policy Research Specialist

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is seeking a Policy Research Specialist to work in its Washington D.C. office location. AFB's Public Policy Center collaborates with policy makers in Congress and the Executive Branch to ensure Americans with vision loss have equal rights and opportunities to fully participate in society. The position reports to the Director, Public Policy. The successful candidate will provide specialized knowledge and expertise in the development and analysis of policy research and program evaluation to further AFB's public policy and research agendas and to support AFB's mission, strategic plan and annual initiatives.

Qualifications include a Doctoral degree or enrollment in doctoral studies program required. Doctoral level expertise in

public health, aging services, gerontology, labor research, public administration or disability-related disciplines strongly preferred. The candidate must possess demonstrable professional/academic proficiency in research methods and policy analysis (including proficiency with SPSS/SAS and related software). Demonstrated exceptional speaking and writing skills. Knowledge of and experience in vision loss/disability studies a plus. Ability to manage multiple competing priorities and projects simultaneously in a fast-paced environment under deadlines necessary. Some travel required.

Interested parties, please email a Cover Letter, Resume/CV, Salary Requirements to Human Resources hr@afb.net.

To see the full job announcement, [click here](#).

Grant Opportunities

ACL Grant: Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase II

The Federal Small Business Innovation Research Program's (SBIR) aim is to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector, strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal research or research and development (R/R&D) needs, and improve the return on investment from Federally-funded research for economic and social benefits to the Nation. More specifically, the program aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities through R/R&D products generated by small businesses, and to increase the commercial application of National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)- supported research results and development products. Phase II is intended to expand upon the results of and to further pursue the development of Phase I projects.

Phase I grantees from fiscal year 2015 and 2016 are eligible to apply. Applicants must also continue to be small business concerns. An estimated four grants will be awarded to small businesses.

The closing date for applications is **Jun 12, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

OVC Funding Opportunity: Innovations in Addressing Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation

The Office for Victim of Crime is seeking applicants to better protect older Americans by enhancing identification of elder

abuse and improving response and outreach to victims. Applicants should provide trauma-informed, culturally competent, and comprehensive services to victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation in three grant categories:

1. Combating Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation through Technology.
2. Increasing Justice for Older Americans.
3. Focusing on Victims by Identifying and Resolving Elder Abuse and Financial Abuse.

OVC expects to make at least six awards (at least two in each category) totaling \$3,250,000.

Questions regarding the solicitation should be directed to Laura Ivkovich, Policy Analyst, Office for Victims of Crime at Laura.Ivkovich@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Applications are due by **June 28th, 2017**. [Click here](#) for more information.

ACL Grant Open to Establish Centers for Independent Living in Guam, American Samoa, and Pennsylvania

ACL has a new funding opportunity to establish Centers for Independent Living in Guam, American Samoa, and Pennsylvania. The goal of this opportunity is to expand and improve the provision of independent living services in the targeted areas and to support statewide networks of these centers. Currently, there are no Centers for Independent Living (CILs) funded in Guam, American Samoa, and the three county area (Allegheny, Armstrong, and Westmoreland) surrounding Pittsburgh, PA.

The deadline for grant applications is **June 30, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

ACL Grant: Engagement and Older Adults Resource Center

Studies have found that older adults who participate in what they see as meaningful activities reported feeling healthier and happier. Other studies have found that older adults who have a full social network tend to have less cognitive decline and a decreased risk of dementia than those who are not as socially engaged. Therefore, the Administration on Aging is interested in increasing ACL and the Aging Network's understanding of what constitutes good practice for promoting and supporting social engagement among older adult and expanding the reach of the Aging Network to more effectively serve older adults by providing tools and resources necessary for aging organizations to assist older adults to remain socially engaged and active.

The deadline for applications is **July 17, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

For more information about this grant, [click here](#).

ACL Grant: Model Approaches for Enhancing Home- and Community-Based Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

ACL has announced a new funding opportunity to increase integration and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities and to improve the quality of home- and community-based services (HCBS). This is to be done by developing and testing one or more model approaches of a coordinated and comprehensive system for enhancing and ensuring the independence, integration, safety, health, and well-being of individuals living in the community.

ACL is hosting an informational webinar to learn more about the funding opportunity on **June 14th, 2017 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET.** [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Applications for the grant are due by **July 24th, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

For more information, [click here](#).

ACL Grant: Innovations in Nutrition and Program Services

This funding opportunity is for competitive grants to be awarded under the Older Americans Act Title IV authority to increase evidenced based knowledge of nutrition providers, drive improved health outcomes for program recipients by promoting higher service quality, and increase program efficiency through innovative nutrition service delivery models. Funding will support innovative and promising practices that move the aging network towards evidenced based practices that enhance the quality, effectiveness of nutrition services programs or outcomes within the aging services network. Innovation can include service products that appeal to caregivers (such as web-based ordering systems and carryout food products), increased involvement of volunteers, consideration of eating habits and choice (such as variable meal times, salad bars, or more fresh fruits and vegetables), new service models (testing variations and hybrid strategies) and other innovations to better serve a generation of consumers whose needs and preferences are different.

Innovation and promising practices may include the testing and publishing of positive outcomes in which nutrition programs provide a meaningful role in support of the health and long-term care of older individuals. Outcomes should focus on methods to improve collaboration with local health care entities, decrease health care costs for a specific population or decrease the

incidence of the need for institutionalization among older adults. Through this program, funds may be used to help develop and test additional models or to replicate models that have already been tested in other community-based settings.

Applications are due by **August 1st, 2017**, no later than **11:59 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

DHS Grant: FY 2017 Preparedness Grants

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced ten preparedness grant programs totaling \$1.6 billion. The grant programs are intended to provide funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as transportation authorities, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector, to improve the nation's readiness in preventing, protecting against, responding to, recovering from and mitigating terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

The Administration for Community Living is encouraging aging and disability partners to learn more about their state, tribal, or local efforts to secure this funding, and to get involved to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities are represented in these efforts.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) for the Notices of Funding Opportunity for these grants.

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Services (HCBS) Conference is now officially open! The conference will be held in Baltimore, MD from **August 27-30, 2018**. Register by **July 2** to receive early bird pricing.

The conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. The conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers, and is quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports.

Last year we sold out, so register early to get your spot at this year's conference!

[Click here](#) to register.

Video Contest: "This is Me"

"This Is Me," the pinnacle song from the movie The Greatest Showman, is about self-empowerment and loving yourself just as you are. NASUAD is hosting a video contest for solo acts or ensembles to showcase their empowerment. Submit your creative interpretations of this song via YouTube video or send us a video clip - whether it's singing, signing, interpretive dancing ... Whatever form the expression, we want to see it!

This song has become an anthem for individuals and communities that have felt marginalized because of their differences. Many YouTube videos can be found of personal performances, expressing what this movie means to the greater community. Were you as inspired by this song as the NASUAD staff? Prove it!

This contest is open to the entire aging and disability network, including state staff, consultants, providers, advocates, and community members. Feel free to forward along information about this contest to advocacy groups, support groups, and friends that have been inspired by the song.

Grand Prize: \$2,000 and an opportunity to perform as a part of our plenary at the HCBS Conference. In addition to the cash prize, the winners will receive travel and accommodations up to \$3,000.

Second Place: \$1,000

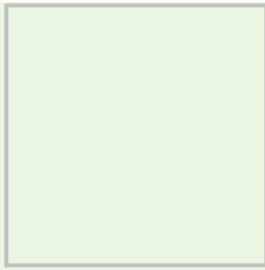
Third Place: \$500

Submit your video through **July 15 for a chance to win!**

We can't wait to see your creativity and passion shine!

[Click here](#) to read more.

The Asian American and Pacific



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Islander (AAPI) Aging Population

This webinar will provide an overview of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Aging population for Information & Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) professionals. As the most diverse of all minority groups, AAPIs represent ethnicities with origins to more than 30 countries, and people that speak over 100 different languages. Each AAPI older adult identifies with unique cultural values, identities, and traditions. During this session, the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) National Resource Center on AAPI Aging will provide a general overview of AAPI older adult populations throughout the United States, including demographic trends, cultural diversity and barriers to accessing services. NAPCA will provide resources and best practices to help I&R/A professionals integrate cultural and linguistic competence into their work with AAPI older adults, strengthening access to the Aging Network's long-term service and support system for this diverse minority group nationwide.

Heather Chun, NAPCA's Director of Technical Assistance, will be our presenter.

This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 11 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

HCBS Clearinghouse

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Monthly Report on State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Eligibility and Enrollment Data

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released their monthly report for **April 2018** on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. This report includes point-in-time data from all 50 states and the

District of Columbia, including the number of applications submitted directly to Medicaid and CHIP agencies, the number of eligibility determinations made on these applications, and the total number of individuals enrolled in the Medicaid and CHIP programs.

[Click here](#) to read the report and access the data set.

From the Administration

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Health and Welfare of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Recipients

In **January 2018**, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) joined the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the HHS Office of Civil Rights to produce a report on ensuring beneficiary health and safety in group homes through state implementation of comprehensive compliance oversight. This report was intended to serve as a resource for states as they work to ensure that all group homes are safe and healthy places for people with disabilities.

On **June 28, 2018**, CMS released an informational bulletin addressing the findings of the OIG/OCR/ACL Joint Report on state oversight of group homes. In the newly released informational bulletin, CMS urges states to review the recommendations included in the report and incorporate them into their critical incident management and quality assurance processes.

[Click here](#) to access this informational bulletin.

[Click here](#) to read the Joint Report.

EVV Good Faith Effort Exemption Requests

The deadline for the implementation of EVV is **January 1, 2019**. However, states may apply for a 1-year delay through the 'good-faith' exemption. On **June 28, 2018**, CMS posted clarification on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.medicaid.gov) regarding the process of applying for this exemption. This guidance goes over the instructions for requesting a delay and the necessary content that a state should include in its application.

Only one request may be filed by a state between **July 1 - November 30, 2018**.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Conflict of Interest Part II and Medicaid HCBS Case Management

This CMS webinar builds off of the Conflict of Interest (COI) Part I training. It will review how to identify a conflict of interest and discuss the HCBS rules regarding COI. It will also provide an overview of strategies for assessing your case management system, using data to inform stakeholders and decision-making, and tips for developing and implementing a corrective action plan (CAP). New Editions Consulting, Inc. will present the training and Ralph Lollar, DLTSS Division Director, and the DLTSS Team will support the training and lead the Q&A Session.

This webinar will take place **Wednesday, July 11 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

The Process for Final STP Approval

This training is intended to clarify CMS' expectations in order to grant final approval. It will describe requirements for site-specific assessment, validation, outcomes and remediation strategies. It will also discuss the process for heightened scrutiny and consider processes for monitoring and quality assurance to ensure ongoing compliance. New Editions will present the training and Ralph Lollar, DLTSS Division Director, and the DLTSS Team will support the training and lead the Q&A Session.

This webinar will take place **Wednesday, July 18 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

New Medicare Card Wave 3 Mailing

The mailing of new Medicare Cards is now fully in progress. If you live in a Wave 1 state, including Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia, you should have already received a new card. If you have not yet received this card, you should either sign into [MyMedicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to see if the card has been mailed, or Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to check on its status.

CMS is continuing to mail cards to Wave 2 states and territories (Alaska, American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon), and those who are new to Medicare. CMS has now begun mailing cards to people with Medicare who live in Wave 3 states: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,

Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

All cards will be delivered by **April 2019**.

[Click here](#) to see the proposed mailing schedule.

[Click here](#) to sign up for emails about the status of card mailings in your state.

National Center on Law and Elder Rights

New Website Launch

The National Center on Law & Elder Rights (NCLER) has launched an updated website, featuring new tools to help people and organizations access the information they need to serve older adults in their communities. The new website is a one-stop destination to find all of NCLER's Legal Training materials, Practice Tips for lawyers and aging network professionals, and a portal to request Case Consultation assistance. Here are some of the highlights:

- Legal Training: access past trainings and materials and learn about and upcoming webcast trainings
- Legal Services Development: explore resources to enhance the quality, cost effectiveness, and accessibility of legal assistance and elder rights programs
- Resources: access the most recent Practice Tips for updates and insight on legal issues
- Case Consultations: attorneys and professionals can request a case consultation directly

[Click here](#) to visit NCLER's new website.

From Congress

The Senate

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging Seeks Comments on Guardianship

Every year, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging examines a pressing issue in the field to better inform policymakers in Congress and share best practices. For **2018**, the Committee's report will be on guardianship.

The Committee is seeking outside input on the following four questions:

- What recommendations do you have for collecting information about these cases in order to better inform federal, state, and local officials?
- What recommendations do you have for actions that can be taken to ensure that individuals subject to guardianship are protected from exploitation and abuse by their guardians?
- What recommendations do you have for ensuring that guardianship is imposed only when necessary and that it is removed if it becomes no longer necessary?
- What best practices or other policies would you recommend to policymakers considering guardianship reforms?

The Committee will also be accepting comments related to guardianship outside of these four areas. Written comments can be sent to the Special Committee on Aging at comment@aging.senate.gov. Comments will be accepted through **July 20, 2018**.

From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

Reframing Aging: Organizational Adoption and Integration

This webinar examines a Reframing Aging initiative case study. Specifically, it will discuss the implementation of this initiative in the City and County of San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services (SF DAAS). Presenters include Shireen McSpadden, executive director of the City and County of San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, Anni Chung, CEO of Self-Help for the Elderly, a Bay Area community-based organization, and Joe Molica, senior communications manager at the San Francisco Human Services Agency. These speakers will discuss what is necessary for a Reframing Aging initiative to succeed in diverse communities.

This webinar will be held **Monday, July 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Medication Management

Research shows that as the number of prescription medications a person (ages 70 or older) takes increases, so do challenges with

medication management and potential health risks. This webinar will help attendees understand common medication challenges for older adults, identify the potential risks associated with medication mismanagement, and learn about solutions that could help families and their older loved ones. The presenter for this webinar is Lakelyn Hogan, a gerontologist and caregiver advocate for Home Instead Senior Care.

This webinar will be held **Wednesday, July 11 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Center for Healthcare Strategies

Opportunities to Enhance Community-Based Medication Management Strategies for People with Complex Health and Social Needs

Many Americans have complicated drug regimens which can be difficult to manage and may result in unintended medication errors. Community-management medication programs can alleviate some of these errors, especially for populations with complex needs. The Center for Health Care Strategies recently released a new report on promising community-based medication management strategies. This paper is based off of literature reviews and interviews and discusses opportunities for enhanced community management of medication complexity. The report outlines five key opportunities for expanding community management strategies:

1. Mastering the basics of medication management;
2. Leveraging the workforce to maximize the scope of practice and capacity of pharmacists;
3. Deploying innovative health technologies to optimize care and outcomes;
4. Adopting appropriate quality measures; and
5. Building advanced payment models

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

Events

National Training Institute

This event is hosted by the National Center for Victims of Crime. It is a forum for law enforcement, victim service professionals, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to share

current developments and build new collaborations. It offers over 80 interactive conference sessions highlighting practical information to improve support services for persons victimized by all types of crimes.

The 2018 event will be held in Orlando from **September 5-7**.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Healthy Aging Summit

This year's Healthy Aging Summit is approaching. The Summit will take place in **Washington, DC** from **July 16 to July 17**. This event will provide information about the latest on preventing disease and maximizing health in older Americans. The 2018 Healthy Aging Summit goals are to:

- Explore the science on healthy aging;
- Identify knowledge gaps;
- Promote prevention; and
- Support people aging in place and in their community.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Observances

National Safety Month

June is National Safety Month. This annual observance is aimed at increasing awareness of important safety issues and reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road, and at home and in the community. The National Safety Council (NSC) is sponsoring this observance and has released a schedule to guide the month's activities:

- Week 1: Emergency Preparedness
- Week 2: Wellness
- Week 3: Falls
- Week 4: Driving

Various other organizations are joining the NSC in their observance of this month and will be highlighting relevant resources throughout the month.

People are also encouraged to engage with the themes of this month on social media by using #No1GetsHurt.

[Click here](#) for a list of sample tweets your organization can use to participate in this observance

[Click here](#) to view the full HHS toolkit for this month.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The United Nations (UN) has designated **June 15** as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). On **June 5**, a special event was held to discuss the future of elder justice. This event included the Elder Justice Coordinating Council Spring Meeting as well as the 4th Global Summit for Elder Justice. The Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) also hosted a special webinar on **June 13** in recognition of this observance.

Job Opportunities

Navigant Senior Consultant - Value Transformation LTSS

The healthcare industry is undergoing a generational shift from Fee For Service (curve 1) to Pay For Value (curve 2) payment and delivery models. Navigant's Value Transformation (VT) practice is responsible for helping payers and providers develop go-to-market strategies and operational plans to transform their business, payment and delivery models to create high value, more sustainable, affordable and high quality services. Their team has an integrated platform of services to help our clients achieve their goals, including:

- Clinically Integrated Networks: Market analysis, organizational design, network development, physician alignment.
- Payment Transformation: Develop payment and funds flow distribution models that incentivize and reward high quality of care.
- Total Medical Expense Management (TME): Implementation of care delivery models that manage care across the continuum.

The successful candidate will:

- Evaluate impact of changes in Federal policy; determine required updates to state policy
- Assist state agencies in the design, development and implementation of healthcare delivery systems, specifically managed long term supports and services for nursing homes, home- and community-based services and dual eligibles products and services.
- Research and stay abreast of states' developments in Medicaid managed care programs and policies, including programs that serve particularly vulnerable populations or cover complex services
- Perform detailed analysis of healthcare resources and data sources
- Build models in Excel
- Prepare Microsoft PowerPoint presentations
- Assure quality work product of self and junior staff
- Manage junior level staff
- Assist with project management responsibilities
- Provide team with written and oral summaries of research

and analyses

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Director of Health Regulations and Policy, LeadingAge

LeadingAge seeks a Director of Health Regulations and Policy to be responsible for research and analysis of health policy and regulatory changes related to long term care providers and in particular nursing homes. The Director develops and advocates LeadingAge's position on those issues. The Director of Health Regulations is an integral member of LeadingAge's Public Policy and Health Services team. She/he meets with federal and regulatory officials and represents LeadingAge on various strategic committees both internal and external. He/she is primarily responsible for developing comment letters on behalf of LeadingAge and its members for rule making.

Requires a master's degree in public policy, health care administration or related area and a minimum of 5 years' experience in LTC/health related field to include knowledge of public policy processes, preferably demonstrated through relevant work for long-term care providers or in a government affairs program; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience. Registered nurse preferred.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Director of Home & Community-Based Services, LeadingAge

LeadingAge seeks a Director of Home and Community-Based Services to develop, refine and implement LeadingAge's national agenda for HCBS and to help LeadingAge members plan and implement community service programs. Working within the LeadingAge Policy Process along with members, the Advocacy team and other LeadingAge leadership, the HCBS Director establishes the Association's public policy priorities in HCBS and develops strategies to meet those objectives.

Requires a master's or professional degree, and a minimum of 5 years in the analysis of policy related to home and community-based service programs; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience working with other organizations representing community service providers or consumers; or employment in an advocacy role with state or federal regulatory and/or legislative body is preferred. Operational experience and prior experience with a trade association are desired.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

LTSS Public Policy Analyst,

LeadingAge

LeadingAge seeks a Long-Term Services & Supports (LTSS) Public Policy Analyst to share the responsibilities of the Policy/Advocacy team's policy analysis, communications and grassroots organizing. Overall responsibilities will be to assist with and conduct analysis of aging services national legislative and regulatory policy issues; to conduct research on policy issues to assist members and senior team members; to write letters, reports, articles, options memos and other policy documents; and to support grassroots activities and tracking. The Analyst will also propose and work with team members on education sessions for a variety of provider types.

Requires a master's degree in a health related field, gerontology, public policy, government affairs, or public administration. Plus, a minimum of 3 years of experience in health care/aging policy, long-term care and/or health care field and an understanding of policy processes; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience. Passion for aging issues and experience in advocacy/grassroots campaigns is preferred. Knowledge of aging issues, long term care and health care issues and federal policymaking is also preferred.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Funding Opportunities

2018 Healthy Aging Initiative

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund has announced the 2018 Healthy Aging Initiative. The aim of this proactive healthy aging initiative is to improve access and availability of integrated, comprehensive services for older adults and their caregivers, delivered in a person-centered way. proposals will be accepted in two categories: Healthy Aging or Caregiving. In addition, all applicants must address one of the Health Fund's cross-cutting goals: workforce development or integration.

Full proposals are due **August 2, 2018**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Mental Health Awareness Training

SAMHSA has announced the availability of up to \$47.4 million over the next three years for Mental Health Awareness Training. The purpose of this program is to: (1) Train individuals (e.g., school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, veterans, armed services members and their families) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders, particularly serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbance; (2) Establish linkages with school- and community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs

or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services; (3) Train emergency services personnel, veterans, law enforcement, fire department personnel, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) Educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Community Living Policy

ACL has announced a new funding opportunity. The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, family members, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to engage in research, statistical analyses and modeling, knowledge translation, development of informational products, and dissemination to contribute to increased access to and improved quality of home and community based long-term services and supports (LTSS) for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

Proposals for this grant are due by **July 24, 2018**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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CMS

On March 15th, Martha Roherty, on behalf of National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), wrote to congratulate Seema Verma on her confirmation as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Ms. Roherty writes, "We look forward to working with you in your new role. We are excited to work in partnership with a CMS Administrator that possesses such a strong background in the Medicaid program, including experience with LTSS-related issues in several states. We believe that there are opportunities for strengthening the partnerships between states and the federal government as we seek to improve supports and services for older adults, people with disabilities, and other individuals who require LTSS."

To learn more, [click here](#).

Webinar: NASUAD: Medicaid 201: Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), for State and Local Ombudsman

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is hosting a webinar on Medicaid managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) and the new Federal requirements for states to offer ombudsman services to managed care enrollees. This will be of particular interest to State and Local Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

This webinar is the second in a series on managed care; the first webinar, Medicaid 101 for State and Local Ombudsman, was held in January 2017. Building on the groundwork laid in January, this webinar will provide an overview of Medicaid managed long-term services and support (MLTSS) programs across the country; explain the new Federal requirements for MLTSS programs to offer managed care ombudsman services to enrollees; discuss opportunities and challenges of operating a managed care ombudsman program within a State LCTO office; and highlight the work of the Iowa SLTCO in managing both a State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program and a managed care ombudsman program. The webinar will feature NASUAD's Deputy Executive Director, Camille Dobson, Iowa's State Long-term Care Ombudsman, Deanna Clingan-Fisher, and Kelli Todd, Iowa's Managed Care Ombudsman Program Coordinator.

The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 3:00 - 4:00p.m. ET .**

[Click here](#) to register for the event.

Webinar: The National Limb Loss

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Resource Center: A Critical Tool to Help You Meet the Needs of your Clients with Limb Loss

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on The National Limb Loss Resource Center: A Critical Tool to Help You Meet the Needs of your Clients with Limb Loss. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 3:00-4:00p.m. ET.**

Since 1997, the Amputee Coalition has operated the National Limb Loss Resource Center to meet the information and resource needs of the limb loss community. As a specialized I&R center, the Coalition's NLLRC provides a critical resource for I&R practitioners who may encounter clients with limb loss. This webinar will provide background about the limb loss community - including information and resource needs, how the Amputee Coalition's NLLRC addresses these needs, how the NLLRC can serve as a resource for other I&R centers.

Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar.

Pre-registration is required for this webinar. Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

To register:

1. [click here](#)

2. Click "Register".

3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

HCBS Clearinghouse

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A Profile of Older Americans: 2016

On March 15, 2017, ACL released the annual summary of the latest statistics on the older population, A Profile of Older Americans:2016 covers 15 topical areas including population, income and poverty, living arrangements, education, health, and caregiving. Principal sources of data for the Profile are the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Profile incorporates the latest data available. Some of the highlights from the Profile include:

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- From 2005 to 2015, the population of adults over the age of 65 in the U.S. increased from over 36 million in 2005, to close to 48 million in 2015 - a 30 percent increase;
- Approximately 15 percent of the U.S. population is now an older American;
- Roughly 29 percent of noninstitutionalized older adults live alone, including almost half of women age 75 and older;
- Social Security provided 90 percent or more of the income received by 33 percent of beneficiaries in 2014; and
- Over 4.2 million older Americans, or 8.8 percent, were below the poverty level in 2015.

To learn more, [click here](#).

Integrating Behavioral Health into Long-Term Care Rebalancing

In January 2017 the National Coalition on Mental Health & Aging (NCMHA) released a report on integrating older adult behavioral health into long-term care rebalancing. The report includes opportunities and recommendations for funders such as public health agencies and managed care organizations (MCOs). The report notes that close to 50 percent of individuals receiving long-term care have a mental disorder other than dementia.

To learn more, [click here](#).

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Centers for Independent Living Annual Program Performance Report Open for Public Comment

On March 10, 2017, ACL released for public comment proposed revisions for the Centers for Independent Living Annual Program Performance Report (CILPPR). The notice for the Proposed Revisions is now on display in the Federal Register. ACL notes that the final CILPPR will not take effect until all comments have been reviewed and a final information intake tool is released. Comments are due by **May 5, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to submit comments, and [click here](#) for the notice of Proposed Revisions.

Issue Brief: Opportunities to Improve Nutrition for Older Adults and Reduce Risk of Poor Health Outcomes

On March 15, 2017, ACL released a new issue brief that discusses new opportunities to enhance nutrition and health for older adults. As people age they may experience malnutrition due to a variety of factors - changes in appetite, medications, and limited ability to shop for, and prepare, foods, among others. Malnutrition may lead to poorer health for older individuals as well.

However, states, service providers, and health plans can access evidence - such as this brief - to help improve older adults' nutritional welfare and health status. Examples from this brief could be useful for state and local officials from State Units on Aging, Medicaid programs, and health care organizations that serve older Americans.

[Click here](#) to view the issue brief.

FY 2015 Report to Congress: Older Americans Act

AoA/ACL recently released its FY 2015 annual report to Congress on the Older Americans Act (OAA). In FY 2015, AoA and the Aging Network provided direct services to nearly 11 million Americans 60 and over - or one out of every six older adults - including three million clients who received intensive in-home services and supports. Additionally, over 700,000 caregivers received supports such as respite and access to a peer support network.

[Click here](#) to view the report to Congress.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Releases Letter to States on Section 1332 Innovation Waivers

On March 13, 2017, CMS sent a letter to states on Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Section 1332 State Innovation Waivers give states increased flexibility to provide services under their state Medicaid programs as long as the waiver will provide coverage that is at least as comprehensive and affordable as before the waiver, and also does not increase the federal deficit.

CMS encourages states that are interested in pursuing a Section 1332 Waiver to reach out to the relevant Departments soon in order to gain assistance in developing their waivers.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

CMS Announces New Educational Initiative to Raise Awareness of Chronic Care Management

On March 15, 2017, the CMS Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy at the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) announced a new educational initiative call Connected Care, which aims to raise awareness of the benefits of chronic care management (CCM) services for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions. Connected Care is a part of a nationwide effort to better serve Medicare beneficiaries under fee-for-service with a particular focus on racial and ethnic minorities and rural populations, which generally have higher incidence of chronic diseases. Some of the resources from Connected Care are:

- A toolkit for health care professionals;
- A toolkit for partners; and
- Patient education resources.

[Click here](#) for more information on Connected Care.

CMS Releases RTI Evaluation of Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents

On March 7, 2017, CMS released a new evaluative report from RTI on the Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents, which indicated some promising results. For the second consecutive year, all seven long-term care (LTC) facility partners taking part in the initiative indicated a decline in all-cause hospitalizations as well as potentially avoidable hospitalizations, when compared to a comparison group.

Additionally, MDS-based quality measures did not show any pattern of change in regard to the Initiative, which suggests that the lower hospitalization rates are not generally leading to a decrease in quality of care for individuals residing in a LTC facility.

[Click here](#) to access the evaluation.

Congressional Budget Office

CBO Releases Score of the American Health Care Act

The Congressional Budget Office has released its official score of the American Health Care Act, which is the legislation that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. As a reminder, a CBO score is the official estimate of impacts of a piece of legislation under consideration in congress. These are the numbers that will be used when discussing the effects of this legislation for purposes of budgeting, the number of people covered, etc. The most basic summary is that the bill is expected to save the federal government money while increasing the number of uninsured individuals in the country.

In summary: The bill is expected to reduce government revenues by \$900 billion over the 10 year period from 2017-2026, primarily due to repealing the majority of the ACA taxes. Despite the reduced revenues, the legislation would save the Federal government \$300 billion since it reduces spending on health care and Medicaid by a total of \$1.2 trillion over that period. The bulk of these savings comes from reducing Medicaid expenditures. CBO estimates that the bill will reduce total Medicaid spending by 1/4 of the projected amount in 2026, for a total reduction of \$880 billion in Federal spending. This amount would presumably be increased by states reducing their share of spending on the program in response to the limit in Federal spending. CBO's projections estimate that 14 million fewer individuals would be served by Medicaid under this legislation, and there would be 24 million more uninsured people overall by 2026.

Substantial savings would also come from the repeal of the ACA subsidies (the advance premium tax credits) and the implementation of less generous refundable tax credits in the AHCA. The repeal of ACA credits would save \$673 billion, which would be offset by \$361 billion for new tax credits - resulting in a total saving of \$312 billion over the ten-year period. The legislation is also expected to increase insurance premiums in the short term due to healthier people exiting the market, but decrease them in the long-run because of the reduced mandates regarding covered benefits and actuarial equivalency in the marketplace. CBO specifically notes that the premiums will decrease substantially for younger people, but will likely increase for individuals in their 50s and 60s due to insurers being able to charge older adults more under this bill than the ACA allowed

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Webinar: Money Smart for Older Adults: Prevent Financial Exploitation

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[Click here](#) to register.

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

MACPAC Issues March 2017 Report to Congress

On March 15, 2017, MACPAC released its March 2017 report to Congress, which included a new analysis of 2014 data that indicates declines in hospital uncompensated care but also continued financial stress for safety-net providers. Specifically, aggregate hospital uncompensated care decreased by \$4.6 billion between 2013 and 2014, with the most significant declines found in states that expanded Medicaid.

As a part of the report MACPAC provides nine recommendations to Congress, which includes a recommendation to extend the CHIP program for another five years through fiscal year 2022.

[Click here](#) to access the MACPAC report.

From Congress

House of Representatives

House Budget Committee Passes American Health Care Act

On March 16th, 2017, the House Budget Committee passed the American Health Care Act (AHCA) on a vote of 19 to 17. The bill will now go to the House Rules Committee for further consideration.

To read NASUAD's summary of the legislation [click here](#).

Senate

Senate Approves President Trump's Nominee to Lead CMS

On March 13th, 2017, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Trump's nominee to head the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Seema Verma, on a vote of 55 to 43. Ms. Verma will oversee an agency that accounts for approximately a trillion dollars in health care spending each year.

Prior to her confirmation, Ms. Verma was the founder and CEO of SVC Inc., a private health care consultancy that worked with a number of different states on Medicaid waivers.

From the White House

President's 2018 Budget Blueprint

President Trump Releases Budget Blueprint for 2018

On March 16th, 2017, President Trump released a "Budget Blueprint" for 2018. This "skinny budget" provided a broad outline of his proposed budget. The budget blueprint propose topline spending of approximately \$1.1 trillion. As expected, the White House proposed a \$54 billion increase in military spending, with corresponding decreases in many domestic programs.

Highlights include:

- A \$15.1 billion decrease in funding for Health and Human Services funding
 - No details on ACL funding were included
- Proposed elimination of the following programs
 - SCSEP - Senior Community Service Employment Program
 - CDBG - Community Development Block Grant
 - LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

[Click here](#) for NASUAD's full analysis.

From Other Organizations

AARP Public Policy Institute

The Basics: Medicaid and Long-Term Services and Supports

AARP Public Policy Institute has published a new fact sheet on Medicaid's importance for individuals in need of long-term services and supports, or LTSS. The fact sheet provides a brief overview of Medicaid, and the two types of LTSS: institutional care in a facility, and home and community based services (HCBS).

[Click here](#) to view the fact sheet.

State Fact Sheets on Impacts of Block Grants or Per Capita Caps

AARP Public Policy Institute has released a fact sheet for every state and the potential impacts of Medicaid block grants or per capita caps for health and long-term services and supports (LTSS) across all populations, including older adults and individuals with disabilities.

[Click here](#) to access the fact sheets.

Medicaid: Essential for Individuals Needing Long-Term Services and Supports

AARP Public Policy Institute has published a new report on Medicaid's essential role in providing LTSS for many Americans, especially older adults. Although most U.S. seniors will not rely on Medicaid, an estimated one out of every five will need the program to assist with paying for LTSS at some point in their lives. This will become all the more important as most Americans do not have private long-term care insurance, family caregivers become strained, and percentage of older adults in the population in the U.S. continues to increase.

[Click here](#) to view the report.

ARCH National Respite Network

Call for Presentations for the 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference Now Open

The 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference will be held in Huntsville, AL at the Embassy Suites Hotel on **October 11-13, 2017**. The conference will be hosted by the [Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network](#) in collaboration with the [ARCH National Respite Network](#). The conference theme, Take Off with

Respite!, reflects the incredible history of the space industry in Huntsville, AL, also known as Rocket City USA. It also reflects the mission of the respite care network - to rise to meet challenges, heighten awareness, and push innovation to ensure a safe landing for the nation's 43 million family caregivers. The [Call for Presentations](#) is now available. The deadline for responding is **March 24, 2017**. A proposal for a breakout session on any aspect of planned or emergency respite service delivery, access, research, evaluation, policy, best practices or innovation is welcome. [Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities](#) are also available. For more information, please visit the [National Lifespan Respite Conference website](#).

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Now Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is now open for the **39th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference in Tampa, Florida May 21-24!**

The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website at www.airs.org/conference, along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a preliminary program summary. The conference registration is open, and Early Bird Savings (\$100 per person on the standard rate) are available to all who register by April 1st, 2017.

For aging and disability I&R/A professionals, the National I&R Support Center invites you to join us for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals presenting on key topics such as national policy developments impacting aging and disability programs, the role of I&R in managed care contracts, long distance caregiving, partnerships, decision-making support, community transportation, disability rights and accessibility, and other key issues. This year's pre-conference summit will include an interactive training on motivational interviewing for aging and disability professionals. For further information on the Symposium, contact Support Center Director [Nanette Relave](#).

LEAD Center

Webinar: Cooperation and

Collaboration: The Role of Interagency Coordination in Securing Competitive Integrated Employment for Transition

The National Disability Institute's LEAD Center is hosting a webinar on facilitating successful transitions from school to work. Transitions can be more successful when taken as a cooperative and collaborative endeavor backed by strong relationships. In Utah these efforts began at the state level and involved the agencies on Vocational Rehabilitation, Developmental Disabilities, Education and Workforce Development.

The LEAD Center webinar will focus on Utah's example, and provide the perspectives of state and local leaders as well as youth in transition and their families.

The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET**

[Click here](#) to register.

Webinar: Service Provider Transformation: From Policy to Opportunity

The National Disability Institute's LEAD Center is hosting a webinar on provider transformation, which pertains to the process of changing over a disability service provider from a sheltered workshop-style setting to one that provides competitive and integrated employment. This process can be challenging and complex. Attendees will learn about provider transformation at the systems, services, and individual levels.

The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET**

[Click here](#) to register.

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

NIDILRR Releases February Jobs Report

NIDILRR has released its February jobs report for individuals with disabilities, and notes that Americans with disabilities

continue to contribute to job gains. The report notes that the employment-to-population ratio for working-age people with disabilities increased from 26 percent in February 2016, to over 28 percent in February 2018. February 2017 marks the eleventh consecutive month of the proportion of individuals with disabilities working having increased.

To access the report, [click here](#).

NCOA

Webinar: Reaching People with Arthritis: Strategies and Tools

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is co-sponsoring a webinar with the Arthritis Foundation on outreach to individuals with arthritis, which is the leading cause of disability for adults in the U.S. and affects over 50 million people. Attendees will learn about the prevalence of arthritis; strategies regarding evidence-based health programs to manage symptoms; resources from NCOA and the Arthritis Foundation and; promising practices from the Utah Arthritis Program.

Presenters include Mary Altpeter and Serena Weisner from UNC at Chapel Hill Thurston Arthritis Research Center, OsteoArthritis Action Alliance; Nick Turkas, Arthritis Foundation, and; Nichole Shepard and Rebecca Castleton, Utah Department of Health.

The webinar will take place on **Monday, March 28, 2017, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET.**

To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

Events

Dementia Action Alliance Hosts "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase

The Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) is hosting the 2017 U.S. - Canada "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase. The conference aims to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the dementia community to learn, and partake in important discussions and interactions.

The conference will take place from **June 25-27, 2017**, at the Westin Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

[Click here](#) for more information on the conference.

National Adult Protective Services Association 3rd Global World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Summit Sponsorship Opportunities

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) has released information for sponsorship opportunities at the 3rd Global World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summit .

The summit will take place on **June 15, 2017**, at the Securities and Exchange Commission Building.

[Click here](#) for more information on the summit.

Jobs & Internships

NASUAD Seeks Summer Intern

NASUAD seeks candidates for a paid summer internship. Interns will assist with production of documents, publications and other materials, as well as maintain communications for NASUAD's large events such as the HCBS Conference. Successful candidates must have strong oral and written communication, time management, organization skills.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to [Rachel Feldman](#).

Grant Opportunities

AARP Grant: Identifying Evidence-Based Solutions for Vulnerable Older Adults

The AARP Foundation has launched a new grant opportunity for programs that ensure that low-income and vulnerable older adults have nutritious food, affordable, livable and healthy housing, a steady income and sustaining social bonds. All applications must be completed [online](#).

The application itself will consist of two parts:

Mandatory pre-application: **deadline April 7, 2017**

Invited full application: **deadline May 19, 2017**

All are invited to submit the pre-application, which, besides general organizational information, contains a list of basic information about your current program and how it aligns with AARP Foundation's mission and impact area objectives. The pre-

application submissions undergo a thorough review process, from which a smaller number of organizations will be invited in April to complete a full application. During the review, applicants may receive clarification questions and follow up (which may include video conference or on-site visit). A final decision will be made by mid-June.

ACL Grant: Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation

The Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) announced a new grant opportunity, Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation Options for Individuals with Disabilities, under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRPP). The purpose of this grant is to further the applications of automated products and robotics to assist with transportation for people with disabilities and to improve the overall traveling chain to meet the needs of travelers with disabilities. All applications must be electronically submitted by **March 21, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL has announced a new grant under the Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems (SCIMS) Multi-Site Collaborative Research Project.

The purpose of this grant is to support multi-site research topics related to rehabilitation following spinal cord injury. The grant must include collaborative multi-site research with three or more of the NIDILRR-funded SCIMS centers. The proposed research must be designed to contribute to outcomes of individuals with spinal cord injury in one or more of these domains: health and function, community living and participation, and employment.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 9, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers Program Grant Opportunity

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL has announced a new grant under the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC) Program on Rehabilitation Strategies,

Techniques, and Interventions.

In the area of rehabilitation strategies, techniques, and interventions, NIDILRR seeks to fund research and development that leads to rehabilitation practices and services that improve the health, and the physical, cognitive, sensory, and communication abilities, of individuals with a wide range of disabilities. Rehabilitation engineering in this area should result in new or improved products, devices, and technological advances that enhance rehabilitation services in clinical or community settings.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 9, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Grants

Four new grant opportunities from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL have been announced under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRRP) for several areas.

Click on each grant below to find out more:

[DRRP Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

[DRRP Burn Model System Centers Program](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

[DRRP Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Centers Program](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

[DRRP Americans with Disabilities Act National Network Collaborative Research Project](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

ACL Grant: Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs

AoA/ACL forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based falls prevention programs that will reduce the number of falls, fear of falling, and fall-related injuries in older adults and adults with disabilities. The first goal is to significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities at risk of falls who participate in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risks; and the second goal is to implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support community-based falls

prevention programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program network.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 13, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs

AoA/ACL forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based programs that empower older adults and adults with disabilities to better manage their chronic conditions. The first goal is to significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities who participate in evidence-based self-management programs to empower them to better manage their chronic conditions; and the second goal is to implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support the CDSME programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 12, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

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Services and Supports (MLTSS) and the New Federal Requirements for States to Offer Ombudsman Services to Managed Care Enrollees

This webinar was the second in a series on managed care; the first webinar, Medicaid 101 for State and Local Ombudsman, was held in January 2017. Building on the groundwork laid in January, this webinar provided an overview of Medicaid managed long-term services and support (MLTSS) programs across the country; explained the new Federal requirements for MLTSS programs to offer managed care ombudsman services to enrollees; discussed opportunities and challenges of operating a managed care ombudsman program within a State LTCO office; and highlighted the work of the Iowa SLTCO in managing both a State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program and a managed care ombudsman program. The webinar featured NASUAD's Deputy Executive Director, Camille Dobson, Iowa's State Long-term Care Ombudsman, Deanna Clingan-Fisher, and Kelli Todd, Iowa's Managed Care Ombudsman Program Coordinator.

The presentations, a recording, and a transcript of the webinar are available [here](#).

HCBS Clearinghouse

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.

No Wrong Door: Person- and Family-Centered Practices in Long-Term Services and Supports

On March 20, 2017, The AARP Public Policy Institute in collaboration with The Lewin Group and the U.S. Administration for Community Living released No Wrong Door: Person- and Family-Centered Practices in Long-Term Services and Supports and Checklist.

No Wrong Door Systems involve several organizations including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and state agencies such as Medicaid agencies and state units on aging. This paper provides concrete examples of how seven No Wrong Door Systems are promoting person- and family-centered practice. This resource includes a toolkit of resources and contacts for states to learn more and replicate these practices. A checklist also provides a roadmap for states to ensure that No Wrong Door Systems operate in a person- and family-centered



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way.

This paper is the first in a series of promising practices and emerging innovations reports. This series is a new feature of the upcoming, 3rd Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Scorecard. The LTSS Scorecard measures state-level performance of LTSS systems that assist older people, adults with disabilities, and their family caregivers.

To learn more, [click here](#).

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: What Is ACL's Interest in HCBS Quality?

ACL is launching an informational webinar series about the agency's commitment to and development of measures for HCBS quality. This will also provide a platform among internal and external stakeholders to share developments and collaborate on efforts concerning HCBS quality. The series will host a variety of presenters from ACL, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Quality Forum, SCAN Foundation, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and others.

The first webinar takes place on **Wednesday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

Click [here](#) for more information.

Draft Principles for a Person-Centered Approach to Serious or Advanced Illness

ACL, in consultation with stakeholders from the aging and disability communities, has drafted a set of principles to guide their work, and to enhance existing programs and services related to serious or advanced illness for older adults and people with disabilities.

ACL is now seeking input from the people they serve—older adults, people with dementia, people with all types of disabilities, and families and caregivers, as well as partners in the aging and disability networks.

The Draft Principles for a Person-Centered Approach to Serious or Advanced Illness is available [here](#).

Send your comments, by **May 12, 2017**, to **AdvancedIllness@acl.hhs.gov**.

Centers for Disease Control

A Closer Look at the Healthy Aging in Action Report

ASTHO and CDC's Healthy Aging Program are hosting a webinar focusing on the Healthy Aging in Action: Advancing the National Prevention Strategy report that was produced by the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council (National Prevention Council). This strategy report identifies specific actions for healthy aging that are continuing to improve health and well-being in later life. The webinar will feature presentations on some of the findings and lessons learned from the report. The webinar will also include a presentation from Satellite Beach Fire Chief, Don Hughes, on one of the community-based programs, Satellite Beach Falls Prevention Program, to discuss how their agency implemented programs and policies to promote healthy aging.

This webinar will be held on **March 30 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Federal Communications

Commission

Nominate Innovations that Improve Technology Access for People with Disabilities

The FCC is currently seeking nominations for the sixth Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility (Chairman's AAA). Innovation is a driver for the advancement in accessibility for people with disabilities. This program recognizes products, services, standards and other innovative developments in accessible telecommunications and technology.

The nominating period is open until **April 13, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From Congress

House of Representatives Moves to Vote on ACA Repeal

On Monday, March 20th, the House of Representatives released amendments to the American Health Care Act, which is the legislation that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The amendments contain significant changes to Medicaid policies, including an option (but not a requirement) for states to receive some Medicaid funding in a block-grant rather than in a per-capita cap format. These block grants would only apply to children and some childless adults (but not the ACA expansion group). Older adults and people with disabilities are not included in the block grant option. The amendments also increase the inflationary factor applied to the per capita caps for older adults and people with disabilities and create a new option for states to apply work requirements to non-disabled adults. Additionally, the amendments accelerate the elimination of ACA taxes. Despite these amendments a number of Republicans continued to publicly oppose the bill, leading to questions about the ability to pass the legislation.

Following the release of amendments, Republican leadership began to move through several procedural hurdles required to have a final vote on the legislation. Simultaneously, negotiations continued between the various parts of the Republican party on additional amendments that could secure enough votes to secure passage. The bill was originally scheduled to be considered by the full House yesterday; however, the vote was delayed following several reports indicating that the measure would fail on the floor. Later in the evening, President Trump announced that the vote would occur on Friday, March 24th, and failure to

pass the bill would result in the ACA remaining in place. As a final concession to some of the holdout Representatives, an additional amendment was offered that would increase funding for mental health services; allow the state stability fund to address prenatal and maternity care; delay the implementation of one ACA tax repeal; and eliminate the ACA Essential Health Benefits requirement by instead delegating the establishment of mandatory benefits to states.

Also occurring on Thursday afternoon, the Congressional Budget Office released an updated analysis of the impact of the AHCA, incorporating the amendments offered on Monday. The analysis determined that Monday's amendments would not alter the bill's impact on health insurance coverage, thus projecting that the bill will result in 24 million people losing coverage by 2026. In the analysis, CBO estimated that the primary impact of the amendments would be to reduce the savings that the bill generates. Originally, the legislation was expected to reduce the federal debt by \$337 billion over a ten year period. CBO projects that the amendments will reduce that figure to \$150 billion, largely due to the decreased federal revenue from the acceleration of repealing ACA taxes. The Thursday evening amendment was not included in the CBO score.

This morning, the House Rules Committee cleared the measure, allowing it to be considered on the floor. President Trump's ultimatum and the Rules Committee clearance now sets up a significant vote with an uncertain outcome in the House later today. Every Democrat is expected to oppose the legislation, meaning that leadership cannot lose more than 22 Republican votes or else the measure will fail.

NASUAD's updated analysis of the AHCA is available [here](#).

CBO's updated analysis of the legislation is [here](#).

Information on the legislation, including bill text and amendments, is available [here](#).

From Other Organizations

AARP

New Home Alone Alliance Video Series Brings Together AARP and VA to Support Family Caregivers

The Home Alone Alliance is a collaborative that was launched in 2016. This collaborative brings together partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to create solutions that

support family caregivers. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), a Home Alone Alliance member, joined AARP to release a video series instructing family caregivers how to perform mobility-related tasks.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Webinar: Changing the System for Complex Patients: Nursing Innovation in Action

Join the AARP Public Policy Institute to learn about an innovative nursing-led model of care that is being widely hailed as a success. Presenters include Susan Reinhard, PhD, RN, FAAN, senior vice president and director of the AARP Public Policy Institute and chief strategist for the Center to Champion Nursing in America, and Lauran Hardin, MSN, RN, CNL, senior director of Cross-Continuum Transformation at the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs.

Attendees will: Hear how Hardin and her team used population analysis, interprofessional case conferencing, and process improvements to decrease overuse of health care by high-cost, high-need patients; Discuss how interventions of complex care resource centers achieve the triple aim outcomes of improving the patient's care experience, enhancing the health of populations, and lowering per-capita costs; Examine the role of nurses as leaders and facilitators of interdisciplinary care models.

The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

ARCH National Respite Network

Call for Presentations for the 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference Now Open

The 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference will be held in Huntsville, AL at the Embassy Suites Hotel on **October 11-13, 2017**. The conference will be hosted by the [Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network](#) in collaboration with the [ARCH National Respite Network](#). The conference theme, Take Off with Respite!, reflects the incredible history of the space industry in Huntsville, AL, also known as Rocket City USA. It also reflects the mission of the respite care network - to rise to meet challenges, heighten awareness, and push innovation to ensure a safe landing for the nation's 43 million family caregivers. The [Call for Presentations](#) is now available. The deadline for

responding is **March 24, 2017**. A proposal for a breakout session on any aspect of planned or emergency respite service delivery, access, research, evaluation, policy, best practices or innovation is welcome. [Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities](#) are also available. For more information, please visit the [National Lifespan Respite Conference website](#).

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Now Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is now open for the **39th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference in Tampa, Florida May 21-24!**

The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website at www.airs.org/conference, along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a preliminary program summary. The conference registration is open, and Early Bird Savings (\$100 per person on the standard rate) are available to all who register by April 1st, 2017.

For aging and disability I&R/A professionals, the National I&R Support Center invites you to join us for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals presenting on key topics such as national policy developments impacting aging and disability programs, the role of I&R in managed care contracts, long distance caregiving, partnerships, decision-making support, community transportation, disability rights and accessibility, and other key issues. This year's pre-conference summit will include an interactive training on motivational interviewing for aging and disability professionals. For further information on the Symposium, contact Support Center Director [Nanette Relave](#).

Justice in Aging

SSI Fact Sheet

Justice in Aging has released a new fact sheet on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) that offers information for SSI to advocates working to educate policymakers and their communities about the importance of the program.

[Click here](#) to read the fact sheet.

Kaiser Family Foundation

What Could a Medicaid Per Capita Cap Mean for Low-Income People on Medicare?

The Kaiser Family Foundation released an issue brief this week that discusses the potential implications of Medicaid per capita cap or block grant proposals for low-income seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare. The brief also describes how the per capita cap model could potentially affect low-income people on Medicare who receive assistance from Medicaid. As the bill is modified or other pieces of relevant legislation are introduced, this brief will be updated.

[Click here](#) to read the issue brief.

LEAD Center

Webinar: Service Provider Transformation: From Policy to Opportunity

The National Disability Institute's LEAD Center is hosting a webinar on provider transformation, which pertains to the process of changing over a disability service provider from a sheltered workshop-style setting to one that provides competitive and integrated employment. This process can be challenging and complex. Attendees will learn about provider transformation at the systems, services, and individual levels.

The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET**

[Click here](#) to register.

Mathematica

Forum and Webinar: What Works for Youth? Tracking Vocational Rehab Outcomes

There have been recent federal policy changes that require vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies to increase services for youth transitioning into adulthood. Mathematica has partnered with TransCen, the University of Maryland, and the Institute for Community Inclusion to examine the employment outcomes for the wide range of youth who receive VR services.

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy will host a policy forum and live webinar on this issue. A panel of experts will present and discuss: Long-term outcomes of youth who apply for VR services; The Maryland Seamless Transition Collaborative's VR process and outcomes; Employment outcomes of post-secondary youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

This forum and live webinar will be held on **April 25th from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. ET**

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. [Click here](#) to register.

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

Webinars: Information for Ombudsmen on the LTCOP Rule

The Consumer Voice is hosting a webinar series that will discuss the application of the LTCOP Rule in daily Ombudsman program advocacy and management. There will be two webinars that will share resources and training materials for Ombudsman program representatives on the topics of complaint investigations and abuse reporting and individual conflicts of interest.

Presenters are Louise Ryan, Ombudsman Program Specialist, Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs, AoA/ACL; a regional/local Ombudsman program representative; and NORC staff.

Please note: You only have to register once for the series in order to attend both webinars and receive reminders. If you have any questions, please contact ombudcenter@theconsumervoice.org.

The webinars will be held on:

March 29, 2017 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. ET

"LTCOP Rule: Supporting Person-Centered Advocacy - Complaint Investigations and Abuse Reporting"

April 25, 2017 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. ET

"LTCOP Rule: Identifying and Addressing Individual Conflicts of Interest"

[Click here](#) for more information.

NCOA

Webinar: Reaching People with Arthritis: Strategies and Tools

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is co-sponsoring a webinar with the Arthritis Foundation on outreach to individuals with arthritis, which is the leading cause of disability for adults in the U.S. and affects over 50 million people. Attendees will learn about the prevalence of arthritis; strategies regarding evidence-based health programs to manage symptoms; resources from NCOA and the Arthritis Foundation and; promising practices from the Utah Arthritis Program.

Presenters include Mary Altpeter and Serena Weisner from UNC at Chapel Hill Thurston Arthritis Research Center, OsteoArthritis Action Alliance; Nick Turkas, Arthritis Foundation, and; Nichole Shepard and Rebecca Castleton, Utah Department of Health.

The webinar will take place on **Monday, March 28, 2017, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET.**

To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

New Resource Helps Combat Malnutrition Among Older Adults

NCOA and several partners developed a new Community Malnutrition Resource Hub to help local organizations combat the issue of malnutrition. The Resource Hub includes practical resources, tools, and ideas for how to develop and implement a malnutrition plan in your community.

[Click here](#) to view the Community Malnutrition Resource Hub.

nTIDE

Webinar Series: nTIDE Lunch & Learn

Season Two Episode 3 of the nTIDE Lunch & Learn Webinar Series, detailing findings of the latest Jobs Report release, announcements from the Disability Employment field, and a guest presentation by Rita Landgraf, Professor of Practice and Distinguished Health and Social Services Administrator in Residence, University of Delaware, College of Health Sciences, is now [available online](#).

The next nTIDE Lunch & Learn Webinar will be held on **Friday, April 7, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. ET**. This webinar will provide the opportunity to: learn more about the March Jobs Report and how it fits into longer term employment trends, hear about programs and research across the country addressing employment and disability, and listen to experts in the field.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Events

Dementia Action Alliance Hosts "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase

The Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) is hosting the 2017 U.S. - Canada "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase. The conference aims to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the dementia community to learn, and partake in important discussions and interactions.

The conference will take place from **June 25-27, 2017**, at the Westin Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

[Click here](#) for more information on the conference.

National Adult Protective Services Association 3rd Global World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Summit Sponsorship Opportunities

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) has released information for sponsorship opportunities at the 3rd Global World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summit .

The summit will take place on **June 15, 2017**, at the Securities and Exchange Commission Building.

[Click here](#) for more information on the summit.

Grant Opportunities

AARP Grant: Identifying Evidence-Based Solutions for Vulnerable Older Adults

The AARP Foundation has launched a new grant opportunity for programs that ensure that low-income and vulnerable older adults have nutritious food, affordable, livable and healthy housing, a steady income and sustaining social bonds. All applications must be completed [online](#).

The application itself will consist of two parts:
Mandatory pre-application: **deadline April 7, 2017**
Invited full application: **deadline May 19, 2017**

All are invited to submit the pre-application, which, besides general organizational information, contains a list of basic information about your current program and how it aligns with AARP Foundation's mission and impact area objectives. The pre-application submissions undergo a thorough review process, from which a smaller number of organizations will be invited in April to complete a full application. During the review, applicants may receive clarification questions and follow up (which may include video conference or on-site visit). A final decision will be made by mid-June.

ACL Grant: New Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Grant for Traumatic Brain Injury

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL announced a new grant opportunity under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRRP) for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model System Centers Program.

The TBI Model System Centers must provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary services to individuals with TBI and conduct research that contributes to evidence-based rehabilitation interventions and clinical and practice guidelines. The Centers Program must also generate new knowledge that can be used to improve outcomes of individuals with TBI in one or more of these domains: health and function, community living and participation, and employment. Applicants must propose research that contributes to the development of evidence-based TBI rehabilitation practices through the advancement of science at any stage of research.

The closing date for applications is **May 9, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view more information.

ACL Grant: New Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL has announced a new grant under the Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems (SCIMS) Multi-Site Collaborative Research Project.

The purpose of this grant is to support multi-site research topics related to rehabilitation following spinal cord injury. The grant must include collaborative multi-site research with three or more of the NIDILRR-funded SCIMS centers. The proposed research must be designed to contribute to outcomes of individuals with spinal cord injury in one or more of these domains: health and

function, community living and participation, and employment.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 9, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers Program Grant Opportunity

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL has announced a new grant under the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC) Program on Rehabilitation Strategies, Techniques, and Interventions.

In the area of rehabilitation strategies, techniques, and interventions, NIDILRR seeks to fund research and development that leads to rehabilitation practices and services that improve the health, and the physical, cognitive, sensory, and communication abilities, of individuals with a wide range of disabilities. Rehabilitation engineering in this area should result in new or improved products, devices, and technological advances that enhance rehabilitation services in clinical or community settings.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 9, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: New Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Grants

Four new grant opportunities from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at ACL have been announced under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRRP) for several areas.

Click on each grant below to find out more:

[DRRP Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

[DRRP Burn Model System Centers Program](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

[DRRP Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Centers Program](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

[DRRP Americans with Disabilities Act National Network Collaborative Research Project](#) - Closing date **May 9, 2017**

ACL Grant: Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs

AoA/ACL forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based programs that empower older adults and adults with disabilities to better manage their chronic conditions. The first goal is to significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities who participate in evidence-based self-management programs to empower them to better manage their chronic conditions; and the second goal is to implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support the CDSME programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 12, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs

AoA/ACL forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based falls prevention programs that will reduce the number of falls, fear of falling, and fall-related injuries in older adults and adults with disabilities. The first goal is to significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities at risk of falls who participate in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risks; and the second goal is to implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support community-based falls prevention programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program network.

This grant opportunity closes on **May 13, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

ACL Grant: National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging (NRCNA)

The Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging will hold a competition for a cooperative agreement to operate a National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging (NRCNA). The awardee will provide for training, technical assistance and support to the State Units on Aging,

Area Agencies on Aging, and Nutrition Program providers in every State, Territory and the District of Columbia.

ACL/AoA's objectives for the new cooperative agreement include: Create and effectively disseminate applicable resources for use by the experienced and inexperienced aging network nutrition professional; Conduct targeted outreach to States' Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, and Nutrition Program providers; Assist in solving technical problems and enable peer learning for States' Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, and Nutrition Program providers; ACL/AoA anticipates a three-year project period, with three one-year budget periods, subject to availability of funds.

The closing date for applications is **May 16, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

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Business Development Learning Collaborative

The HCBS Business Acumen Center is accepting applications for

***HCBS Clearinghouse: A California Report on the Oral Health of Older Adults**

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its second learning collaborative, the Business Development Learning Collaborative. The purpose of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Business Acumen Business Development Learning Collaborative is to bring together three to five (3-5) state teams comprised of community-based organizations (CBO) serving persons with disabilities, state agencies and other related partner organizations to evaluate their business environment and develop business strategies to strengthen and sustain community-based organizations that serve people with disabilities. Each team will work together to evaluate the environment that CBOs currently work within, conduct a strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis of their operations, analyze and utilize the combined external and internal data to develop a strategic plan that describes how each disability-focused CBO will maximize reimbursement, diversify payer sources and expand their business portfolio with the goal of long-term sustainability for their operations and meaningful outcomes for the individuals they serve. The partners within the state team will help each CBO identify, understand and develop strategies to minimize or alleviate any obstacles to their success and support implementation of the strategic plan.

Applications are due by **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**.

[Click here](#) for more information and to access the application.

MassOptions: Connecting Individuals to Services through a Centralized I&R Platform

Please join us, the National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on MassOptions: Connecting Individuals to Services through a Centralized I&R Platform. This webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, April 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**.

The University of Massachusetts Medical School, its nonprofit business affiliate UHealthSolutions, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs launched the MassOptions program in **2015** as a free online and helpline service to simplify access to long-term services and supports for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers throughout Massachusetts. MassOptions blends the person-centered communication that is at the heart of I&R with a centralized, innovative technological resource to better connect individuals to multiple services. Join this webinar to learn more about how this technology-driven platform fulfills its key mission of delivering effective I&R/A services, and hear how program partners are sustaining and expanding this work. Our presenters are Jeff Auger, Director of UHealthSolutions, and Kerrie Topi, Associate Director of Customer Service Operations, UHealthSolutions.

[Click here](#) to register.

HCBS Clearinghouse

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.



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A Healthy Smile Never Gets Old: A California Report on the Oral Health of Older Adults

This report from the Center for Oral Health highlights how an alarming number of Californians age 65 years and older are suffering from untreated tooth decay and poor oral health. This study found that half the older adults residing in skilled nursing homes have untreated tooth decay, and more than one in three community-dwelling older adults suffer from untreated tooth decay. Tooth decay not only impacts nutrition, but also causes social and emotional setbacks such as the inability to speak, and altered appearance, which can result in social isolation and shame. This report includes a series of recommendations to eliminate barriers to care and improve oral health.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Stakeholder Feedback Forums for ACL's TBI Federal Coordination Plan

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is hosting six stakeholder feedback conference calls to help inform the development of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Coordination Plan. These conference calls are to ensure that the perspectives of all stakeholders are incorporated.

The objectives of the forums are to: understand stakeholders' goals for improving coordination among relevant federal agencies; hear how federal programs are currently working well; identify gaps in current federal programs that support the TBI

community; and receive input on strategies for improving federal coordination to address the needs of individuals who have sustained a TBI, their family members, and caregivers.

Below is ACL's planned schedule for hosting the TBI stakeholder forums targeting different stakeholders:

- **April 5, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET**, for researchers, clinicians, and providers
- **April 9, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ET**, for self-advocates, family members, and caregivers
- **April 11, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET**, for lead state agency and national association representatives
- **April 12, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET**, for self-advocates
- **April 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ET**, for self-advocates
- **April 19, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET**, all stakeholders welcome

Individuals interested in participating in a forum should register at least 48 hours prior to the session to receive the call information. Stakeholders may listen to all calls, but may only speak at their designated session. If you sign up to speak, you will receive a confirmation email with additional information. Speakers should keep their remarks to five minutes.

For additional questions, contact tbi@acl.gov.

[Click here](#) to register.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

January 2018 Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Data

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released the **January 2018** monthly report on state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility and enrollment data. This report is one of a series of reports on state Medicaid and CHIP data, and it includes point-in-time data reported by states.

[Click here](#) to access the **January 2018** data.

Providing Culturally Competent Care: Meeting the LTSS Needs of Dually Eligible Beneficiaries

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO), is hosting a webinar on how to identify long-term services and supports (LTSS) preferences, values, and needs of members from diverse cultural backgrounds. Individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups

often experience disparities in access, quality, and outcomes in LTSS, such as higher rates of rehospitalization under home health care and lower quality of care in nursing homes. Presenters will discuss strategies for effectively meeting beneficiaries' LTSS needs, in both institutional and community-based settings, while respecting their diverse cultural preferences.

This webinar will take place on **Thursday, April 12, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Social Security Administration

SSA Seeks Input on Representative Payee Determinations for Beneficiaries

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is seeking input to improve its instructions for the Representative Payment Program. This program provides financial management for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security or SSI payments. SSA is seeking ideas on how they can identify beneficiaries who can direct the management of their own benefits. The following are questions to consider from SSA's online engagement tool, IdeaScale:

- How should we assess a beneficiary's ability to direct the management of his or her benefits?
- Are there certain questions we should ask beneficiaries in order to determine their ability to direct the management of their own benefits?
- Are there indicators that a beneficiary is not able to direct management of his or her benefits?

Input can be provided on IdeaScale through **Friday, April 6, 2018**. Please direct any questions to Joie.Hill@ssa.gov.

[Click here](#) to provide your input.

From Congress

U.S. Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee,
Minority Office

Manufactured Crisis: How Devastating Drug Price Increases Are Harming America's Seniors

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee has released a report, detailing U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's years-long effort to investigate dramatic prescription drug price increases. From **2012 to 2017**, the prices of many of the most popular brand-name drugs increased at nearly ten times the cost of inflation. The report looked at the top 20 most commonly prescribed brand-name drugs for older adults. Furthermore, the report finds that although 48 million fewer prescriptions were written for the top 20 most commonly prescribed brand-name drugs for older adults, total sales revenue resulting from these prescriptions increased by almost \$8.5 billion during the same period.

[Click here](#) to read the report.

From Other Organizations

LEAD Center

Advancing Financial Literacy for Individuals with Disabilities

The LEAD Center, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), and National Disability Institute (NDI) are hosting a webinar on the financial capability of individuals with disabilities. This webinar will provide the opportunity to learn more about the challenges and opportunities to address the needs of Americans with disabilities to become more financially capable. Presenters will discuss:

- The consumer protections provided by MSRB rules for ABLE tax-advantaged savings accounts
- New materials from the FDIC to build financial capability for adults with disabilities
- Favorable tax benefits for people with disabilities from the IRS
- Financial literacy requirements in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) from the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
- The challenges and opportunities to improve financial capability and inclusion for individuals across the spectrum of disabilities from disability leaders

This webinar will take place on **Wednesday, April 18, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Center on Law & Elder Rights

Drafting Advance Planning Documents to Reduce the Risk of Abuse or Exploitation

The National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) is hosting a webinar about drafting advance planning documents to reduce the risk of abuse or exploitation. Shortly after Medicare began reimbursing physicians for counseling beneficiaries about advance-care planning in **2016**, Health Affairs released a study finding that only one-third of older adults have completed any health care planning documents. This webinar will discuss ways to work with clients to select lower-risk agents, tools to document and communicate health care values, and tips for drafting documents to reduce the risk of exploitation.

This webinar will take place on **Wednesday, April 18, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Legal Basics: Protecting Older Adults Against Fraudulent Schemes and Scams

The National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) is hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the frauds and scams aimed at older adults, discuss legal protections, and provide resources to aid older adults defrauded by the individuals and business that promote these scams. Older adults are often targeted by individuals promoting fraudulent schemes and scams, due to savings and assets accumulated over a lifetime, and most frauds and scams go unreported. Presenters will discuss efforts by the Federal Trade Commission to prevent older adults from falling victim to these scams.

This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, April 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Disability Institute

Building Financial Inclusion with Money Smart

The National Disability Institute and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) are hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the updated Money Smart Guide to Presenting Money Smart for Adults. This guide provides information to assist instructors delivering financial education to persons with disabilities. This webinar will provide an overview of the Money Smart curriculum, disability specific materials, and information on how to access the free materials. There will also be a discussion on how community partners can collaborate with FDIC to build the awareness of financial inclusion for persons with disabilities.

This webinar will take place on **Wednesday, April 11, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Oral Health America

North Dakota: An Example of an Oral Healthcare Program for Older Adults in Long-Term Care Facilities

Oral Health America is hosting a webinar to discuss how North Dakota has collaborated with key partners to establish an older adult oral health care program for residents in long-term care facilities. This webinar will discuss an overview of the importance of conducting a basic screening survey; engaging key stakeholders to strategize on the oral healthcare delivery and education programs provided to staff in long-term care facilities; and implementing a standardized screening tool.

This webinar will take place on **Thursday, Apr 26, 2018 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Events

AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference

Register today for the **40th Annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference!** The conference will be held **June 3 to 6, 2018**, in Dallas, Texas. The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a program summary. The conference registration is open, and Early Bird prices are available until **April 3, 2018.**

Aging and disability I&R/A professionals are invited to join the National I&R Support Center and its partners for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals from across the country discussing initiatives and innovations in aging and disability I&R/A programs. This year's pre-conference Summit will include a focus on important trends and developments in I&R/A programs, including discussion of the changing roles of I&R/A specialists and sharing of resources and practices that promote the sustainability of services in a changing environment. We hope to see you in Dallas!

[Click here](#) for more information.

Interagency TBI Conference Registration and Call for Late- Breaking Papers/Posters

The deadline to submit paper and poster proposals for the Federal Interagency Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), co-sponsored by NIDILRR (the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research), is **Saturday, March 31**. The theme of the **2018** conference is TBI Across the Lifespan: Research to Practice to Policy. This conference brings together clinicians, researchers, consumers, and policymakers to share cutting-edge advances in TBI research and clinical care. This conference will take place **June 11 to 13, 2018 in Washington, DC**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Job Opportunities

Assistant Director for the Iowa Department on Aging

The Iowa Department on Aging is seeking highly skilled and experienced professional to act in the leadership role of Assistant Director. Preferences are given to those candidates with (1) Educational background in human services or business and significant management experience in a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, (2) Comprehensive knowledge of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security systems, (3) Working knowledge of long term living and community support systems, (4) Certification in geriatrics or aging studies.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following minimum requirements to qualify for positions in this job classification:

- 1) Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university and experience equal to six years of full-time management-level work in finance, human resources, engineering, law, social work, regulation, data processing, or program research or evaluation.
- 2) Ten years of full-time management-level work experience in finance, human resources, engineering, law, social work, regulation, data processing, or program research or evaluation.
- 3) All of the following (a and b):
 - a. Six years of full-time work experience in finance, human resources, engineering, law, social work, regulation, data processing, or program research or evaluation; and
 - b. A combination of a total of four years of education and full-time experience (as described in part a), where thirty semester hours of accredited college or university course work in any field equals one year of full-time experience. Graduation from the Iowa Certified Public Manager Program is also equivalent to one year of full-time experience or education.
- 4) All of the following (a, b, and c):
 - a. Four years of full-time work experience in finance, human resources, engineering, law, social work, regulation, data processing, or program research or evaluation; and
 - b. A combination of a total of four years of education and full-time experience (as described in part a), where thirty semester hours of accredited college or university course work in any field equals one year of full-time experience; and
 - c. A combination of a total of two years of graduate-level education and full-time experience (as described in part a), where twenty-four semester hours of accredited graduate college or university course work in a public-service-related area (e.g., public or business administration, social work, law, education, engineering) equals one year of full-time experience. Graduation from the Iowa Certified Public Manager Program is also equivalent to one year of full-time experience or education.
- 5) Current, continuous experience in the state executive branch that includes eighteen months of full-time work as a Public Service Manager 1 or comparable specific management-level position.

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Senior Manager, Home Based Programs

MassHealth is seeking a Senior Manager, Home Based Programs. The mission of MassHealth is to improve the health outcomes of our diverse members, their families and their communities by providing access to integrated health care services that sustainably promote health, well-being, independence and quality of life.

The MassHealth Office of Long Term Services and Supports (OLTSS) is responsible for managing a comprehensive system of care for elders and persons with disabilities. OLTSS manages a range of thirteen (13) Fee-For-Service (FFS) programs that includes include Hospice, Home Health (HH), Independent

Nursing (IN), Therapies, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotics (DMEPOS), Personal Care Attendant, Early Intervention, Adult Foster Care (AFC), Group Adult Foster Care, Adult Day Health, Day Habilitation, Nursing Facilities (NFs), and Chronic-Disease Rehabilitation Hospitals CDRHs).

The Senior Manager, Home Based Programs will work with stakeholders and providers to manage programs for MassHealth members using home health, hospice, therapies, independent nursing and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotics (DMEPOS). The incumbent will be responsible for assuring those services are delivered in a high quality, cost effective manner through the development of regulations, policies and rates and mechanisms of payment that assure access and improve quality for all MassHealth members.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Observances

Older Americans Month 2018

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The **2018** theme is Engage at Every Age. This theme emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.

ACL has produced materials, activity ideas, and resources to help you get ready for Older Americans Month. These materials can be used to promote and celebrate this year's theme, Engage at Every Age.

[Click here](#) for more information.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Every year on **June 15**, we observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). This is an opportunity to raise awareness of elder abuse and neglect, and to continue to commit to preserving the rights of older adults. In the lead up to WEAAD, ACL and the National Center on Elder Abuse have planned many activities and developed several resources.

[Click here](#) for more information about WEAAD and how you can get involved.

Funding Opportunities

Inclusive Transportation Planning Initiative

New grant opportunities funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and managed in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration have been announced. The grants will be administered by the Community Transportation Association of America in partnership with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the Institute for Community Inclusion of the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and DJB Evaluation.

The purpose of the Inclusive Transportation Planning grants is to facilitate development of local inclusive, coordinated transportation systems in which people with disabilities, older adults, and caregivers actively participate in both advisory and decision-making roles. Applicants are encouraged to begin where they are, even if they have never been involved in inclusive planning or have made only minimal effort to engage older adults or people with disabilities in transportation planning.

Grants of up to \$35,000 for a maximum of 20 organizations are available for a six-month period.

A teleconference for interested applicants will be held on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018.**

Proposals are due by **Friday, May 4, 2018.**

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ACL Launches Updated Website

The Administration for Community Living will be launching an updated website. This launch a first step in overhauling the site, This updated site is built using software that will make it much easier for us to share information quickly. That software also includes dramatic improvements in search capabilities, which we hope will make it much easier for people to find what they're looking for.

ACL has reorganized the content on their site to make it easier for people who are not familiar with ACL to find the information they need, and also to better illustrate the work we do.

ACL is open to feedback on what the audience likes and does not like about the redesigned site to help continue to make improvements.

ACL has added a page to the site that helps explain how the new site is structured. Once the site is launched, you will be able to access that page at www.acl.gov/welcome.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Proposed Rules Regarding Payment Rates

On **April 27, 2017**, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released three proposed rules regarding payment rates for a number of different providers, including rehabilitation hospitals, nursing facilities, and hospices. Skilled nursing facilities would receive a \$390 million increased in 2018, or approximately 1 percent greater than this year. Hospices would also receive a 1 percent increase or \$180 million. Finally, rehabilitation hospitals, if the proposed rule is approved, would receive an additional \$80 million in 2018. Comments for all three proposed rules are due to CMS by **June 26, 2017**.

To access the proposed rule for nursing facilities, [click here](#).

To access the proposed rule for hospices, [click here](#).

To access the proposed rule for rehabilitation hospitals, [click here](#).

Webinar: State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships Technical Support Opportunity for States

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicaid

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Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is launching a new technical support opportunity for state Medicaid agencies to develop partnerships between state Medicaid agencies and their local housing systems to foster additional community living opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries that require Long-Term Services and Support (LTSS). IAP will select up to eight states to participate in this 9-month opportunity.

The State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships Track is designed to offer intensive and hands-on technical support to move selected states towards building sustained collaborations with housing partners and with partners from other service agencies. Consistent with statute, CMS does not provide Federal Financial Participation for room and board in home and community-based services, but can assist states with coverage of certain housing-related activities and services. This opportunity is available to all states except the eight that participated in this track in 2016: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, and Oregon.

To learn more about this opportunity, join the informational webinar **Thursday, May 18, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**. During this webinar, participants will learn about the technical support opportunity, ask questions, and hear about the state selection process. The deadline for Expression of Interest forms will be midnight (ET) on **June 8, 2017**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

From Congress

Congress Passes FY2017 Appropriations Bill

This week, the House and Senate passed an appropriations bill that will fund the Federal government through the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and avert a potential government shutdown. FY2017 runs through **September 30, 2017**. The legislation deals with discretionary programs, not mandatory spending, and therefore does not impact programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security.

The appropriations bill set funding levels for a number of services that are important to aging and disability services. Several programs within the Administration for Community Living (ACL) received funding increases, including:

- Senior Nutrition. Over the past several years, nutrition has received some substantial increases. This appropriations bill includes modest increases for both congregate (\$2 million increase) and home delivered meals (\$1 million increase);
- HCBS Supportive Services. This program was funded at

\$350 million, which is a \$2.5 million increase from FY2016 levels;

- Elder Rights and Adult Protective Services. Congress has again provided funding increases for these activities, increasing the appropriations by \$2 million to a total of \$13.87 million; and
- Supports for Aging Services to Native Americans.

The National Institutes of Health also received substantial funding increases for research and support on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The appropriations bill provides nearly \$1.4 billion, a \$400 million increase, which includes funding for dementia care and services research along with biomedical research.

Unfortunately, the legislation also includes several notable and substantial reductions to programs under ACL and the Older Americans Act. This includes programs previously targeted for cuts, at the following amounts:

- \$34 million reduction to SCSEP from a total of \$434 million to \$400 million, representing a nearly 8% cut to the program;
- \$5 million of reduced funding for SHIP to \$47 million, which is a 9.6% reduction.

The legislation also proposes several cuts to TA centers, such as the limb loss resource center (-\$300,000) and the paralysis resource center (-\$1 million).

For more information on the appropriations bills and a summary of funding levels, visit: <http://www.nasuad.org/policy/federal-advocacy/advocacy-alerts/fy2017-appropriations-bill-analysis>

House of Representatives

House Passes ACA Repeal Legislation

On **Thursday, May 4th**, the House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act (AHCA). The AHCA is the bill that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The final vote was 217-213, with every Democrat and 20 Republicans voting against the measure. The legislation now goes to the Senate, where it is unlikely to pass in its current form. A number of Republican Senators have expressed concern about different provisions in the bill and have stated that the Senate will be drafting their own version of ACA repeal. The Senate will also likely need to make a number of changes to ensure that the bill meets the budget rules necessary to pass with a 51-vote majority. Due to the changes that are likely to occur, the Senate is not expected to move quickly on passing its own measure.

As passed, the AHCA makes a number of changes to the ACA, including repealing a wide range of insurance regulations, mandates, and taxes. The bill also includes policies that amount

to a significant restructuring of the Medicaid program. Most notably, the legislation would place a cap on state Medicaid expenditures per beneficiary, a stark departure from the current open ended funding formula.

For more information and a detailed review of the AHCA impact on Medicaid and LTSS, visit:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/nasuad-news/house-passes-ahca-bill-repeal-and-replace-aca>

From Other Organizations

Aging and Disability Business Institute

Nominations Open for the 2017 The John A. Hartford Foundation Business Innovation Award

The Aging and Disability Business Institute is accepting nominations for the 2017 The John A. Hartford Foundation Business Innovation Award.

This award recognizes the work of aging and disability community-based organizations (CBOs) that have successfully partnered with health care entities to improve the quality of life for older adults and/or people with disabilities. Winners will be honored in July 2017 at the 42nd Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Savannah, Georgia.

For more information and to submit nominations, [click here](#).

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is open for the **39th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference in Tampa, Florida May 21-24!**

The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website at www.airs.org/conference, along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a program summary.

For aging and disability I&R/A professionals, the National I&R Support Center invites you to join us for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals presenting on key topics such as national policy developments impacting aging and disability programs, the role of I&R in managed care contracts, long distance caregiving, partnerships, decision-making support, community transportation, disability rights and accessibility, and other key issues. This year's pre-conference summit will include an interactive training on motivational interviewing for aging and disability professionals. For further information on the Symposium, contact Support Center Director [Nanette Relave](#).

American Society on Aging

ASA's 2018 Aging in America Conference Call for Sessions Now Open

The American Society on Aging invites you to submit a proposal to present at the next Aging in America Conference, to be held in San Francisco, March 26-29, 2018. ASA is looking for a variety of cutting-edge presentations on topics across the aging spectrum. The 2018 conference will have a strong focus on technological innovation in addition to sessions featuring innovative policies, programs, practices, business models, and learning across the field of aging and related disciplines.

Join your peers who are making a difference and submit your proposal before June 30.

Learn more and submit a proposal at www.asaging.org/aia

Center for Health Care Strategies

Quality Measurement Approaches of State Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Programs

There is variation in state Medicaid ACO measurement approaches related to access, quality, clinical, and cost goals. Therefore, states interested in using an accountable care organization (ACO) model for Medicaid populations must think critically about which metrics are best-suited to promote enhanced access and care coordination, as well as encourage provider accountability for these outcomes. There is a range of quality measure requirements for ACOs including simple collection and reporting, to advanced expectations involving

achievement thresholds, benchmark comparisons, and rates of improvement over time.

CHCS has a technical assistance tool that outlines the quality measurement approaches of eight states in their Medicaid ACO Learning Collaborative - Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont. This tool presents the quality measures of each state's Medicaid ACO program and key details, including measure domains, reporting requirements, and payment contingencies.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Cornell University Yang and Tan Institute on Employment and Disability

Webinar: Tools for Finding Disability and Rehabilitation Related Data

In order to help identify what datasets are available and what data are most appropriate for addressing a specific research interest, this webinar will introduce two innovative web-based resources designed to help researchers learn:

- The available datasets related to disability and rehabilitation,
- The topics that are covered in each dataset,
- The dataset strengths and limitations,
- How to access the datasets, and how to link to the University of Michigan's Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research (ADDEP).

The Rehabilitation Dataset Directory is a browse-able/searchable database providing an overview, description, sample and other pertinent information for nearly 60 datasets. The Rehabilitation Research Cross-dataset Variable Catalog allows the exploration of variables organized by topics (including disability and health conditions, healthcare, health behaviors and more) simultaneously across 6 major datasets.

This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, May 09, 2017 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Health Management Associates

Merger Readiness: What Behavioral

Health Providers, CBOs Need to Know Before Considering a Merger

Behavioral health providers and community-based organizations (CBOs) increasingly face an important decision; should they consider merging with another entity to achieve the scale, scope and sophistication necessary to thrive in a healthcare system that continues to grow only more complex?

The answer involves both an honest assessment of your existing goals, values, market prospects, and potential partners, as well as a clear understanding of what's required from a strategic and operational standpoint to make your organization "merger ready."

This webinar, presented by HMA Principals Josh Rubin and Meggan Schilkie, will outline what behavioral providers and CBOs need to know when considering and ultimately pursuing a potential healthcare merger and the steps to take during each merger phase (Pre-Merger, Merger Execution, and Post-Merger).

This webinar will be held on **Wednesday, May 10 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. ET**. Executives among behavioral health providers, CBOs, health systems, and not-for-profit healthcare organizations are encouraged to attend.

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Disability Institute

Banking Status and Financial Behaviors of Adults with Disabilities

Results from the FDIC Household Survey shows that people with disabilities are more likely to be cycling in and out of banking, and are less likely than their non-disabled peers to reopen a checking account in the future. Additionally, almost 50 percent of adults with disabilities nationwide are unbanked or underbanked.

The National Disability Institute is hosting a webinar that will discuss their report, "Banking Status and Financial Behaviors of Adults with Disabilities: Findings from the FDIC National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households."

This webinar will be held on **Wednesday May 10 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

NCOA

Webinar: A Spotlight on Older Adults

and Behavioral Health

One in four older Americans experience a behavioral health issue that is not a normal part of aging, yet they are less likely to receive treatment than younger individuals. This webinar from NCOA will provide an update on behavioral health topics relevant to older adults from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), including the latest national data on depression, suicide, and substance abuse or misuse. The presentation will also discuss a description of the Mental Health Association of New York City's (MHA-NYC) initiatives to improve access to behavioral health services for older adults.

This webinar will take place on **Thursday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

2017 Elder Justice Training

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, State Unit on Aging, in collaboration with the Nebraska State Bar Association Elder Law Section, is co-sponsoring a training for professionals in the aging network. 2017 Elder Justice Training will be streamed live and is free - but registration is required. The training will be held on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017**. To register and for more information, [click here](#).

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Issue Brief: State Strategies: Value-Based Payment for Medicaid Populations with Complex Care Needs

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's recent issue brief covers how states can support value-based payments for persons with complex care needs in Medicaid. Increasingly, states will have the responsibility to improve care for their vulnerable, high-need residents, and negotiating within the contracting process offers them an important handle to do so.

This report highlights:

- Possible payment approaches;
- Ways to measure quality; and
- Possible leverage points in the contracting process.

The brief includes three case studies including, Tennessee, Minnesota, and Arizona. These three states already use value-based models to purchase and assess LTSS services.

[Click here](#) to read the issue brief.

Events

National Disability Rights Network P&A/CAP Annual Conference

The P&A/CAP Annual Conference will be held **June 12th-15th** in Baltimore, Maryland. P&A staff, board members, PAIMI Council members, colleagues, disability advocates, attorneys and NDRN federal partners will gather together for a week of intense training, hard work, collaboration. The conference will host more than 70 workshops.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Jobs & Internships

South Dakota Seeks Medicaid Director

The State of South Dakota is looking for a passionate expert to bring their Medicaid expertise to help them shape healthcare for their citizens. Use your combined knowledge of the State Medicaid program with a desire to serve the most vulnerable populations with quality healthcare programs. Your success innovating and leading states' programs that optimize processes to enable agency success and performance will be important. The state is seeking a progressive leader to help South Dakota think, lead and deliver with outcomes in mind.

Some key functions of this job will be:

- Administration of a \$500M+ program;
- Oversight and enablement of personnel;
- Maintain collaboration with sister agencies and stakeholders;
- Drive thought leadership within a regulatory and accountability framework.

View the job description [here](#).

Grant Opportunities

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Grant: Nursing Home Transition Grants for Centers for Independent Living

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center's (PRC) Nursing Home Transition (NHT) Grant Program is partnering with Centers for Independent Living (CILs) across the country to award four grants up to \$40,000 each to transition people living with paralysis in nursing homes back into their homes or a community-based setting of their choice. These grants are intended to improve the quality of life for individuals living with paralysis by becoming part of the solution nationwide to decrease the unnecessary segregation and isolation of individuals with functional paralysis. For this grant purpose, the term paralysis includes anyone who sustains difficulty and/or inability to move their arms and/or legs due to a neurological condition such as spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, ALS, and many other chronic conditions that coexist with developmental, congenital, and acquired disabilities.

Please note the NHT grant is open to Centers for Independent Living as described in the 2014 reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act.

The submission deadline is **May 15, 2017 (11:59 pm local time)**.

For more information, [click here](#).

ACL Grant: Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase II

The Federal Small Business Innovation Research Program's (SBIR) aim is to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector, strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal research or research and development (R/R&D) needs, and improve the return on investment from Federally-funded research for economic and social benefits to the Nation. More specifically, the program aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities through R/R&D products generated by small businesses, and to increase the commercial application of National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)- supported research results and development products. Phase II is intended to expand upon the results of and to further pursue the development of Phase I projects.

Phase I grantees from fiscal year 2015 and 2016 are eligible to apply. Applicants must also continue to be small business concerns. An estimated four grants will be awarded to small businesses.

The closing date for applications is **Jun 12, 2017**.

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p.m. ET. Serving veterans and caregivers with information, referrals, assistance, and other supports is an important component of work within aging and disability networks. Join this webinar to learn about resources for caregivers of veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Caregiver Support Program offers a menu of services to support family members and friends who care for Veterans at home and in their communities. The VA Caregiver Support Line is a national call center staffed by licensed social workers, who provide information and assist caregivers and Veterans in accessing services and supports through the VA. Our presenter is Christy Reynolds, LMSW, Program Coordinator with the VA Caregiver Support Line.

Pre-registration is required for this webinar.

[Click here](#) to register.

NASUAD and NASDDDS Release Report on MLTSS

On **May 11, 2018**, NASUAD released a report titled MLTSS for People for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Strategies for Success. This report was co-authored by the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS), in collaboration with Ari Ne'eman of Mysupport.com. This is the second in a series of publications from the MLTSS Institute, which was established in **2016** to drive improvements in key MLTSS policy areas, facilitate sharing and learning among states, and provide direct and intensive technical assistance to states and health plans.

Because there are unique challenges in implementing a managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), the report provides context on the intersection of program design and participant advocacy and outlines successful strategies for both states and health plans.

Promising practices from the few MLTSS programs delivering I/DD services are highlighted throughout.

NASUAD hopes that this report will stimulate thoughtful policy development and program design and promote high performing state systems that provide care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Click here](#) to access this publication.

HCBS Clearinghouse

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS



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The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2016

This new report published by the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger (NFESH) and Feeding America analyzes data on food insecurity among older adults ages 60 and over. This data, pulled from the most recent year available, **2016**, illustrates that while the food-insecurity rate for this population has recently declined, it is still significantly higher than rates from the Great Recession a decade ago.

Many food insecure older adults have incomes which exclude them from federal assistance programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). This highlights a key gap in the coverage of services for this population. The report also highlights specific sub-segments of this population who are at particularly high risk of experiencing food insecurity, including older adults with disabilities and older adults who are racial or ethnic minorities.

[Click here](#) to read the report.

From the Administration

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

New Publications on Fall Death Rates and how to Calculate Medical Costs

The injury and death rate from falls in older adults has been increasing over the last ten years. Falls in older adults are also extremely costly, totaling over \$50 billion each year in expenses. Many of these falls are preventable. However, if more efforts are not taken to reduce fall risks, America's aging population will result in a continued increase in fall injuries, deaths, and related costs over the coming years. CDC originally published a paper on this issue in **March 2018**, called "The Medical Costs of Fatal and Nonfatal Falls in Older Adults". They have now published two additional complementary publications delving further into the topic of falls in older adults.

The first publication, "Deaths from Falls Among Persons Aged ≥65 Years - United States, 2007-2016", appears in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). This report expands upon the previously reported statistic that falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths among people 65 years and over. It highlights the increasing rate of deaths from falls, noting that fall-related deaths increased 31% from 2007 to 2016. This report emphasizes the growing scope of the problem and the need for providers to take actionable steps towards preventing and reducing falls, including through targeted interventions such as prescribing balance exercises.

The second publication, "Estimating the Economic Burden Related to Older Adult Falls by State," is published in the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice (JPHMP). It looks at methods of calculating the costs associated with falls in older adults and presents two methods to calculate these costs: partial attributable fraction, which focuses on the details of payer type, and count applied to cost, which utilizes states' own counts to assess lifetime costs. The goal of this report is to encourage states to use effective cost calculation to plan more targeted preventive measures going forward.

[Click here](#) to read the report on death rates from falls.

[Click here](#) to read the report on calculating the cost of falls.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Guidance on the Electronic Visit Verification Requirements

On **Wednesday May 16, 2018**, CMS released the long-awaited guidance on the Electronic Visit Verification requirements in the 21st Century CURES Act. The guidance includes two documents: an Informational Bulletin and Frequently Asked Questions. The Informational Bulletin shares EVV implementation strategies and identifies promising practices for EVV education and training. The FAQs provide responses to an array of critical questions received from states since the passage of the Cures Act, including clarification on the specific types of personal care and home health services that must utilize EVV systems.

Notably, the FAQs clarify that residential settings providing 24 hour service availability, such as Assisted Living, are NOT included in the CURES Act EVV requirements.

[Click here](#) to access these resources on Medicaid.gov.

New Medicare Learning Management

System (LMS)

CMS has announced that the online Medicare Learning Management System (LMS), part of the National Training Program (NTP), is now live. This resource is free to use and provides access to self-paced online training, webinars, and train-the-trainer workshops. CMS has currently released the first module in their curriculum, an introductory two-part course on the basics of understanding Medicare. Future courses will be published as they are developed, but the initial focus will be on enrollment-oriented lessons. Some courses, including this first introductory lesson, will provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs), while others will offer certificates of completion.

[Click here](#) to access CMS's NTP site.

[Click here](#) for a video introduction on how to use the site.

From Congress

Senate

National Senior Fraud Awareness Day

U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Bob Casey (D-PA), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Aging Committee, authored a bi-partisan resolution to officially recognize **May 15, 2018** as National Senior Fraud Awareness Day. The senate unanimously passed this resolution on **May 10, 2018**. This resolution's ultimate purpose is to "raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent schemes targeted at older people of the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent these scams from happening, and to improve protections from these scams for seniors".

[Click here](#) to read the full resolution, titled S.Res.506.

From Other Organizations

AARP Public Policy Institute

Using Telehealth to Improve Home-Based Care for Older Adults and Family Caregivers

Telehealth is a potentially highly useful piece of the community-based care puzzle. The use of telephones, email, and video to

deliver health care may greatly improve quality and access to care for older adults. However, the use of telehealth is still expanding and is currently limited by various regulatory barriers. As a result, there is a dearth of conclusive information about the relationship telehealth has with access, cost, and quality.

This paper from AARP's Public Policy Institute discusses the potential implications of the expanded use of telehealth from the lens of older adults and family caregivers. It discusses the hope that telehealth may help address rising healthcare costs, enable older adults to stay in their homes longer, and relieve pressure for family caregivers. The paper states that research efforts must continue as telehealth expands in order to gain a better understanding of its effects on care.

The report emphasizes that the focus of telehealth expansion must remain on how this tool specifically impacts the experiences of older adults and their families. AARP recommends keeping the needs of this population at the center of these efforts. Finally, this report also highlights the importance of prioritizing the highest-risk populations and tailoring the application of telehealth to the most vulnerable populations, including those with limited technology access, so as not to unwittingly expand disparities in health care.

[Click here](#) to read the full paper.

Aging and Disability Business Institute

The John A. Hartford Foundation (JAHF) 2018 Business Innovation Award

This award recognizes community-based organizations (CBOs) who have forged effective partnerships with health care entities in order to improve care for people with disabilities and/or older adults. Eligible organizations include Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, faith-based organizations, and other community-based service providers. One or more CBOs will be officially recognized, receiving a plaque and a monetary award of up to \$5,000.

Nominations are due by COB **Monday, June 11, 2018**.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Applied Self-Direction

EVV Guidance from CMS: Where do we go from here?

As referenced above in this Friday Update, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Informational Bulletin and Frequently Asked Questions earlier this week on **Wednesday May 16, 2018**. This webinar from Applied Self-Direction will provide an overview of this new information and clarify the specific implications of this guidance on the implementation of EVV Systems.

This webinar will take place **Tuesday, May 22 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. ET**. Registration is required.

[Click here](#) to register.

Grantmakers in Aging

The Future of Rural Transportation and Mobility for Older Adults: Current Trends and Future Directions in Technology-Enabled Solutions

This whitepaper is published by GIA and CITRIS and the Banatao Institute. It was originally created for the Beyond Here & There Rural Mobility Summit and focuses on the potential of technology to help improve mobility for older adults living in rural settings. Transportation in rural areas is inherently challenging, and even more so for older adults who may have limited mobility. The whitepaper discusses ways technology may help to advance transit for this population, including by reducing gaps in transit services, improving access to information, and bolstering safety and accessibility for those who continue to drive.

These areas of impact are assessed through three perspectives: current state, emerging state, and plausible futures. The paper concludes with a list of twelve considerations meant to inform industry and philanthropy professionals as they design and look to implement solutions to improve transit for older adults in rural areas. It also includes a glossary of commonly used technology and transportation terms such as microtransit, ridesharing, and telehealth.

[Click here](#) to read this paper.

Health Management Associates

Electronic Visit Verification for

Personal Care Services, Home Health: Understanding and Implementing New CURES Act Requirements

The 21st Century Cures Act requires that state Medicaid programs have Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) in place for personal care services (PCS) by **January 1, 2019** and home health care services (HHCS) by **January 1, 2023**. The implementation of EVV is complicated and provides a challenge for many states. This webinar is meant to help states cope with this challenge by providing a thorough overview of the implications of the new rules, including a discussion of how different states might effectively implement EVV.

The presenters in this webinar will be Jen Burnett, Principal, HMA and Camille Dobson, Executive Deputy Director, National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD). They will cover the specifics of the CURES Act requirements, explain why these requirements are so challenging, discuss the benefits of EVV, and explore best practices and models which may work for different states.

This webinar will be held **Thursday, May 24, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to register.

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators

From Person-Centered Thinking to Creating the Plan

This webinar from the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators is the second in a series of three webinars focused on person centered planning. The first webinar was held **Thursday, May 17** and served as an introduction to the general concepts of person-centered thinking.

This second webinar focuses on moving from thinking to planning. It will cover the documentation elements of person-centered planning. By the end of the webinar, participants will be able to explain the importance of the narrative summary, describe three parts of a Person Centered Recovery Plan, understand the importance of documenting personally defined goals, and define how person-centered planning incorporates medical necessity and rigorous clinical documentation.

This webinar will be held **Thursday May 31 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET**. Registration for the webinar is free, but you may also choose to purchase Certificates of Attendance.

[Click here](#) to register.

National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center

New Courses Released in Online Ombudsman Learning Center

In **April 2018**, the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC) and Consumer Voice released their co-sponsored online training center. This center provides course content for Ombudsman staff and volunteers as well as advocates, family members, and other consumers. The platform was originally published with limited courses, with the intent for NORC and Consumer Voice to continue developing courses and adding them to the curriculum.

The next batch of courses is now live, featuring three new offerings. The first course is called Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation - for Consumers, Family and Advocates. It focuses on spreading awareness of the signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and discussing ways these problems can be prevented. The second course, Revised Federal Nursing Home Regulations, examines the specifics of various regulations regarding nursing homes. Finally, the third new course, Nursing Home Transitions, covers the challenges of transitions between care environments, including from home to facility, facility to facility, or facility back home.

This learning platform is accessible via computer or mobile device.

[Click here](#) to access the online training center.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to register for courses.

Events

ASA's 2019 Aging in America Conference- Call for Proposals Now Open

Are you proud of the work you are doing with older adults and the innovative solutions you engage? Do you have best practices you'd like to share? The American Society on Aging invites you to submit a proposal to present at the next Aging in America Conference.

The 2019 conference, to be held in New Orleans **April 15-18**, will have a strong focus on critical and emergent topics facing the field of aging, as well as cutting-edge and responsive

programmatic, research, policy, and advocacy efforts. Potential interest areas include: emergency/disaster readiness, housing and transportation access, caregiving, substance use/opioid crisis, multiple aspects of dementia, technology and aging, intergenerational models, population health, and shifting policy and legislative issues affecting older adults. ASA welcomes proposals spanning the theme of aging that offer innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses and learning.

Join your peers who are making a difference and submit your proposal before **June 30**.

[Click here](#) to learn more about to call for proposals.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference.

Pennsylvania Providers Coalition Association 10th Anniversary Celebration

Pennsylvania Providers Coalition Association (PA PCA) is an association of community providers of long term living services. This year, PA PCA is celebrating the ten year anniversary of the organization's founding. During this decade, PA PCA has worked to support a coalition of organizations who work on behalf of older adults and adults with disabilities, including organizations in the areas of support coordination, personal assistance services, housing assistance to skilled home care, and more.

To commemorate this anniversary, PA PCA is hosting a formal dinner to thank members and recognize Participants and Direct Care Workers. This dinner will be held **Wednesday, June 6th from 4:00- 10:00 p.m. ET** at the Hilton Harrisburg. Evan Forrester, Fox 43 News Anchor, will serve as the Emcee for the evening. Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD will be the keynote speaker. Various awards will be given, including the Participant Education award and the Home and Community Based Service Excellence award.

This celebration will coincide with the 2018 Annual PA PCA Meeting. The annual report will be given out during the celebration.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care 42nd Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the 2018 Consumer Voice Conference. This year's conference will be held **October 22-24, 2018** at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria in Alexandria, Virginia. The conference will feature federal policy experts discussing the latest updates, long-term care consumers speaking about their experiences, the opportunity to share best practices with other advocates, and an environment to develop

new skills to support future advocacy work.

Topics will include: The Intersection of Guardianship and Long-Term Care, Ombudsman Partnerships with Legal Services, Defining Quality with Resident Voices, Challenges and Innovations in Systems Advocacy by LTC Ombudsman Programs, and more. Following the conference, there will also be three post-conference intensives: Bringing Hand in Hand to Life - A Competency Based Resource for Dementia and Abuse Training, Understanding and Addressing Bullying and Other Antagonistic Behaviors among Older Adults, and Nursing Home Evictions to Inappropriate Settings: Finding Answers.

Register by **July 31** to receive the discounted early rate.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Job Opportunities

Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)

The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), which represents the special education directors of the 50 states and 11 federal jurisdictions, is seeking to fill the position of executive director for **2019** and beyond.

The NASDSE Board of Directors is looking for a dynamic leader with expertise in effective leadership and management, strong communication skills and public relations, and who seeks to lead the national organization with the mission of working with state education agencies to ensure that all children and youth with disabilities receive the educational supports and services they need from birth to be prepared for post-school education, career and independent living choices.

The executive director supervises a dedicated staff with expertise in establishing and maintaining relationships with those individuals and groups responsible for the development of policies, educational and other programs serving individuals with disabilities, and those responsible for implementation at the school, local district, state and national levels.

Interested individuals wishing to enter the selection process must provide (1) a letter of intent; (2) current resume; and (3) the contact information of at least two references to HR@nasdse.org.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Observances

Older Americans Month 2018

Every **May**, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The **2018** theme is Engage at Every Age. This theme emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.

ACL has produced various materials, activity ideas, and resources to help you participate in the observance of Older Americans Month.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Funding Opportunities

Alzheimer's Disease Programs to States and Communities

Cooperative agreements under this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI), are dedicated to the development and expansion of dementia-capable home and community-based service (HCBS) systems in States and Communities. There are two application options contained in this FOA, one for States (Option A) and the other for Communities (Option B). No entity would be eligible to apply for both State and Community options. The systems resulting from program activities under both program options will provide quality, person-centered services that help individuals remain independent and safe in their communities.

The grant deadline is **Monday, July 16, 2018**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Measure Development for the Quality Payment Program Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has announced a Funding Opportunity to provide funding assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to entities to develop, improve, update, or expand quality measures for use in the Quality Payment Program.

Recognizing the benefits of measure development by external stakeholders with specific knowledge of clinician and patient perspectives and needs, the funding assistance of these cooperative agreements is specifically designated for entities external both to CMS and to other federal agencies. Such entities may include, but are not limited to, clinical specialty societies, clinical professional organizations, patient advocacy organizations, educational institutions, independent research organizations, health systems, and other entities engaged in quality measure development. These external entities provide the needed medical specialty and patient perspectives to lead or support the measure development priorities of the CMS Quality Measure Development Plan and, accordingly, to advance the Quality Payment Program measure portfolio. Specifically, collaboration with and support for these entities in measure development will assist CMS in addressing such essential topics as: clinician engagement, consumer-informed decisions, critical measure gaps, quality measure alignment, and efficient data collection that minimizes health care provider burden.

The grant deadline is **May 30, 2018**.

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Dear NASUAD members:

Attached, please find our analysis of the President's proposed budget for FY2019. This document outlines the proposal's impact on health and human services relevant to older adults, people with disabilities, and Medicaid long-term services and supports. This e-mail also includes our updated budget chart document that compares the various proposed and enacted funding levels for these important programs. In general, the budget proposal continues to highlight the Administration's priorities of increased investment in military and border protections coupled with reduced federal expenditures on health and human services programs. While the proposals will likely receive a lot of media attention and create significant headlines, Presidential budgets are nonbinding recommendations and have not historically been enacted into law. However, it is also important to be aware of some of the proposals and policies contained within, as they may arise during future spending debates, regulatory proposals, and other policymaking avenues.

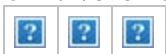
We will be hosting an all-state conference call on Thursday, February 15th, at 3pm eastern time (2pm central; 1pm mountain; 12pm pacific) to review the budget and answer any questions you may have. Dial in information is:

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As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns,
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Hello,

Thank you for registering for the NESCSO webinar on MLTSS Assessments. We have attached the slide deck from this presentation. We hope this will be a useful resource for you.

Best,

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Good Morning NASUAD Members:

We wanted to make sure you were aware of **two critical pieces of information that CMS released this morning on Medicaid.gov.**

1. An informational bulletin addressing the findings of the OIG/OCR/ACL Joint Report on state oversight of group homes that was issued in January. In the CIB, CMS urges states to review the recommendations included in the report and incorporate them into their critical incident management and quality assurance processes. We've attached both the CIB and the Joint Report for ease of reference.
2. Instructions and the necessary content that a state should include in its application for the 'good-faith' exemption for a 1-year delay in the EVV compliance deadline for personal care services that goes into effect on January 1, 2019. Only one request may be filed by a state between July 1 – November 30, 2018. We have attached the instructions here as well.

Additionally, CMS will be holding **two webinars (July 11 and July 18th)** on HCBS issues. We encourage you to register early and attend!

1. Conflict of Interest Part II and Medicaid HCBS Case Management: July 11, 2018: 1:30pm – 3pm EST

The objective of this training is to build on the COI Part I training with a review of what constitutes conflict of interest (COI), including the HCBS rules regarding COI, and an overview on strategies for assessing your case management system, using data to inform stakeholders and decision-making, and tips for developing and implementing a corrective action plan (CAP). New Editions Consulting, Inc. is currently the training lead through the

Home and Community Based Services Technical Assistance Contract overseen by the Division of Long Term Services & Supports (DLTSS). New Editions Consulting, Inc. will present the training and Ralph Lollar, DLTSS Division Director, and the DLTSS Team will support the training and lead the Q&A Session.

To register for the webinar, click on this link:

<https://neweditions.adobeconnect.com/ealehps71yag/event/registration.html>

2. The Process for Final STP Approval: July 18, 2018: 2:00pm – 3:30pm EST

The objective of this training is to clarify CMS' expectations in order to grant final approval; describe requirements for site-specific assessment, validation, outcomes and remediation strategies; discuss the process for heightened scrutiny and consider processes for monitoring and quality assurance to ensure ongoing compliance. New Editions is currently the training lead through the HCB Settings Contract overseen by the Division of Long Term Services & Supports (DLTSS). New Editions will present the training and Ralph Lollar, DLTSS Division Director, and the DLTSS Team will support the training and lead the Q&A Session.

To register for the webinar, click on this

link: <https://neweditions.adobeconnect.com/eow4ijn7h97n/event/registration.html>

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or Damon if you have any questions or concerns.

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Dear NASUAD Members:

Today, NASUAD is pleased to announce the release of a new report, [MLTSS for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Strategies for Success](#), co-authored by the **National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)**, in collaboration with Ari Ne'eman of Mysupport.com. The report is the second in a series of publications from the MLTSS Institute, which was established in 2016 to drive improvements in key MLTSS policy areas, facilitate sharing and learning among states, and provide direct and intensive technical assistance to states and health plans.

Because there are unique challenges in implementing a managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), the report provides context on the intersection of program design and participant advocacy and outlines successful strategies for both states and health plans. Promising practices from the few MLTSS programs delivering I/DD services are highlighted throughout.

States and plans should address these elements in any I/DD-focused MLTSS program:

- Clear goals and data-based design;
- Ongoing and rigorous stakeholder engagement focusing on participants and their families;
- Strong collaboration among state agencies;
- Education and training for both participants and providers; and
- Contract terms and payment arrangements that support program goals.

NASUAD hopes that this report will stimulate thoughtful policy development and program design and promote high-performing state systems that provide care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The paper is attached, and is also available online here <http://nasuad.org/node/70437>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Camille.

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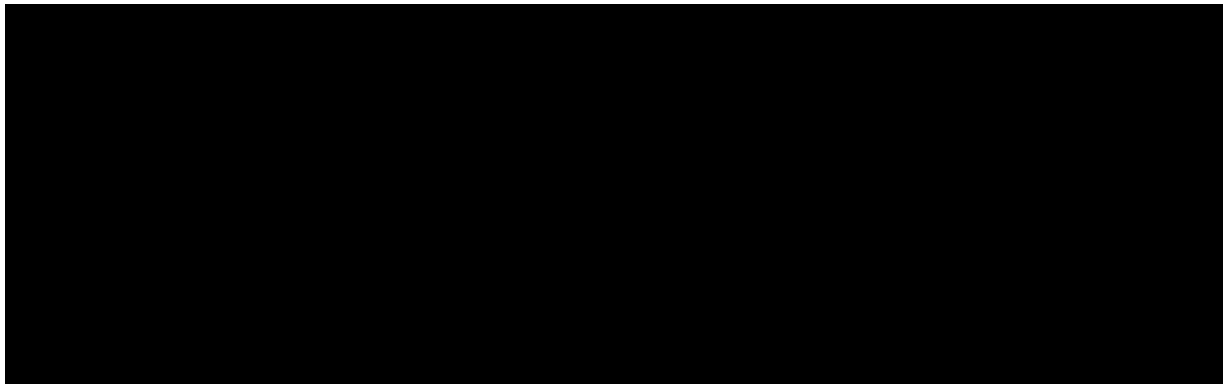
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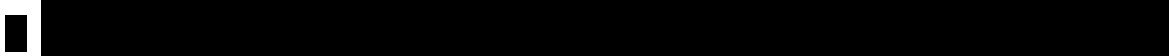
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Hi Monica –

I'm starting to pull together the agenda for the December 14 DAIL Advisory Board meeting. So far I have:



4. State Long Term Care Ombudsman: Assessment of Ombudsman Program's capacity to operate free from conflict of interest. (20 mins)



I think we have time for at least one other agenda item. Do you have any thoughts? I think December could be tricky to get people in. Here are some thoughts:

- I could ask Sean to provide an update on the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program while he's doing the conflict of interest piece and also talk about some of the

key issues they have been seeing both in facilities and in HCBS settings, talk about any successes, challenges, priorities for the year ahead.

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The mission of the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect and independence.

Falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries among older adults, but you have the power to [prevent a fall](#). September is ***Falls Prevention Awareness Month***! Learn more at [Falls Free Vermont](#) or by calling the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119.



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Hi Robert –

I hope you're having a good rest of your summer, it's hard to believe Labor Day is this weekend. As you saw from the message I sent a short time ago, we have a very full agenda in the works for September. Here is how it is shaping up. Below the agenda, I've included some brief descriptions. Please let Liz and me know if you'd suggest any modifications. Thanks and am looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Message to go out with agenda to DAIL Advisory Board Members:

Hello, DAIL Advisory Board Members:

We hope you had a good month of August off and are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on September 14th. Following up on some of our recent meetings and discussions about future agenda items, we have a very full agenda planned for September. I appreciate the willingness of so many of you who are willing to stay a bit late this month so that we can fit everything in that we need to this month. Below are some brief descriptions for some of our agenda items:

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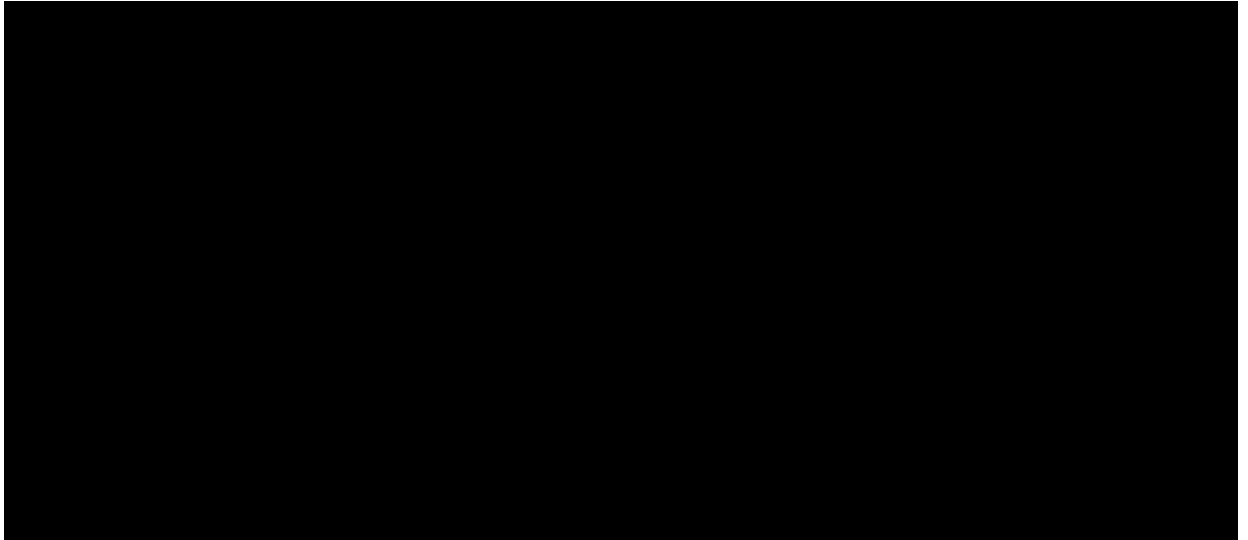
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4. **State Long Term Care Ombudsman:** Many of you will remember that each year the State Long Term Care Ombudsman submits an annual report to the legislature and as part of that report, is required to submit an assessment of the programs ability to operate free from conflict of interest as an appendix to that report. Over the past year, the Vermont Ombudsman Project and DAIL have been working collaboratively to implement new Federal Regulations for ombudsman programs, including conflict of interest. Per state statute, the DAIL Commissioner is required to establish a committee who represent the interests of individuals receiving long-term care for the purpose of ensuring that the Ombudsman program is free from conflicts of interests. Congratulations, DAIL Advisory Board, that committee is YOU! Last year, a small subcommittee of the Advisory Board worked with the State Ombudsman to review conflict of interest in detail, particularly in light of the new Federal Regulations and the need to revise the Ombudsman program policies to come into compliance. At that time, because the work was still on-going related to implementing the regulations and revising the policies, the board requested that a similar subcommittee be formed this year to last year's be convened to work with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman again and then report back to the full Advisory Board. So, State Long Term Care Ombudsman Sean Londergan will be talking a bit more about the program, this charge and requesting volunteers to be part of the subcommittee. Angela Smith-Dieng has been the DAIL lead working with the Ombudsman Program most recently so she will be joining as a resource. So, please be thinking about your interest and ability to serve on this subcommittee.

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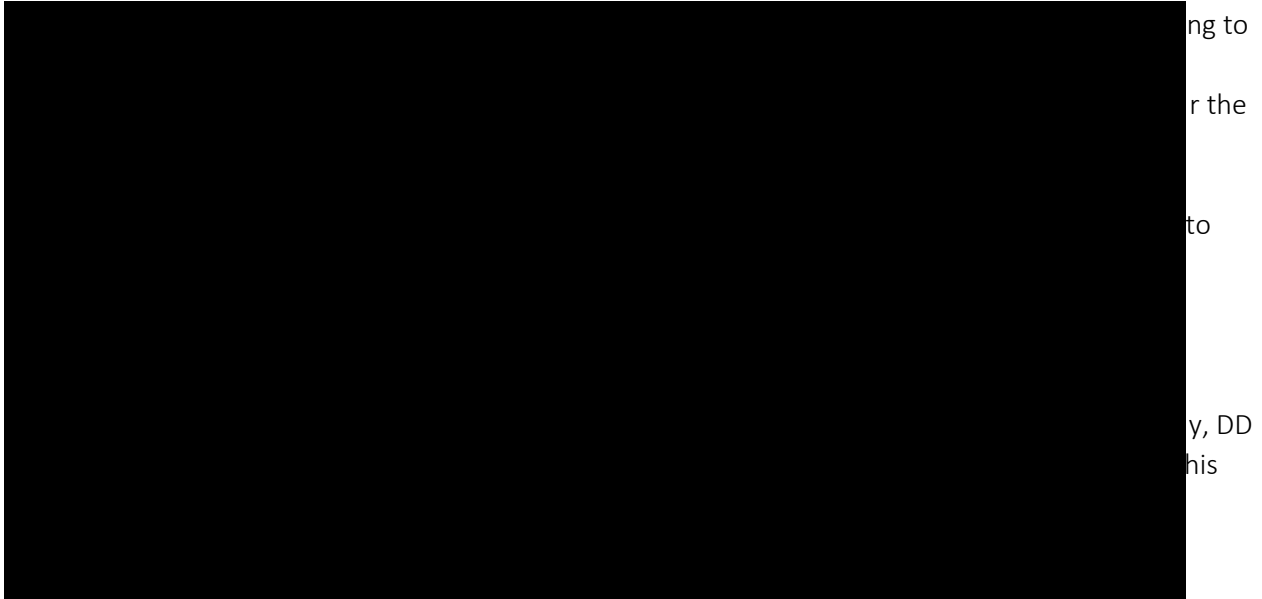
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Subject: Please review quickly: DAIL Advisory Board Agenda
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Subject: RE: DAIL Advisory Board and the difference between two family caregivers
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:49:00 AM
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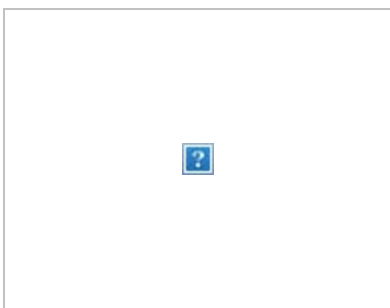
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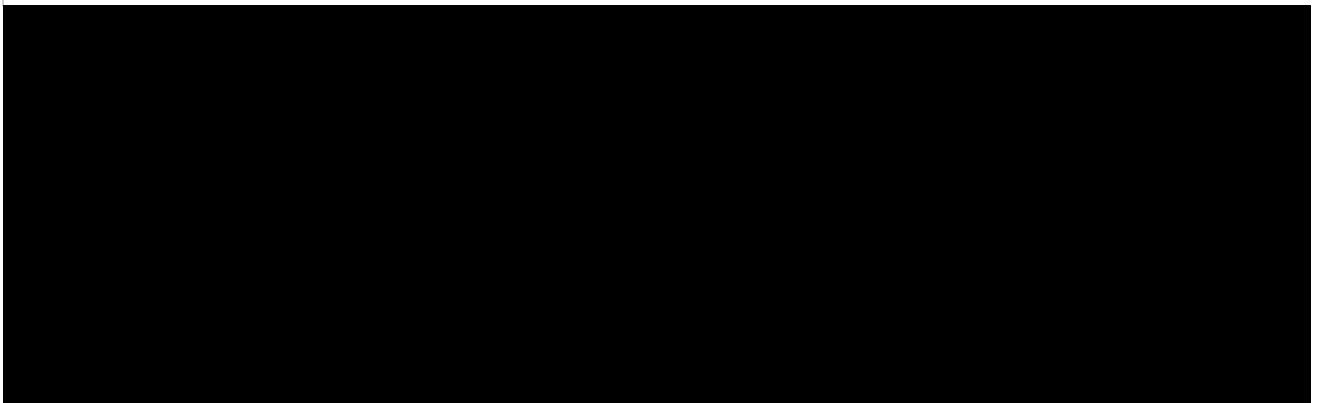
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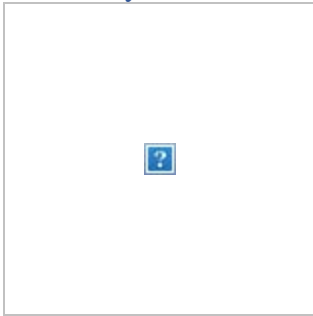
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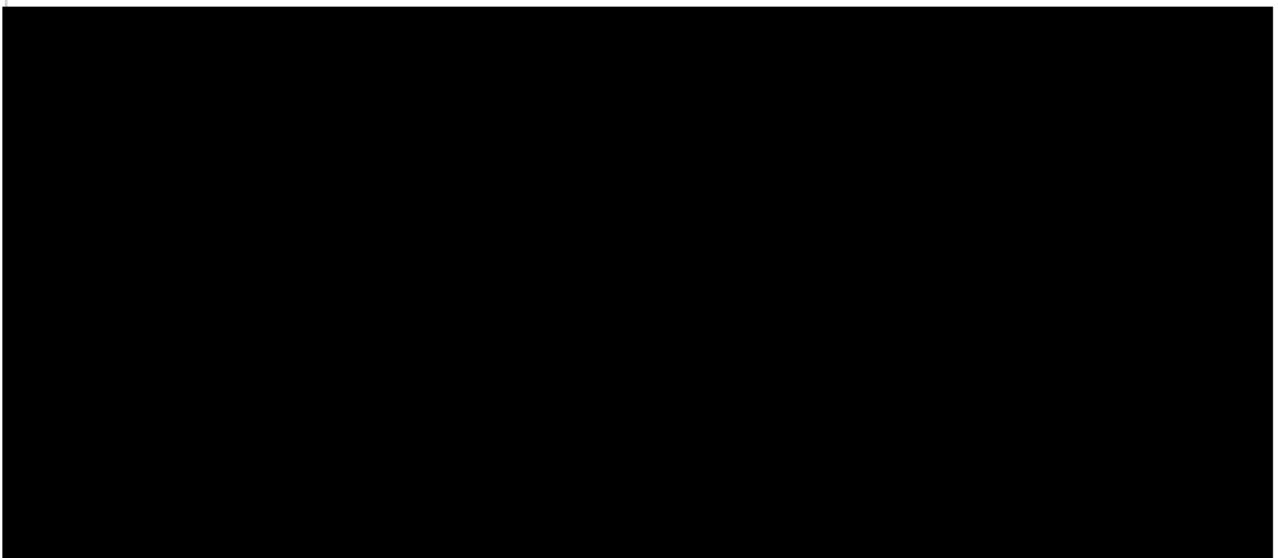
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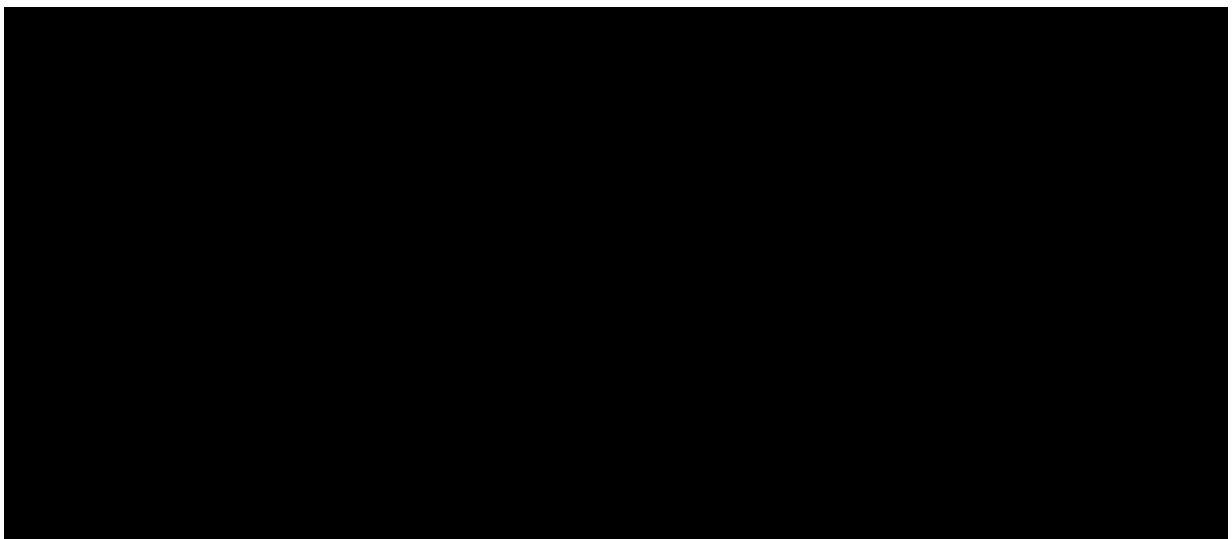
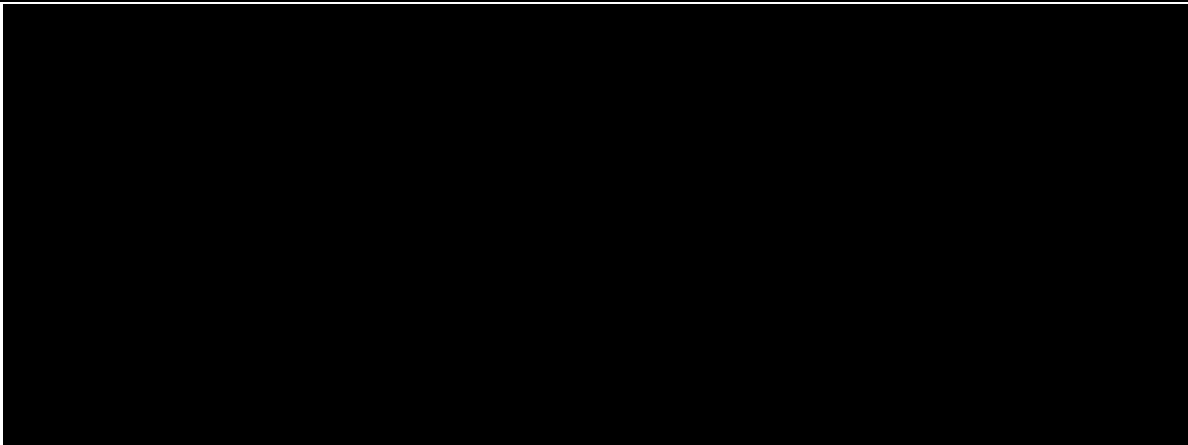
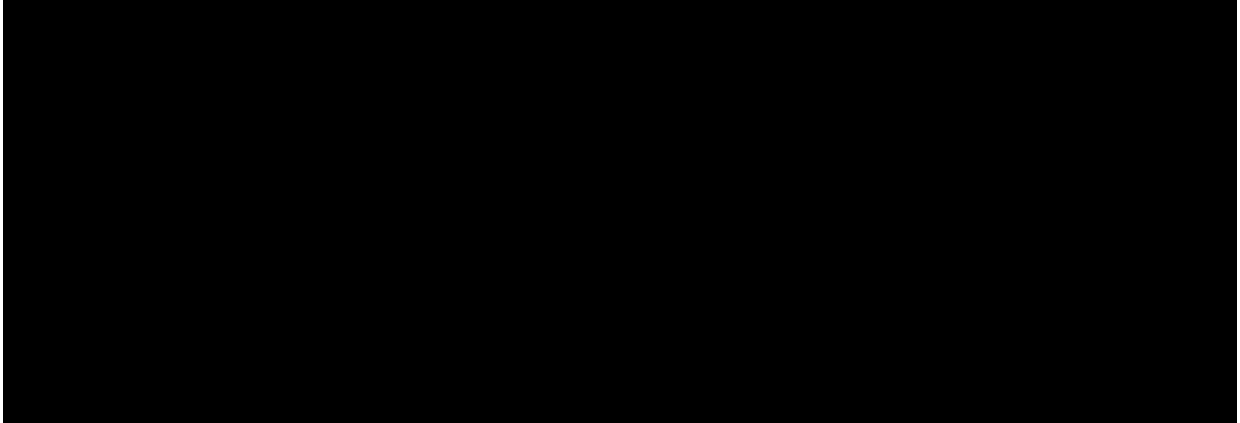
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Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 12:57:03 PM
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Good Morning,

Tennessee DIDD has a one 1915(c) waiver definition for Employment and Day Services which addresses the following: Community Based, Supported Employment, Facility Based and In-Home. The service definition and the rate structure are attached.

Please contact Jeremy Norden-Paul, State Director of Employment and Day Services directly with questions.

Best Regards,



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Hello Everyone,

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Thank you.

John

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Cc: [Hill, Bard](#)
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Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 8:06:00 AM
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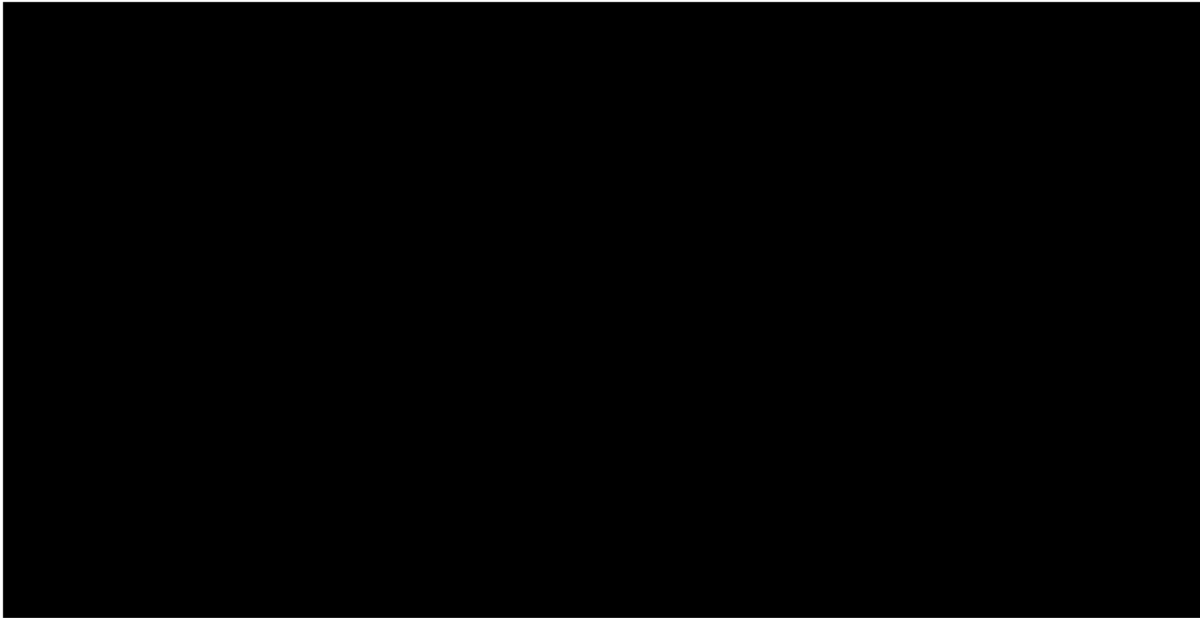
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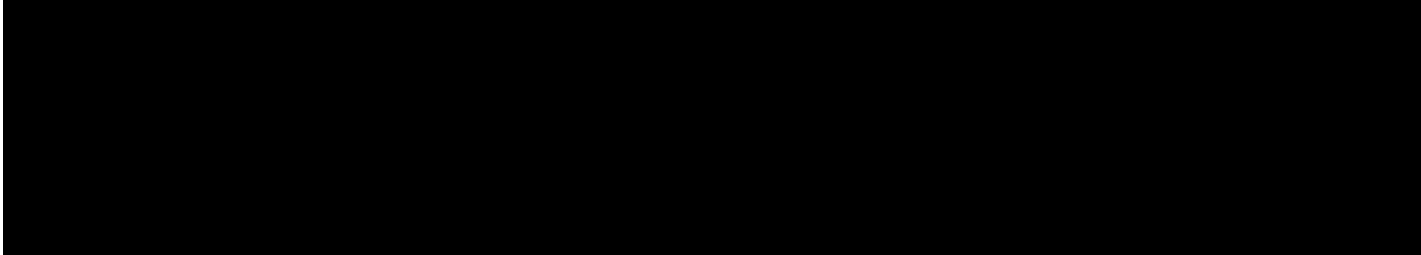
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Subject: RE: Agenda topics for June DAIL Advisory Board meeting
Date: Friday, May 25, 2018 11:51:00 AM

Great, Robert, we'll go ahead and send the information out about the 2 bills now and then the agenda and meeting materials out one week in advance. Thank you!

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All looks good to me. Should be an interesting and thought provoking meeting.

Robert

Sent from my iPad

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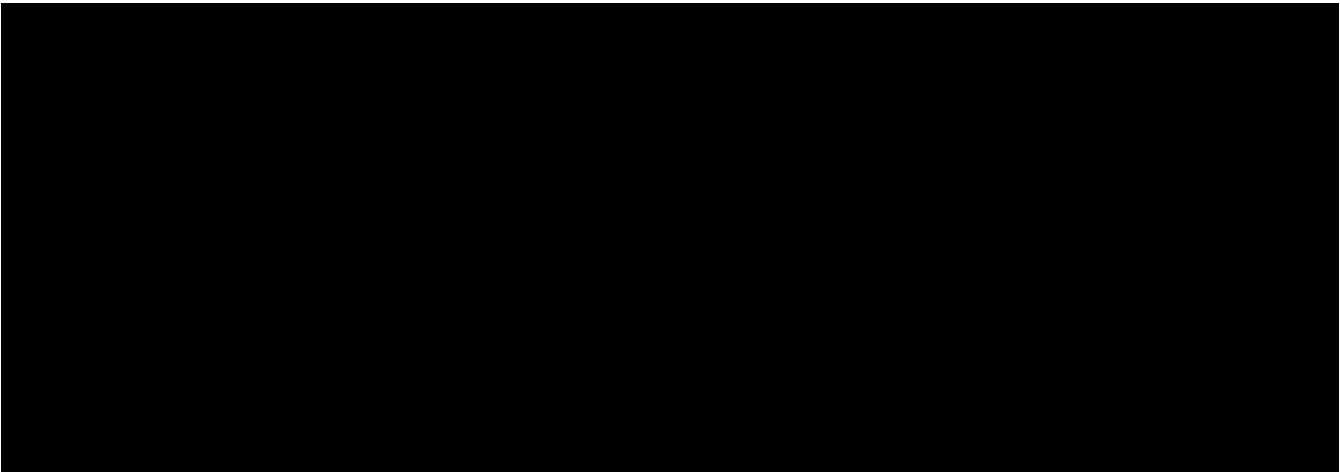
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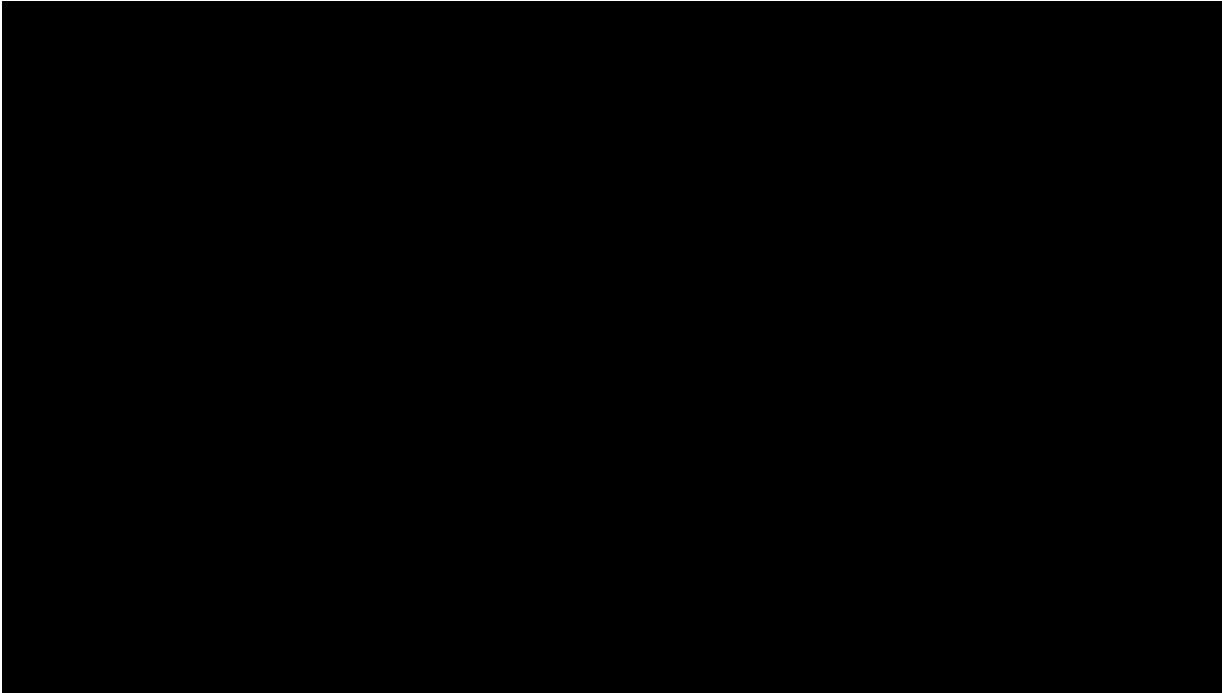
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We'll be lucky to squeeze this all in, but will do our best! Please let Liz and me know if you have any questions or suggested modifications to the agenda. Thank you.

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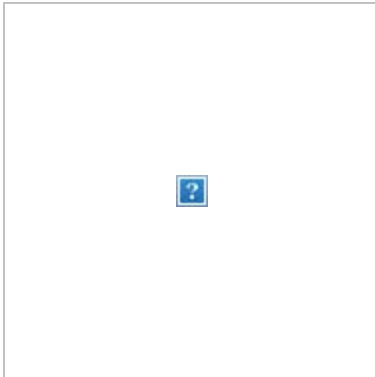
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Subject: RE: CFC application process info
Date: Friday, June 01, 2018 8:39:45 AM

I'll be there!

From: Hill, Bard
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Subject: Re: CFC application process info

Hi-

Thanks! This is helpful. Will you be at the June 11 presentation?

I think changing the approach to HCBS care plans might merit some more detail including the roles of case managers and overall HCBS care plan rules. You may already have that. I do think this is a sound direction, although we ran into some challenging obstacles the last time we pursued HCBS case rates.

Cheers-

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2018, at 11:33 AM, Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov> wrote:

H Bard. Here is some information regarding our CFC application process improvement plan. You'll see a list of 5 things we are addressing at the bottom of the email. We had a meeting today to discuss the SAMS care plan item and have identified our priority questions for the Mediware meeting that Nancy is arranging with Keith. I've attached the notes from today's meeting and notes from past meetings as an FYI.

Megan

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Hi Folks. Attached are the notes from today's meeting. Below is the list of project improvements for our CFC application process. For ASD folks, the information is located here: <I:\ASD\ASD Projects & Work Plans\CFC Application Process Improvement>.

As of June 1, 2018, identified problems/solutions:

1. Waste related to the LTC Medicaid application submission process prior to.
Possible Solution = MyBenefits Online LT Medicaid Application (DVHA)
2. Waste related to DAIL/DVHA back and forth paperwork flow during eligibility determination.
Solution = OnBase Workflow (DAIL)
3. Waste related to waiting for home-based highest paid provider for ACCESS long panel, even when no patient share is due.
Possible Solution = Create a "dummy" or blank highest paid provider for ACCESS long panel (DVHA)
4. Waste related to unnecessary application and high CFC denial rate (30%).
Solution = DAIL and DVHA work together to create a self-screening tool that can be used widely to educate consumers, hospital and providers.
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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
Cc: [Hutt, Monica](#); [George, Camille](#); [Marinelli, Nancy](#); [Demers, Rio](#)
Subject: Re: CFC application process info
Date: Friday, June 01, 2018 6:32:13 AM

Hi-

Thanks! This is helpful. Will you be at the June 11 presentation?

I think changing the approach to HCBS care plans might merit some more detail including the roles of case managers and overall HCBS care plan rules. You may already have that. I do think this is a sound direction, although we ran into some challenging obstacles the last time we pursued HCBS case rates.

Cheers-

Bard

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2018, at 11:33 AM, Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov> wrote:

H Bard. Here is some information regarding our CFC application process improvement plan. You'll see a list of 5 things we are addressing at the bottom of the email. We had a meeting today to discuss the SAMS care plan item and have identified our priority questions for the Mediware meeting that Nancy is arranging with Keith. I've attached the notes from today's meeting and notes from past meetings as an FYI.

Megan

From: Tierney-Ward, Megan
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Corjay, Matthew <Matthew.Corjay@vermont.gov>; Brown, Paula <paula.brown@vermont.gov>; McMann, Angela <Angela.McMann@vermont.gov>; Courcelle, Andre <Andre.Courcelle@vermont.gov>; Lane, Sara <Sara.Lane@vermont.gov>; Demers, Rio <Rio.Demers@vermont.gov>
Subject: Megan's Note re sams care plan.docx

Hi Folks. Attached are the notes from today's meeting. Below is the list of project improvements for our CFC application process. For ASD folks, the information is located here: [I:\ASD\ASD Projects & Work Plans\CFC Application Process Improvement](#).

As of June 1, 2018, identified problems/solutions:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Waste related to the LTC Medicaid application submission process prior to.

Possible Solution = MyBenefits Online LT Medicaid Application (DVHA)

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Solution = OnBase Workflow (DAIL)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Waste related to waiting for home-based highest paid provider for ACCESS long panel, even when no patient share is due.

Possible Solution = Create a “dummy” or blank highest paid provider for ACCESS long panel (DVHA)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Waste related to unnecessary application and high CFC denial rate (30%).

Solution = DAIL and DVHA work together to create a self-screening tool that can be used widely to educate consumers, hospital and providers.

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To: [George, Camille](#); [Hutt, Monica](#); [Kelly, Bill](#)
Subject: RE: Choices for Care Proposal11.27.17cg.docx a little input and a question
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:57:12 AM

Thanks Camille. Good point. Yes, we hope that once we start the CFC regulation revisions we can then potentially look at adding regulations for TBI. In the meantime, the goal is to improve the current provider standards/manual, which is happening in coordination with the hcbs regs.

From: George, Camille
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Kelly, Bill <Bill.Kelly@vermont.gov>
Subject: Choices for Care Proposal11.27.17cg.docx a little input and a question

Hi – I hope I’m not too late, I offered one minor edit – I thought it might be worth emphasizing that it would allow people with TBI to be better served when they transition to CFC than currently occurs as they would receive more appropriate and effective services – I’m not sure if I really got the point through, but you can do with it what you want.

Megan, one thing that I did not when I was discussing this with Monica was just a reminder that the TBI program is operated very loosely right now. If you look at the eligibility criteria for TBI, it really is quite broad. And, there are no regulations, just the manual (I’m not sure if it is even called a policy at this point). So, raising this proposal may raise issues with the TBI program and in any case, at some point, as I’m sure you are already aware, it is important that we look at tightening up/cleaning up some things with the way we operate the TBI program. Perhaps that’s already in the works with Sara now on board, but I just thought I would mention it.

Then, the only other question that I had was how we would see case management happening for these folks with TBI served through CFC – would they receive case management through the TBI provider, or still choose between AAA or HHA? If we are opening case management to TBI providers, does this raise any issues with the existing CFC case management providers, or other CFC providers who over time have advocated that they should also be able to provide and bill for CM, and/or any could this cause any issues/complications with the CMS HCBS rules which I know are still a bit up in the air? I thought of this case management issue after I met with Monica.

Thanks

From: [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#)
To: [Gerstenberger, Roy](#)
Cc: [Courcelle, Andre](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [Hill, Bard](#)
Subject: Re: CMS Extends Settings Rule Deadline to 2022
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:25:05 PM
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Thank you Roy!

Megan

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Hello Everyone,

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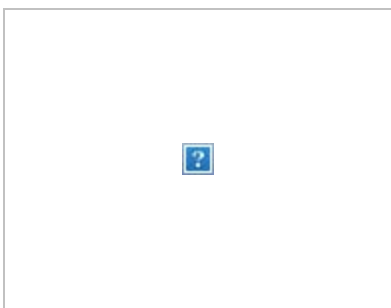
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Thanks, Judy, hope to see you again soon. The next meeting is 7/12 and then remember that we do not meet in August!

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I'm sorry I have to miss this meeting because of a prior commitment for VNAs of VT. I'm sorry to miss Jeanne's "Village" presentation. I'll catch up with her for details.

Thanks everyone,

Judy

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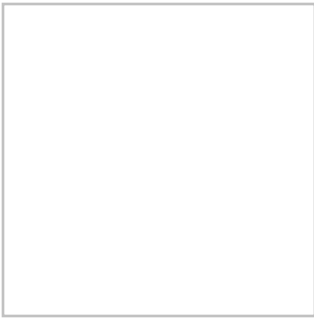
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Great, Martha, thanks and we'll stay tuned.

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Hi Liz and Camille

I will not be attending, but I am hoping to talk with the team at Bayada about whether Nick McCardle might be open to me replacing him as a Bayada representative once I begin my work with them so I will keep you posted on that.

Have a great meeting!

Martha

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Hi Liz-

I will be at next weeks meeting. See you then!

Laura MacDonald

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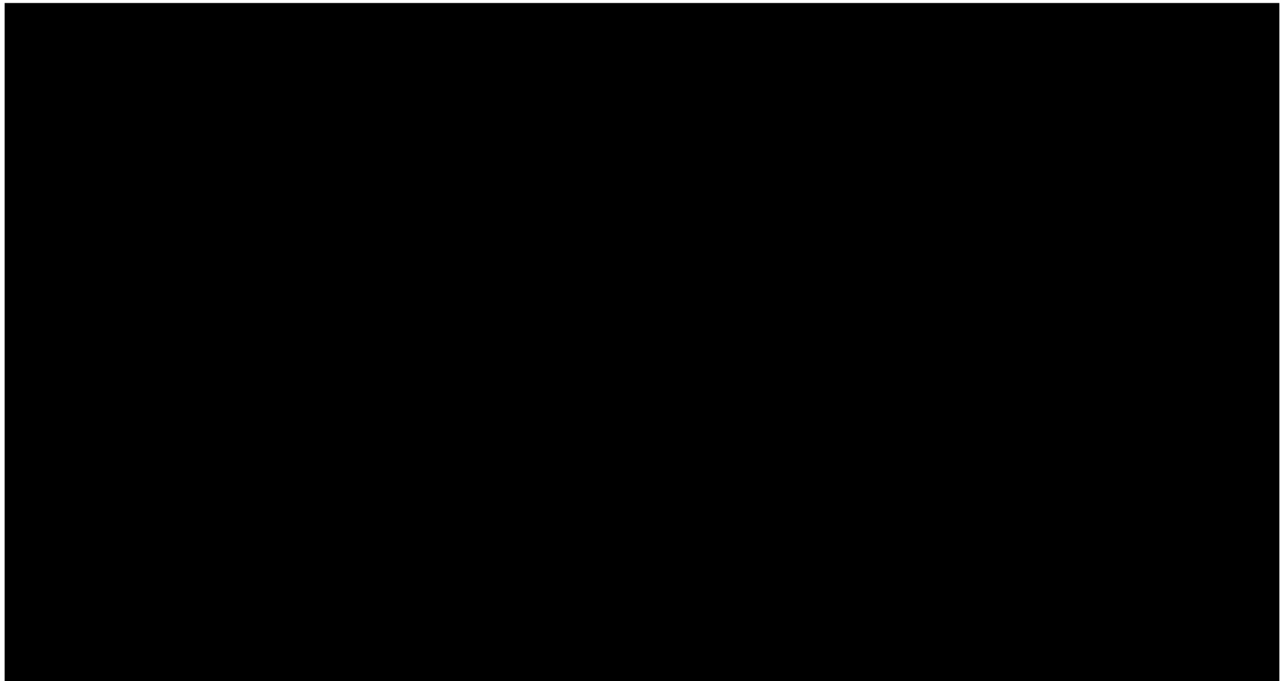
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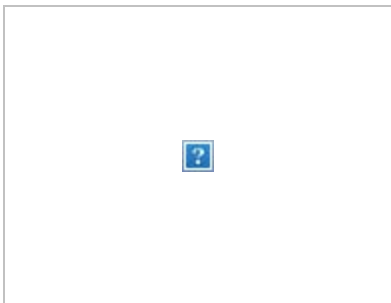
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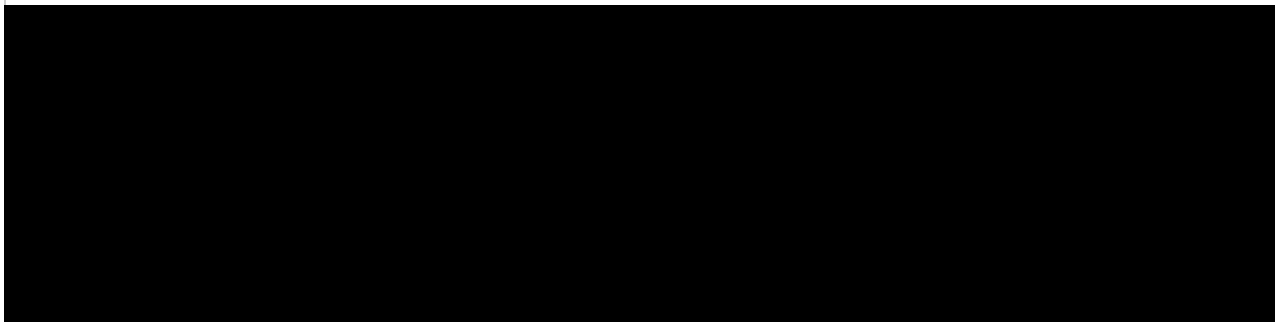


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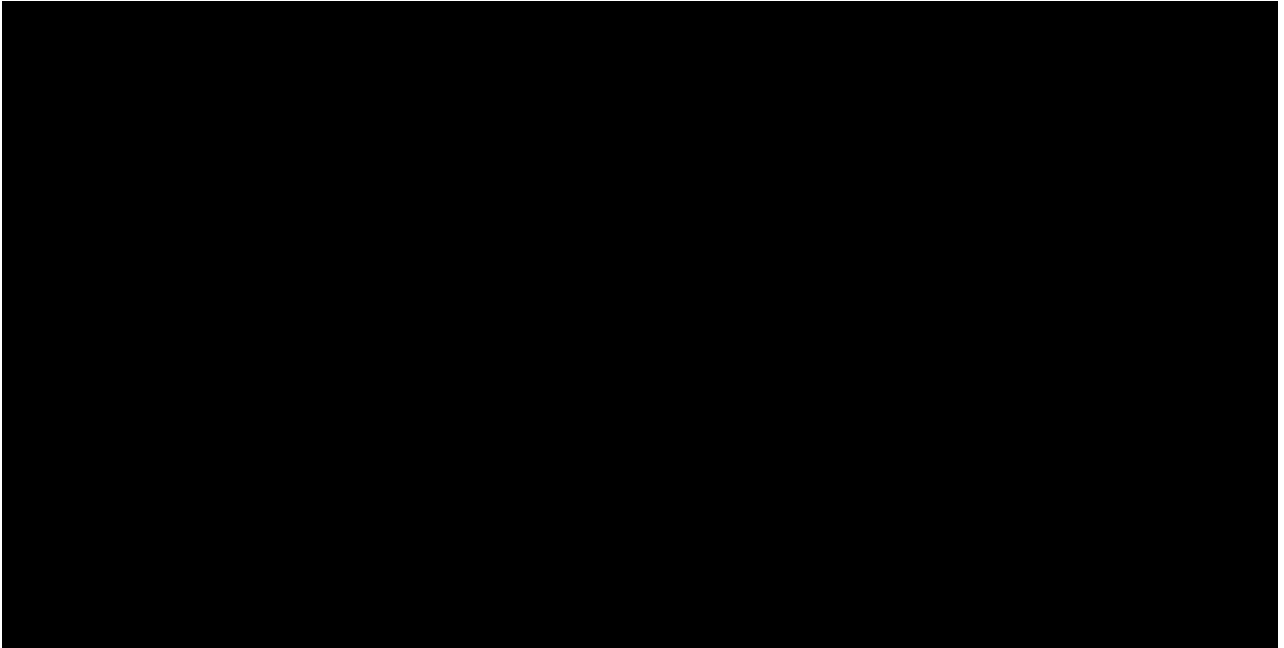
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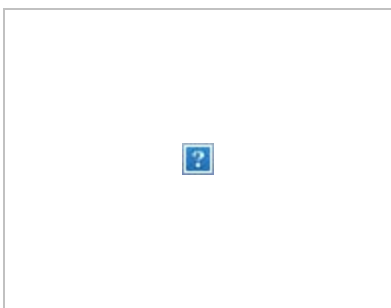


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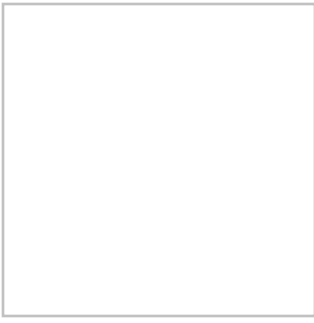
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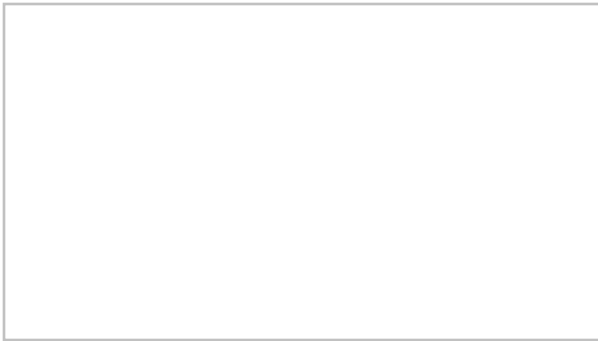
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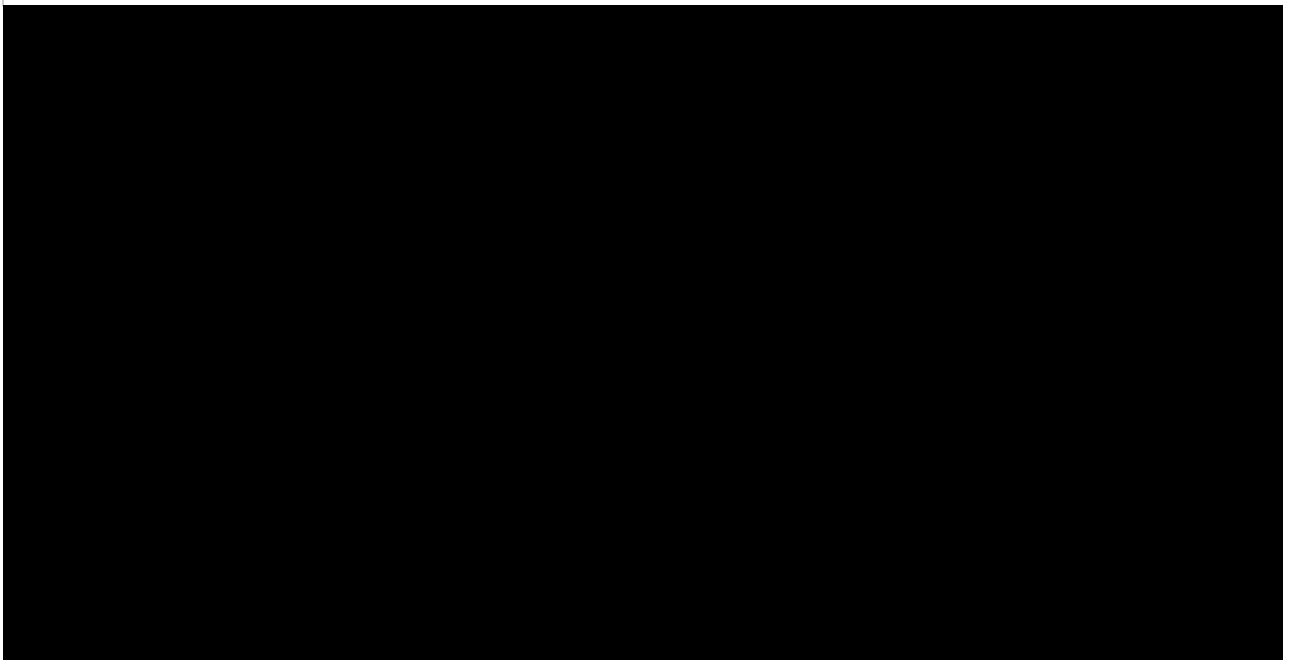
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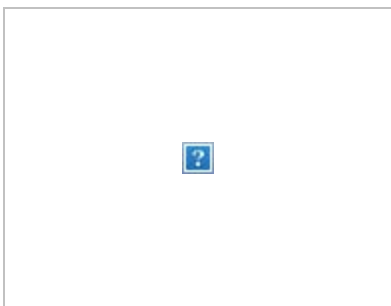
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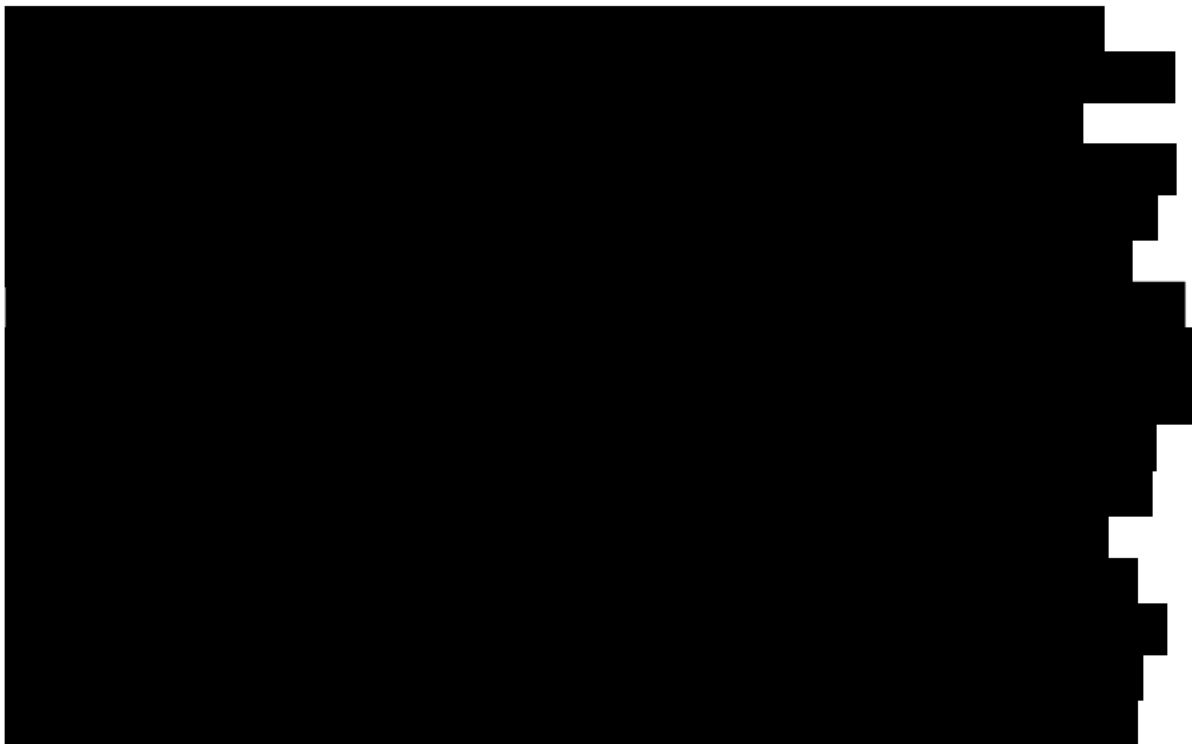
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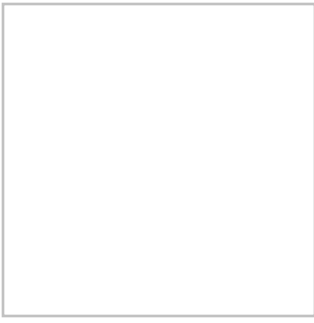
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Date: Friday, June 08, 2018 8:36:00 AM
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Thanks, Jim, we'll look forward to the conversation next week!

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I would like to be on the OAA committee as a northern rep and a senior center director I will be at the meeting

On Thu, Jun 7, 2018 at 1:55 PM Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov> wrote:

Sorry folks. I neglected to include last month's minutes for you to read over. Here they are now.

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Attached you will see two pieces of legislation that were passed during the past legislative session, both of which we have discussed with the DAIL Advisory Board:

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So, please be thinking about this in advance and I hope coming with some ideas about people that can fill these spots – both are great opportunities that should be pretty interesting!

In terms of other agenda items, we have:

- [REDACTED]
- **Village Model:** Jeanne Hutchins is going to present about the Village Model, what it is and how it helps members increase independence, reduce isolation and experience an enhanced purpose of life.
- **CMS Home and Community Based Services Rules:** Andre Courcelle from the Adult Services Division and Clare McFadden the Developmental Disabilities Services Division will provide an update on how we are progressing in our preparations and implementation of the CMS HCBS rules. They may also be joined from someone from AHS, but I have not yet confirmed.
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We'll be lucky to squeeze this all in, but will do our best!

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Hi Megan,

I would be happy to cover the Advisory Board meeting on the 14th.

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Subject: RE: DAIL advisory
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:53:00 AM

Hi Clare- I'm cc'g Liz so that she can confirm the time. I believe the plan is for you to be on the agenda along with Stuart and Roy to talk about the status and revised timeline for the regs and the SOCP and to touch on some of the key changes and/or issues that are being debated. Then, Roy is going to give a brief update on the status of our work related to the CMS HCBS rules. Thanks.

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To: Gerstenberger, Roy ; George, Camille
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Hi folks- I was requested to come to DAIL advisory committee meeting on Thursday to talk about regs and SOCP. What time am I on the schedule?

Please note that my contact information has changed.

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To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: DAIL- HCBS Rules Coordination
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:01:11 PM

Yeah, I know. I already moved it to August. I missed the fact that Bard was on his trip at that time in July... I think we have it now though.

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Subject: FW: DAIL- HCBS Rules Coordination

Fyi, I hate to tell you, but looks like we need to find another time....sorry!

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From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 2:01 PM
To: George, Camille
Subject: Declined: DAIL- HCBS Rules Coordination
When: Thursday, July 26, 2018 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: AHS - WSOC Boxelder 10

From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Guidry, Kim](#); [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: RE: DAIL Projects and Initiatives
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:22:00 AM

Hi Kim – nothing concrete is really jumping out at me at the moment. There is work that we are doing across DAIL related to health care/health reform (ex: Medicaid Pathways and CMS HCBS rules), but I would imagine that some of the HCBS specific materials might be better placed on the ASD and/or DDS websites and there really is not anything at this point that I would think we need/want to post at this time for the Medicaid Pathway work.

Monica, can you think of anything?

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From: Guidry, Kim
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:48 PM
To: George, Camille ; Hutt, Monica
Subject: DAIL Projects and Initiatives

Hello Monica and Camille,

Are you aware of DAIL projects and/or initiative which bridge Divisions OR AHS Departments? I'm creating the "Projects and Initiatives" page of the new website. These can also include grants, projects, taskforces, but not legislative projects in nature. (There's a separate page for all things legislatively orchestrated)

Our current such page for "Projects and Initiatives" has Division specific efforts that will be go on the respective Division's page, so I'm looking for cross Division and/or Departments.

Thank you for the input,

Kim Guidry

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Date: Friday, January 19, 2018 11:52:16 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[Eligibility Criteria -Statewide Waiver.docx](#)

Good Morning,

Eligibility criteria for the State's HCBS waivers can be found in the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of TennCare Chapter 1200-13-01, TennCare Long-Term Care Programs. A link is provided below for your convenience.

<http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1200/1200-13/1200-13-01.20171001.pdf>

Two documents that are essential to the eligibility process are the Pre-Admission Evaluation (PAE) and the psychological evaluation. The PAE is signed by a physician who is licensed as a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy. The eligibility criteria for the Statewide Waiver is attached.

Note that Tennessee has implemented the Employment Community First Choices Waiver (ECF) and the HCBS Waivers are closed to new enrollments.

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Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 1:33:57 PM
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Keep in mind that I developed this response using feedback you provided in previous emails. If I misunderstood your comments – please feel free to make edits directly in the above draft response. Selina is back from maternity leave – and I promised her a final draft response by cob tomorrow – so a quick review and response is appreciated.

Thank you,

Shawn

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:54 AM

To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Cc: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs

Thanks for you input Megan! I hope to have a draft response ready for Selina to review when she returns on the 21st (this Wednesday).

Shawn

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If we are only responding to: "HHAs/AAAs are the only qualified entities to provide both direct care and case management services" and "Specifically, does VT believe that to be the case statewide or only in certain geographic entities?" I would say "Yes, we believe this to be the case statewide."

AND, I agree with Suzanne's comment that AAA's and HHA's manage services within a set geographic region (one HHA entity has a statewide territory but does NOT provide case management). Though anecdotally, the AAA's tend to provide more "social services" and HHA provide more "medical services" they both must follow the same [Case Management Certification Standards](#). So I wouldn't recommend including that statement to CMS.

Selena was so involved in this topic and the letter that went out to CMS. Will she be returning soon? Should this wait for her?

Megan

From: Skaflestad, Shawn

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 2:14 PM

To: Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>

Subject: FW: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs

Megan,

Please see Suzanne's response below....does her response address the CMS question below?

Shawn

From: Suzanne Santarcangelo [<mailto:ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 5:31 PM

To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>

Cc: Scott Wittman <swittman@phpg.com>

Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs

Hi Shawn,

Yes we provided support to DAIL and AHS (Selina) in drafting the summary that went to CMS last year.

At the time we were looking at the VT statute which designates HHA's for each region. The AAA's did not have VT statutory designation, but received federal Older American Act (non-Medicaid) funds for

the general population through the OAA state plan. While providers are based on consumer choice, DAIL suggested that the HHA's tend to serve a distinct CFC population i.e., those who are more medically complex, while AAA's served persons with more social service needs. Given the suggestion that the current administration is looking to support more "state based flexibility" it is unclear how CMS might interpret the Vermont system.

Suzanne

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From: Skaflestad, Shawn [<mailto:Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>]

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 1:50 PM

To: Suzanne Santarcangelo <ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>

Cc: Scott Wittman <swittman@phpg.com>

Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs

Hi Suzanne – was this request supported by PHPG in the past?

Shawn

From: Tierney-Ward, Megan

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 1:08 PM

To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>; Lane, Sara <Sara.Lane@vermont.gov>; Suzanne Santarcangelo <ssantarcangelo@phpg.com>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

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Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs
Date: Monday, May 08, 2017 1:11:00 PM

I took Suzanne off the communication chain just for now, as I'm not sure the status of their contract, but I do think it would be a good idea if there is room in the contract for Suzanne to assist.

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Subject: RE: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs
Date: Monday, May 08, 2017 1:48:46 PM

I have not spoken with CMS directly about this issue – but they appear to be interested in entertaining our request for an exception. My understanding from their email below is that they need a bit more information re: the scope of our request (e.g., is it for certain counties, certain AHS districts, state-wide, or some other specific geographic region) – as well as a bit more evidence (i.e., is there truly only one able and willing provider for case management and to deliver services).

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Cc: [Sullivan, Allan](#); [Dragon, Paul](#); [Bailey, Melissa](#)
Subject: RE: HCBS and the Master Grant
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:46:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

It also looks like both NASDDDS and NASUAD are hosting informational calls about this, I believe today. Roy, are you or a member of your staff able to call in for that?

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To: Gerstenberger, Roy ; George, Camille
Cc: Sullivan, Allan ; Dragon, Paul ; Bailey, Melissa ; Hutt, Monica
Subject: HCBS and the Master Grant
Importance: High

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Thanks, Monica

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From: Robert
To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Re: Heads Up about this week's DAIL Advisory Board meeting
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:47:54 PM

Waiting until September would be my personal preference; however, if the consensus is to meet in August and it's on a date that I can't make it, then I'm sure you could easily find someone in our immensely talented group to chair the meeting.

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 10, 2017, at 10:25 AM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Robert, I'll be sure to pass along the information about services once we receive them. I guess we can find solace in the fact that he died doing something he really loved (running) and has left us having made a positive impact on the lives of so many thousands of older Vermonters over the years.

Am glad to see you have lots of fun scheduled for August. Would your preference be to just wait until September if we end up having to cancel this week?

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From: robert borden [<mailto:robert.borden8@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:06 AM

To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Heads Up about this week's DAIL Advisory Board meeting
Camille.

This is a shock. Of course I knew John and despite occasional differences of opinion, I

have always had great respect for his work. I will want to attend the service if possible and will stand by for further word from you. As for August, I am pretty well booked with vacation plans and family visitors.

Robert

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 8:58 AM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Inquiry on behalf of Arizona
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 1:12:50 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[Service Definition Support Coordination.docx](#)

Good Afternoon,

The responsibilities for Support Coordinators are consistent with the waiver service definition and the Department's Provider Manual. The service definition is attached to this email and a link to the Provider Manual is inserted for your convenience. Reference Provider Manual chapters 3 and 4.

http://tn.gov/assets/entities/didd/attachments/Provider_Manual.pdf

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Best Regards,



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From: NASDDDS ListServ [mailto:NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM] **On Behalf Of** Woodland, Winslow (DDS)

Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:37 AM

To: NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on behalf of Arizona

What responsibilities do the support coordinators have in TN?

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Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:43 AM
To: NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM
Subject: Re: Inquiry on behalf of Arizona

Good Morning,

In Tennessee the maximum caseload size is 35, for Support Coordinators working with people supported in the Self Determination Waiver. This caseload ratio is consistent with the State's licensure rules for Support Coordination agencies. The caseload does not include a mix of eligibility types, e.g., alternate waiver programs or funding sources. The current requirement for face-to-face contacts is one time per calendar month. The Support Coordinator may increase the frequency of contacts based on the needs of the person supported.

Best Regards,



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Subject: Re: Inquiry on behalf of Arizona

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Good morning: Please respond to this inquiry on behalf of your colleagues in Arizona. Please also note that NASDDDS is working on preparing a survey to collect information on supports coordination that will result in a report on activity across the country. Thank you.

Arizona is interested in learning about other states' caseload ratios for Support Coordinators. What is the average caseload size for Support Coordinators and does the caseload include a mix of eligibility types such as LTSS, State-only, and Targeted? How frequently must the Support Coordinator meet with the individual? If your state has a specific methodology for determining appropriate caseload sizes, we would be interested in that as well. Please forward responses to krreynolds@azdes.gov.

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Attached is an RFP from Wyoming, released earlier this year, on a comprehensive rate analysis and setting project for our three 1915(c) waivers serving individuals with I/DD and TBI. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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On Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 2:45 PM, Santaniello, Christine <Christine.Santaniello@dhhs.nh.gov> wrote:

NH would love to see that as well ☺

Christine L. Santaniello

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Subject: Re: inquiry on behalf of the state of New Mexico

Good afternoon,

New Mexico's Developmental Disabilities Supports Division is embarking on a comprehensive rate study for our three HCBC waivers. We are wondering if other states have RFPs they would be willing to share, for us to review and learn from, when writing our RFP. An RFP for a comprehensive rate study *or* an RFP for core HCBS service rates (residential, day and employment services) would be very helpful. If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance and have a great weekend! Jen



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Subject: RE: inquiry on behalf of the state of New Mexico

Hello Colleagues – Please find an inquiry on behalf of New Mexico. Thank you in advance of your responses. Have a nice weekend.

“New Mexico would like to query other states to see if and how they do the following:

1. NM Human Services Department (HSD) and Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) want to explore the possibility of extending the frequency of Level of Care (LOC) evaluations beyond 12-months. Do any states allow the frequency of LOC evaluations beyond 12 months? And if so, how does that work? Also, do any states have a LOC re-evaluation process that differs from the initial evaluation process. And if so, how does that work?
2. Can we get an update on the status of the Department of Labor Rule?”

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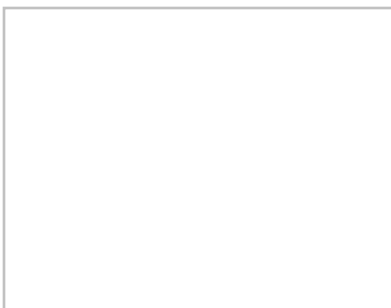
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Thanks, all. So, I will treat these as talking points that you will use as reference, but NOT anything we will distribute to the DAIL Advisory Board. Looking forward to seeing you next week.

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Hi Shawn,

Thanks for putting this together, it looks good to me. Claire and I can certainly chime in and fill in the program specifics as they come up.

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Hi Clare/Andre,

Attached are my thoughts re: talking points for the June 14 DAIL Advisory Board *HCBS Implementation Update* agenda item. As you can see – I can give a broad overview of our status to date and anticipated next steps – but any program specific discussions that would be generated as a result – would need to be handled by you. Please take a look and let me know if you think I should broaden or narrow my focus.

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*Shawn*

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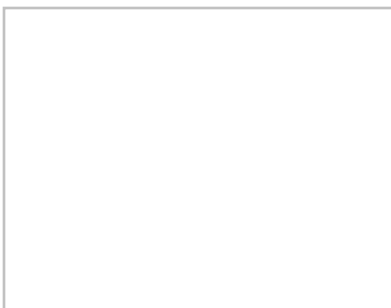
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**Subject:** RE: June DAB agenda and details  
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Nope, you didn't lose them. I just finished them this weekend. I just want to read them over again today before I send them to you. I will do that now.

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Hi Liz –

In addition to the items below, we need to squeeze in 15 minutes for Kenneth Gagne to give an update on the Voices and Choices Self Advocacy Conference. Can you please take a look at the items and everyone's availability (I think Clare was the only one with limitations) to see what you can put together? If we need to, we can probably postpone Mary Fredette's board member perspective, although I'd really like to get back to doing them. Thanks.

Also, do you have an ETA on when I'll see the May minutes? Apologies if you already sent them and I lost them!

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| Section | Age Group | Percentage |
|---------|-----------|------------|
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|         | 30-49     | 95%        |
|         | 50-69     | 98%        |
|         | 70+       | 95%        |
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|         | 18-29     | 95%        |
|         | 30-49     | 98%        |
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|         | 70+       | 98%        |
| 2       | 18-29     | 95%        |
|         | 30-49     | 98%        |
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In terms of other tentative agenda items, we have:

- [REDACTED]
- **Village Model:** Jeanne Hutchins is going to present about the Village Model, what it is and how it helps members increase independence, reduce isolation and experience an enhanced purpose of life.
- **CMS Home and Community Based Services Rules:** Andre Courcelle from the Adult Services Division and Clare McFadden the Developmental Disabilities Services Division will provide an update on how we are progressing in our preparations and implementation of the CMS HCBS rules. They may also be joined from someone from AHS, but I have not yet confirmed.
- **DS Updates:** Clare McFadden will also provide an update on how things are going with the DS Payment Reform work as well as our work with the Department of Mental Health to better integrate children's services.
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**Date:** Friday, March 16, 2018 2:58:31 PM

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Thanks, Sheila. Go ahead and send it to both John and me. Thanks so much for doing the first draft.  
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Also attached is manual.

Looking forward to the summary of what is learned from all states.

Lynda Zeller

Please provide a response to the following questions:

- 1) Does your state use the SIS? **Yes. Started June 2014.**
- 2) If so, does your state use the results of the SIS as part of determining Level of Care (LOC) determinations for ICF/IID eligibility for HCBS programs? **No. Michigan uses SIS to provide information on current and needed supports including activities that are important to the individual, to support the Person Centered Planning process, to support amount/scope and duration for PCP goals, to promote services and supports consistent with individual need, to assist with determining futures needs for services and financial planning, and actuarial analysis.**
- 3) If your state uses the SIS, do you also use additional assessment tools to augment information gained from the SIS? **Some regions in Michigan are using the SIS to support/along with other assessments CLS (community living supports) recommendations.**
- 4) If so, what additional tools do you use? **N/A**
- 5) Finally, please provide copies or links to relevant policies, procedures, regulations and/or rules related to the LOC determination methodology and process. **N/A**

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**Subject:** Re: Level of Care Inquiry  
**Date:** Friday, January 27, 2017 4:04:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [changingMD.png](#)

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We are getting several request to share the information we receive.  
We will send out to all via the list serve once completed.

Rhonda

On Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 2:41 PM, Rhonda Workman -DHMH-

<[rhonda.workman@maryland.gov](mailto:rhonda.workman@maryland.gov)> wrote:

Maryland is interested in finding out which states use the SIS for LOC determinations and seeking information, documents, and/or links to related materials.

Please provide a response to the following questions:

- 1) Does your state use the SIS?
- 2) If so, does your state use the results of the SIS as part of determining Level of Care (LOC) determinations for ICF/IID eligibility for HCBS programs?
- 3) If your state uses the SIS, do you also use additional assessment tools to augment information gained from the SIS?
- 4) If so, what additional tools do you use?
- 5) Finally, please provide copies or links to relevant policies, procedures, regulations and/or rules related to the LOC determination methodology and process.

Please forward your response directly to our consultant, Laura Nuss, at [lnussgroup@gmail.com](mailto:lnussgroup@gmail.com).

We appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Workman



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[80.4.3 - Personal Funds Management.pdf](#)

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Good Morning,

Please find attached Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities policy 80.4.3 Personal Funds Management.

Questions may be directed to Pat Nichols, Assistant Commissioner for Quality Management and Lee Vestal, Director of Risk Management and Licensure.

Best Regards,



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**From:** NASDDDS ListServ [mailto:[NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM](mailto:NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM)] **On Behalf Of** Jeanine Zlockie  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** [NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM](mailto:NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM)  
**Subject:** Re: List Serve Question on Behalf of a member state

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On behalf of a member state, NASDDDS poses the following question:

Has your state provided any guidance to providers regarding the use of an individuals' personal/maintenance needs allowance required by 42 CFR 435.76 (post-eligibility treatment of income) of individuals receiving home and community-based services furnished under a waiver? Specifically, the state is interested to know whether states have provided guidance to providers (primarily those providing 24/7 supports in provider-owned/operated settings) regarding the use of PNAs by individuals. For example, may a provider require an individual to pay for certain household goods such as cleaning agents or laundry detergent with their personal funds? In addition, please indicate whether your state has issued guidance related to the providers' role, if any, in the

maintenance of individuals personal fund accounts.

If available, please send your responses and any issued guidance to Jeanine Zlockie at [τζlockie@nasddds.org](mailto:τζlockie@nasddds.org) . NASDDDS will compile the responses and distribute on the list serve in the near future.

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Clark, Clayton](#); [Perreault, Liz](#); [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#)
Subject: Re: Management Team Topic Meeting - Need your input
Date: Friday, February 09, 2018 5:00:04 PM

Excellent suggestions. Thank you.

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From: Clark, Clayton
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 4:33:49 PM
To: Perreault, Liz; AHS - DAIL Management Team
Subject: RE: Management Team Topic Meeting - Need your input

Thank you, Liz.

[REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Thank you,
Clayton

From: Perreault, Liz
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 2:48 PM
To: AHS - DAIL Management Team <AHS.DAILManagementTeam@vermont.gov>
Subject: Management Team Topic Meeting - Need your input

Hi,
We never decided what to have as our next topic meeting. Would you please look at the ideas and see if any of them seem good to do on 2/28? If you have other ideas, please include those too.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Current status of HCBS rules compliance; presented by CFC, DDS, TBI

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your input!

Liz

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“Today is a good day to make a snow angel.”

From: [Clark, Clayton](#)
To: [Perreault, Liz](#); [AHS - DAIL Management Team](#)
Subject: RE: Management Team Topic Meeting - Need your input
Date: Friday, February 09, 2018 4:33:51 PM

Thank you, Liz.

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From: George, Camille
To: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Subject: Re: March DAIL Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:14:48 PM

I'll add it to our 1:1 on Friday. I'm not aware of any documents, etc. where we need input at this point. In the meantime, [REDACTED] and with Megan and Roy to see if there is anything new/going on with the HCBS rules.

I missed the first sick leave meeting - is there anything there?

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From: Hutt, Monica <monica.hutt@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:29 PM
Subject: RE: March DAIL Advisory Board
To: George, Camille <camille.george@vermont.gov>

Are there documents or ideas that we need their input on? Let's sit and think together, I am brain dead at this point in time. Monica

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From: George, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: March DAIL Advisory Board

Hi – am starting to think about the March DAIL Advisory Board and wanted to check and see if you have any thoughts/ideas related to the agenda. So far I have:

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: May DAIL Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:13:23 PM

[REDACTED]
From: Perline, Allison
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Disability Data request from VDH

[REDACTED]

Thanks so much,

Allie Perline

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From: George, Camille
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Hutt, Monica ; Hill, Bard
Subject: May DAIL Advisory Board

Hi –

Am trying to put together the agenda for the May DAIL Advisory Board and am looking for ideas. We had planned on a couple of items, but they are not yet ready for prime time and will be covered in June/July.

So far, I have

[REDACTED]

Roy and message from Megan re: CMHS HCBS rules

Any thoughts?

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From: [Skaflestad, Shawn](#)
To: [Hill, Bard](#)
Subject: RE: Milestone Submission & Monitoring Training Call Reminder with Slide Deck
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:27:04 PM
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We have been submitting our STP/CQS via our 1115 waiver website and/or directly to CMS...I need to ask if our information has been transferred to the hcbs stp website.

Shawn

From: Hill, Bard
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: Milestone Submission & Monitoring Training Call Reminder with Slide Deck

Hi-
Are you the 'primary contact' for VT for this hcbs rules website?
THX!
Bard

From: Fuoco, Danielle
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov>; Skaflestad, Shawn <Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: Milestone Submission & Monitoring Training Call Reminder with Slide Deck

Hello,

I shared the call below previously but this is updated with slide deck (I think it's the not well marked pdf links at the very bottom).

Thank you,

Dani Fuoco, Program Consultant
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From: Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) [<mailto:Medicaid.gov@subscriptions.cms.hhs.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Fuoco, Danielle <Danielle.Fuoco@vermont.gov>
Subject: Milestone Submission & Monitoring Training Call Reminder with Slide Deck

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**Milestone Submission & Monitoring Training - Part 2 of a 2 Part Series-
Wednesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm ET:**

The objective of this training is to teach states how to utilize the milestone feature added to the Home and Community-Based Settings Statewide Transition Plan website (HCBS STP website) in order to facilitate the tracking of state milestones. NORC is currently the training lead through the HCB Settings Characteristics Contract overseen by the Division of Long Term Services & Supports (DLTSS). NORC will present the training and Ralph Lollar, DLTSS Division Director, and the DLTSS Team will support the training and lead the Q&A Session.

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Gerstenberger, Roy](#)
Cc: [Perreault, Liz](#)
Subject: RE: More about DAIL Advisory Board
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:46:00 PM

Great, thanks

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From: Gerstenberger, Roy
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:53 PM
To: George, Camille
Cc: Perreault, Liz
Subject: Re: More about DAIL Advisory Board

Got it. Thank you.

RG

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From: George, Camille
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 9:20:28 AM
To: Gerstenberger, Roy
Cc: Perreault, Liz
Subject: More about DAIL Advisory Board

Roy, the other item we are needing from you is an update on DAIL's work in implementing the CMS HCBS rules, just wanted to remind you of that. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Perkins, Jennifer](#)
To: [McFadden, Clare](#); [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: NESCO Webinar Slides - Medicaid LTSS Assessments
Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 11:48:03 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
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Hi Camille and Clare,

The webinar yesterday was very interesting. Some of the noted requirements below may fall under special terms and conditions, but I thought it was important to note them so they can be verified... the presenter did not refer to these as requirements which could be waived in STC, and he presented them as non-negotiable federal law, especially the care plan.

Slide 15: Level of care is used in reference to clinical eligibility determinations *(we separate the terminology...level of care in VT refers to the level of service needed(resource scale), clinical eligibility is a different process)*

Slide 16: Per federal law, assessments must be done at least annually to ensure the person still is eligible for services (meets level of care). *(We do not require needs assessments be done annually, nor do we require eligibility/level of care be assessed at least annually)*

Slide 18: Service plans MUST be developed prior to delivery of services –federal funding is not available for services delivered outside of the service plan

Plans must include all supports provided to meet the assessed needs of the individual, including state-plan and non-Medicaid supports *(this appears to be in conflict with ISA guidelines and periodic review, I raised this question to Chris several months ago, he confirmed that QM vetted the policy when they developed the ISA guidelines but they may want to review/revisit and possibly make changes to their policy on ISA's)*

Slide 19: Since services plans are tied to assessed needs, a new plan requires some type of updated assessment *(Not sure QM if requires new needs assessments with ISA annual reviews/changes)*

Slide 39: Under federal rules, services in waivers cannot begin until the plan of care is completed. *(reiteration of the bullet above from slide 18. QM may want to research this).*

Slide 43: Assessment types: Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) and Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP).

Commonly used for people with intellectual/development disabilities. At least 28 states are using one of these, they can be modified with additional questions to tailor the assessment to Vermont *(reflect our funding priorities, ask about other environments, natural supports etc.)*

Slide 45: benefits of implementing an off-the-shelf uniform assessment tool: can be

modified, there is no additional charge for aggregated data. Training manuals and algorithms for resource utilization groups, quality measures and resource scales have already been developed. (*less resource intensive*)

Slide 44: State will have to ensure the validity (the degree to which the tool measures what it aims to measure) and reliability (the degree to which the tool's results are consistent) of homegrown tools, which can be complicated and resource-intensive. (*If DDS decided to develop our own (home grown) tool instead of using an existing uniform assessment tool, these would be paramount considerations*).

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From: George, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Hatcher, Donna <Donna.Hatcher@vermont.gov>; McFadden, Clare <Clare.McFadden@vermont.gov>; Samuelson, Jenney <Jenney.Samuelson@vermont.gov>; Euber, Jim <Jim.Euber@vermont.gov>; Cooper, Alicia <Alicia.Cooper@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Poirier, Luann <Luann.Poirier@vermont.gov>; Costa, Michael <Michael.Costa@vermont.gov>; Perkins, Jennifer <Jennifer.Perkins@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: NESCO Webinar Slides - Medicaid LTSS Assessments

Good morning, DS Financial Model Team!

Attached please find the slide deck from yesterday's webinar on Medicaid LTSS assessments. I know at least a few of us were on the call, but I thought the rest of you might be interested and some of the information might be helpful as we move forward at considering uniform assessment for DS and possibly other MLTSS programs.

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June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month! Over 13,000 Vermonters are living with Alzheimer's Disease, but growing evidence indicates that people can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by adopting key lifestyle habits. Learn the [10 Ways to Love Your Brain](#). If you are concerned about a loved one or yourself, ask your health care provider to perform a brief cognitive assessment. Early screening gives more time for families to plan next steps and access helpful resources and supports. Cognitive screening is included in Medicare's annual Wellness Visit and Medicare also offers a new benefit for dementia planning support. For questions, local resources and support, contact the [Alzheimer's Association Vermont Chapter](#) at 1-800-272-3900.

From: Jillian Salmon <JSalmon@nasuad.org>

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 3:59 PM

Cc: Jillian Salmon <JSalmon@nasuad.org>

Subject: NESCO Webinar Slides

Hello,

Thank you for registering for the NESCSO webinar on MLTSS Assessments. We have attached the slide deck from this presentation. We hope this will be a useful resource for you.

Best,

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From: [George, Camille](#)
To: [Berliner, Ashley](#); [Backus, Ena](#); [Tierney-Ward, Megan](#); [McFadden, Clare](#); [Hill, Bard](#)
Subject: Re: NEW CMS INFORMATION!!
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:57:29 AM
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Thanks! Megan and Clare, who should Dylan include?

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Subject: Re: NH Question- Veterans
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 6:27:25 PM
Attachments: [2016 Military Family Services Report.pdf](#)

New York State is responding to this inquiry, not specifically concerning services to veterans, but to military families who may be from other parts of the USA and their children or spouses may need access to OPWDD services. The attached report was compiled by OPWDD in response to Chapter 91 of Laws of 2015.

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Attached please find some information from a query done in 2017. It contains a few states statutes serving military in the HCBS waiver. Hope this is helpful.

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Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: RE: Opportunity to Host Allan Bergman
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:13:43 PM
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It might be better for us to take advantage of his time to identify what is happening in other states to better prepare us to come to the table at AHS prepared and we strategies and examples in hand. If we meet with a less homogenous group, we spend a lot of time level setting. In any case, I am curious about the cost of some time with him? Do we have any information on that? Monica

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I like how you are thinking in terms of identifying an outcome. My reference to MLTSS was a clumsy way to describe the task that you have mentioned working on with AHS staff: level set their understanding of the distinct qualities and funding mechanisms of long term Medicaid versus Medicaid for health care.

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Subject: RE: Planning for December 14 DAIL Advisory Board agenda
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Cc: Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Planning for December 14 DAIL Advisory Board agenda

Camille,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thanks, Robert

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 29, 2017, at 4:16 PM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

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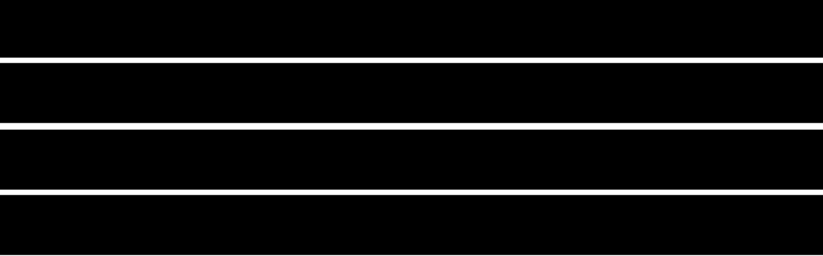
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2. State Long Term Care Ombudsman (Sean Londergan): Report and Recommendation from Subcommittee Regarding Conflict of Interest. The full advisory board will then vote on whether to accept the recommendation of the subcommittee. In addition, I've asked Sean Londergan since he will be on the agenda if perhaps he has time to talk more broadly about the ombudsman program – strengths and issues they are seeing in the field of long term services and supports (facilities and home and community based settings), successes and challenges that the program is experiencing, goals for the year ahead. I'm not sure if he'll have time to do this and am waiting to hear back from him.

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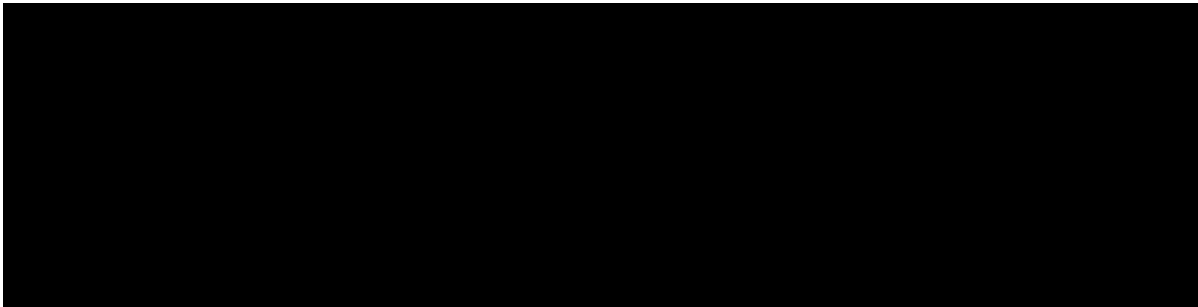
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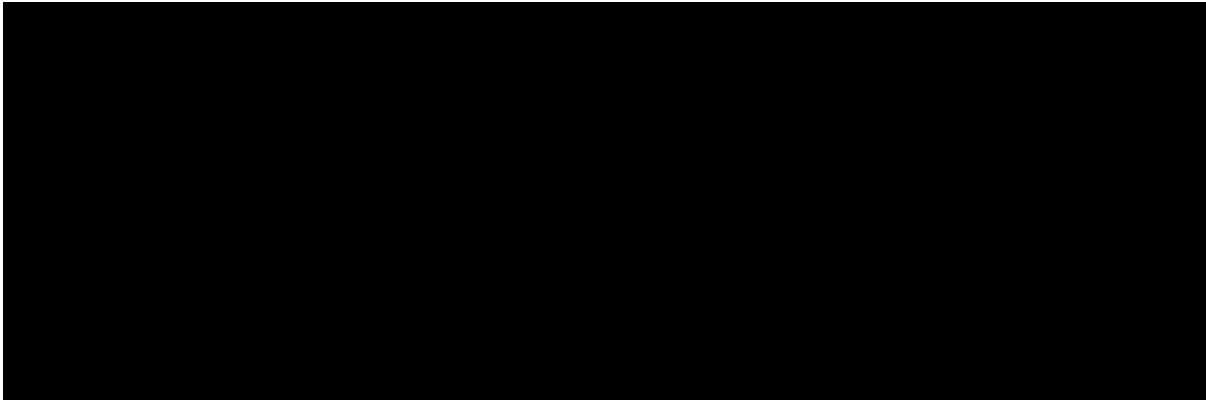
Hi Monica –

I'm starting to pull together the agenda for the December 14 DAIL Advisory Board meeting. So far I have:



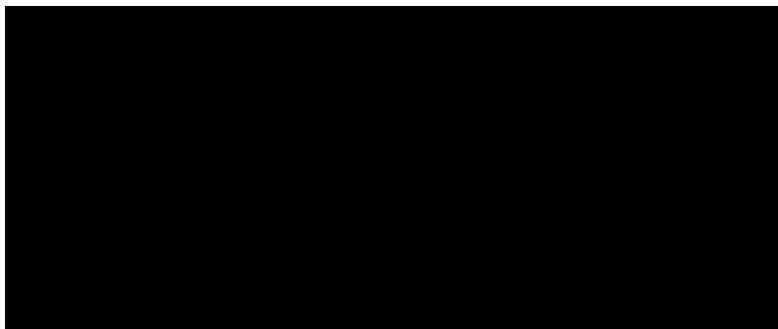
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
4. State Long Term Care Ombudsman: Assessment of Ombudsman Program's capacity to operate free from conflict of interest. (20 mins)
- [REDACTED]

- I could ask Sean to provide an update on the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program while he's doing the conflict of interest piece and also talk about some of the key issues they have been seeing both in facilities and in HCBS settings, talk about any successes, challenges, priorities for the year ahead.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



**I would note that most of these seem like they would be more informational in nature versus getting advice from the Advisory Board, which is their role. I feel like we've leaned pretty heavily on Angela lately so would like to give her a break.*

FYI, in looking at future agendas, tentatively we have:



Anyway, please let me know your thoughts, December 14 is going to sneak right up on us.

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Date: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:35:35 AM
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Camille,

[REDACTED]

Robert

On Fri, Sep 1, 2017 at 1:05 PM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi Robert –

I hope you're having a good rest of your summer, it's hard to believe Labor Day is this weekend. As you saw from the message I sent a short time ago, we have a very full agenda in the works for September. Here is how it is shaping up. Below the agenda, I've included some brief descriptions. Please let Liz and me know if you'd suggest any modifications. Thanks and am looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

[REDACTED]

1:45 – 2:00: State Long Term Care Ombudsman: Formation of Subcommittee to Examine Conflict of Interest (Sean Londergan, VOP and Angela Smith-Dieng)

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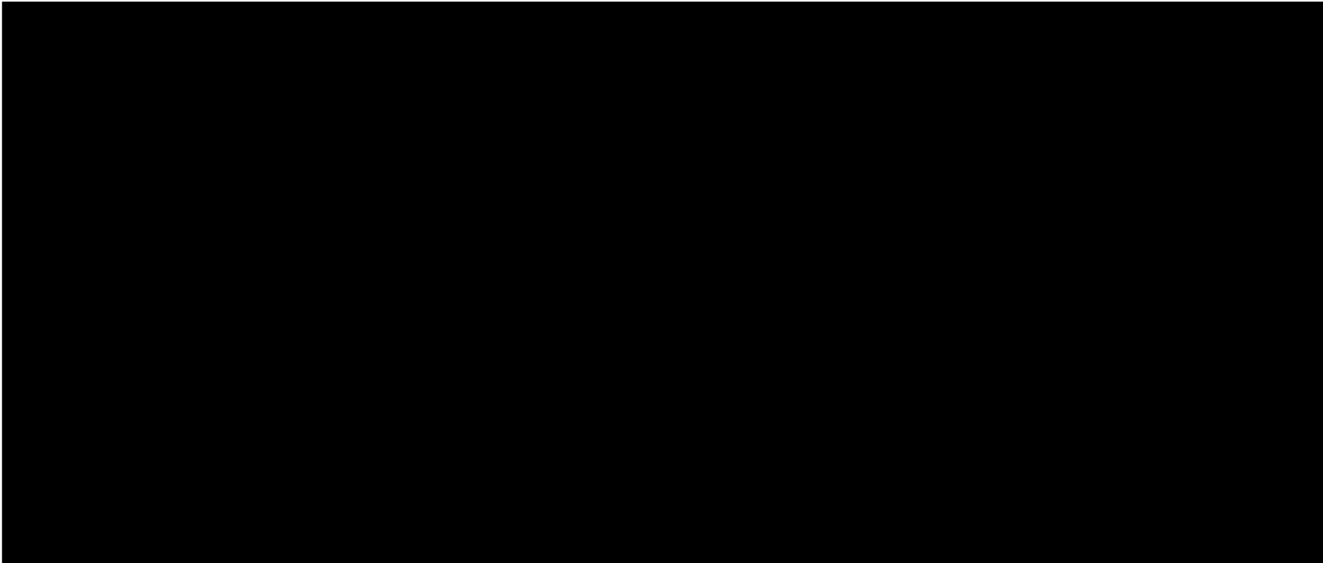
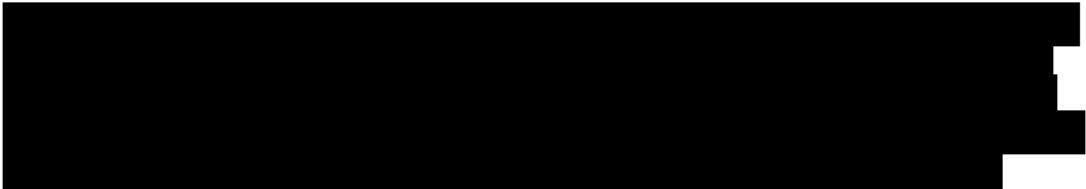
We hope you had a good month of August off and are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on September 14th. Following up on some of our recent meetings and discussions about future agenda items, we have a very full agenda planned for September. I appreciate the willingness of so many of you who are willing to stay a bit late this month so that we can fit everything in that we need to this month. Below are some brief descriptions for some of our agenda items:

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4. **State Long Term Care Ombudsman:** Many of you will remember that each year the State Long Term Care Ombudsman submits an annual report to the legislature and as part of that report, is required to submit an assessment of the programs ability to operate free from conflict of interest as an appendix to that report. Over the past year, the Vermont Ombudsman Project and DAIL have been working collaboratively to implement new Federal Regulations for ombudsman programs, including conflict of interest. Per state statute, the DAIL Commissioner is required to establish a committee who represent the interests of individuals receiving long-term care for the purpose of ensuring that the Ombudsman program is free from conflicts of interests. Congratulations, DAIL Advisory Board, that committee is YOU! Last year, a small subcommittee of the Advisory Board worked with the State Ombudsman to review conflict of interest in detail, particularly in light of the new Federal Regulations and the need to revise the Ombudsman program policies to come into compliance. At that time, because the work was still on-going related to implementing the regulations and revising the policies, the board requested that a similar subcommittee be formed this year to last year's be convened to work with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman again and then report back to the full Advisory Board. So, State Long Term Care Ombudsman Sean Londergan will be talking a bit more about the program, this charge and requesting volunteers to be part of the subcommittee. Angela Smith-Dieng has been the DAIL lead working with the Ombudsman Program most recently so she will be joining as a resource. So, please be thinking about your interest and ability to serve on this subcommittee.
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To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Re: Planning for September DAIL Advisory Board Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:37:22 PM

Think nothing of it! Happens to me all the time.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 7, 2017, at 4:25 PM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

You know, Robert, I have been SWAMPED!! I actually think I sent the same (or very similar) reply to both messages! Sorry about that.

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Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:25 PM
To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Planning for September DAIL Advisory Board Meeting

Yes, but you sent this same message on September 1. Or am I losing it?

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 7, 2017, at 3:54 PM, George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

You had said that you'd need extra coffee to stay late...

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To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Cc: Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Planning for September DAIL Advisory Board Meeting

Is this what you meant to send?

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 7, 2017, at 11:21 AM, George, Camille
<Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Robert! I'm hoping that the conversation will be so stimulating you won't need that extra cup of coffee!

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To: George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>
Cc: Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Planning for September DAIL Advisory Board Meeting

Camille,

[REDACTED]

Robert

On Fri, Sep 1, 2017 at 1:05 PM, George, Camille
<Camille.George@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi Robert –

I hope you're having a good rest of your summer, it's hard to believe Labor Day is this weekend. As you saw from the message I sent a short time ago, we have a very full agenda in the works for September. Here is how it is shaping up. Below the agenda, I've included some brief descriptions. Please let Liz and me know if you'd suggest any modifications. Thanks and am looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

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1:45 – 2:00: State Long Term Care Ombudsman:
Formation of Subcommittee to Examine Conflict of
Interest (Sean Londergan, VOP and Angela Smith-Dieng)

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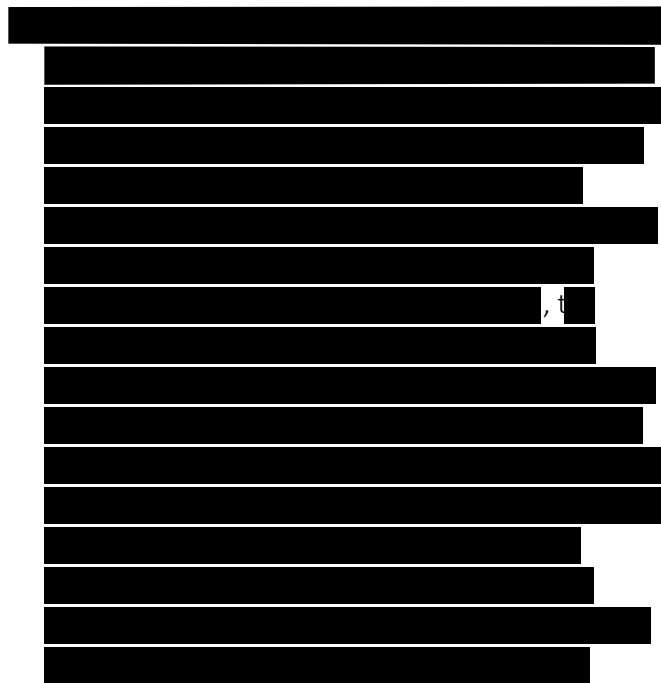
Message to go out with agenda to DAIL Advisory Board
Members:

Hello, DAIL Advisory Board Members:

We hope you had a good month of August off and are
looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on
September 14th. Following up on some of our recent
meetings and discussions about future agenda items, we
have a very full agenda planned for September. I
appreciate the willingness of so many of you who are
willing to stay a bit late this month so that we can fit
everything in that we need to this month. Below are
some brief descriptions for some of our agenda items:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



4. **State Long Term Care Ombudsman:** Many of you will remember that each year the State Long Term Care Ombudsman submits an annual report to the legislature and as part of that report, is required to submit an assessment of the programs ability to operate free from conflict of interest as an appendix to that report. Over the past year, the Vermont Ombudsman Project and DAIL have been working collaboratively to implement new Federal Regulations for ombudsman programs, including conflict of interest. Per state statute, the DAIL Commissioner is required to establish a committee

who represent the interests of individuals receiving long-term care for the purpose of ensuring that the Ombudsman program is free from conflicts of interests. Congratulations, DAIL Advisory Board, that committee is YOU! Last year, a small subcommittee of the Advisory Board worked with the State Ombudsman to review conflict of interest in detail, particularly in light of the new Federal Regulations and the need to revise the Ombudsman program policies to come into compliance. At that time, because the work was still on-going related to implementing the regulations and revising the policies, the board requested that a similar subcommittee be formed this year to last year's be convened to work with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman again and then report back to the full Advisory Board. So, State Long Term Care Ombudsman Sean Londergan will be talking a bit more about the program, this charge and requesting volunteers to be part of the subcommittee. Angela Smith-Dieng has been the DAIL lead working with the Ombudsman Program most recently so she will be joining as a resource. So, please be thinking about your interest and ability to serve on this subcommittee.

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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [Hutt, Monica](#)
Cc: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Re: Providers and Shared Living Providers
Date: Friday, June 09, 2017 8:20:36 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hmmmmmm.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2017, at 6:08 PM, Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov> wrote:

Not sure how applicable it is but thought I would pass this along.

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Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Hutt, Monica <Monica.Hutt@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Providers and Shared Living Providers

When New Hampshire negotiated their waiver renewal, CMS identified where they were out of line with federal law in two areas: conflict-free case management and the arrangement of forcing providers to seek Medicaid payments through a fixed network. Historically the Designated Agencies in NH have been funded at a level where they can hire and sustain personnel that do service coordination exclusively. Each agency has a case management department. Program management is paid for and has its own personnel infrastructure. They exist as separate departments within the DAs. Even with this separation, CMS stated that this was not sufficient to avoid conflict. NH submitted a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

I would say that it is just a matter of time before CMS requires this of Vermont.

RG

From: Hutt, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 5:50:37 PM
To: Gerstenberger, Roy
Cc: McFadden, Clare
Subject: Re: Providers and Shared Living Providers
Hi- not sure I understand the context for this- can you elaborate?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Gerstenberger, Roy
<Roy.Gerstenberger@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hello Monica,
NH is under two corrective action plans with CMS. They have to separate out case management and allow service providers to be funded directly by Medicaid and not through the DA/SSA network.
RG
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From: "Santaniello, Christine"
<Christine.Santaniello@dhhs.nh.gov>
Date: Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 9:03 PM -0400
Subject: RE: Providers and Shared Living Providers
To: "Gerstenberger, Roy" <Roy.Gerstenberger@vermont.gov>

Hi no, we are required by CMS to give Medicaid providers (vendors) the option to direct bill. We are under a CAP, I have attached it for your reading pleasure ☺
Christine L. Santaniello
Director
Bureau of Developmental Services
603.271.5023- direct line
603.931.0344- cell

From: Gerstenberger, Roy [<mailto:Roy.Gerstenberger@vermont.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Santaniello, Christine
Subject: Providers and Shared Living Providers

Hello Chris,
Did you shift to contracting directly with provider agencies. You had mentioned it to me in a conversation and I was interested in knowing what led you to that.
Roy Gerstenberger
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From: [Hill, Bard](#)
To: [George, Camille](#)
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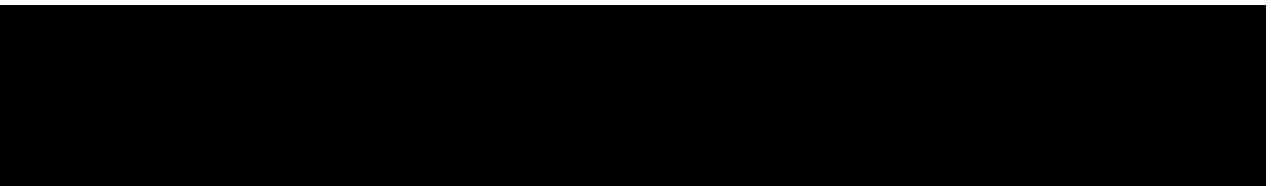
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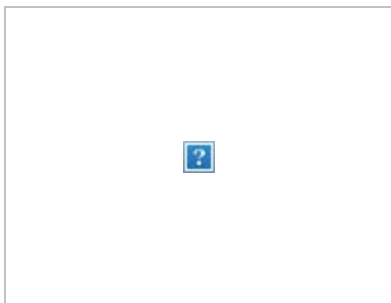
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Good idea, will do when I get back to the office!

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Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:45:00 PM
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From: White, Monica
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Clouser, Kristin <Kristin.Clouser@vermont.gov>
Cc: Weiss, Bessie <Bessie.Weiss@vermont.gov>; Bianchi, Jared <Jared.Bianchi@vermont.gov>; Nealy, Diane <Diane.Nealy@vermont.gov>; George, Camille <Camille.George@vermont.gov>; Schurr, Stuart <Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>
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To: [George, Camille](#)
Subject: Re: Public Records request - CMS HCBS
Date: Thursday, June 21, 2018 9:51:51 PM
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Camille-

I'm out of the office with the field service folks in Rutland tomorrow.

Please proceed with the process of gathering the records and let Jaime know if there are any records that we might have.

Let's connect on Monday.

CED

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Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 4:57:50 PM
To: Davis, Clarence
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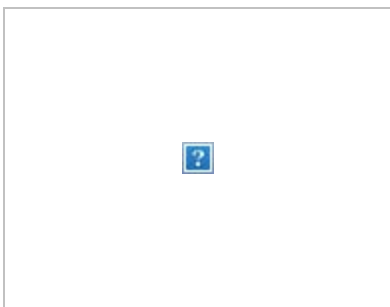
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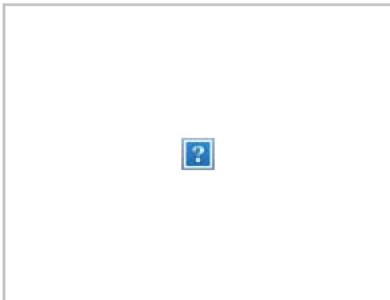
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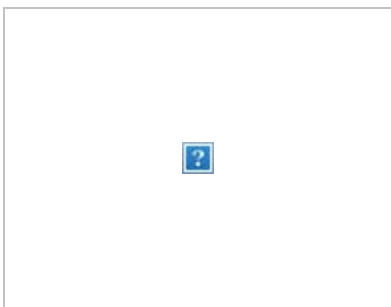
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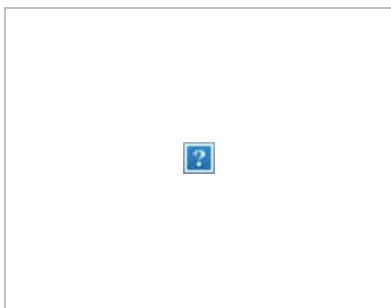
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Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Re: Question about Home Modifications
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:16:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Arch Mod policy.docx](#)

I have attached Oklahoma's policy regarding architectural modifications. I think this will answer most of the questions.

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To: NASDDDS@peach.ease.lsoft.com
Subject: [Marketing Mail] Re: Question about Home Modifications

The following is an excerpt regarding environmental accessibility adaptations from Florida's Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook:

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

Description Environmental accessibility adaptations (EAA) are those physical adaptations to the home that are required by the recipient's support plan and are medically necessary to avoid institutional placement of the recipient and enable the

recipient to function with greater independence in the home.

Home accessibility assessments can also include pre-inspection of up to three houses a recipient or family is considering for purchase, review of ceiling lift and track systems, van conversions, and oversight and final inspection of any approved EAA.

Who Can Provide

If the construction is not completed by the independent assessor, the assessor can still provide construction oversight and a final inspection.

Providers of EAA services include licensed general or independent licensed contractors, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, architects, and engineers.

Other professionals who can provide EAA assessments include providers with experience in the field of environmental accessibility adaptation assessment, with a RESNA certification, and an occupational license.

Service Requirements

Environmental accessibility adaptation services are limited to the amount, duration, and scope of the adaptation project described on the recipient's support plan and current approved cost plan.

To submit a request, the appropriate professional must complete an assessment documenting how the specific EAA is medically necessary and is a critical health and safety need, how it is directly related to the recipient's developmental disability, how it is directly related to accessibility issues within the home, and how, without the identified EAA, the recipient cannot continue to reside in the recipient's current residence.

The request will be reviewed by the APD regional office to determine whether the standards for medical necessity are met and to determine whether the requested item fairly meets the service definition.

Adaptations specifically excluded in this handbook will not be approved.

Environmental accessibility adaptations include only adaptations to an existing structure, and must be provided in accordance with applicable state or local building codes. Adaptations that add to the total square footage of the home are excluded from this benefit. No more than five units per day will be provided and billed and a total limit of \$20,000.00 cannot be exceeded over a five-year period.

Service Requirements, continued

This determination includes all of the following considerations:

- There are no less costly or conservative means to meet the recipient's need for accessibility within the home.
- The environmental accessibility adaptation is individualized, specific, and consistent with the recipient's needs and not in excess of those needs.
- The environmental accessibility adaptation enables the recipient to function with greater independence in the home and, without it, the recipient would require institutionalization.

Once adaptations are made to a recipient's residence, adaptation to that residence or another residence cannot be made until five years after the last adaptation to the first residence except for extenuating circumstances, such as total loss of the residence. The cost of adaptation must not exceed the value of the residence.

The waiver program does not cover routine repairs to the existing EAA or general repairs to the home or residence.

Environmental accessibility adaptations must be separated into two categories.

Minor adaptations must be defined as those EAA costing under \$3,500 for all adaptations in the home. Major adaptations must include those adaptations to a home when the total cost is \$3,500 and over. Total EAA cannot exceed \$20,000 during a five-year period. Major environmental accessibility adaptations require the assessment of a rehabilitation engineer or other professional qualified to make a home accessibility assessment. This home accessibility assessment must include evaluation of the current home and

Place of Service	<p>describe the most cost-beneficial manner to permit accessibility of the home for the recipient on the waiver.</p> <p>Environmental accessibility adaptations must be made only to a recipient's family home or recipient's own home, including rented houses or apartments. Recipients living in foster homes, group homes, assisted living facilities, or homes for special services (any licensed residential facility) are not eligible to receive this service. The responsibility for EAA rests with the facility owner or operator.</p>
Limitations and Exclusions	<p>A recipient's rental property is limited to minor adaptations. Prior to any adaptation to a rental property, a determination should be made as to what, if anything, the landlord will cover. The landlord, prior to service, must approve all proposed environmental accessibility adaptations in writing.</p> <p>The written agreement between the recipient, the recipient's family, or the recipient's legal representative, and the landlord, must specify any requirements for restoration of the property to its original condition if the recipient moves, and must indicate that APD and waiver funding are not obligated for any restoration costs. Waiver funds cannot be placed in escrow to undo any accessibility adaptations when the recipient moves out.</p> <p>Recipients or families requesting EAA are expected to apply for all other assistance that can be available to assist in meeting the recipient's needs. This includes local housing authorities, county, local, and community funding. Environmental accessibility adaptations that are required to support proper functioning of medical equipment, such as electrical upgrades, are limited to the requirements for the safe operation of the specified equipment.</p> <p>If a recipient, family, or legal representative builds a home while the recipient is receiving waiver services, major or structural changes will not be covered. Environmental accessibility adaptations covered under these circumstances are the difference in the cost, if any, between a handicapped-accessible bathroom and a standard bathroom. However, the cost difference for each item and adaptation must be documented, with total cost not exceeding \$3,500.</p> <p>The evaluation must demonstrate that the environmental accessibility adaptation recommended is a "prudent purchase." Each EAA must be the most reasonable alternative based on the results of the review of all options, including a change in the use of rooms within the home or alternative housing. Adaptations or improvements to the home, which are of general utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the recipient, are excluded. Examples of items not covered include replacement of carpeting and other floor coverings unless removed to achieve the installation of the adaptation; roof repair; driveways; decks; patios; fences; swimming pools; spas or hot tubs; sheds; sidewalks (unless this is the person's only means of access into the home); central heating and air conditioning; raised garage doors; storage such as cabinets, shelving, or closets; standard home fixtures such as sinks, commodes, tubs, stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, wall, window and door coverings, furniture, appliances, bedding; and other non-custom items that can routinely be found in a home. Also, specifically excluded are any adaptations that will add square footage to the home.</p>
Reimbursement	<p>Once the most reasonable alternative has been identified and specifications have been developed, three competitive bids must be obtained for all EAA to a home costing \$3,500 and over to determine the most economical option. If three bids cannot be obtained, the WSC must document in the support coordination notes what efforts were made to secure the three bids and explain why fewer than three were obtained.</p> <p>For EAA costing between \$1,000 and \$3,499, at least two competitive bids must be obtained. If two bids cannot be obtained, it must be documented in</p>

the support coordination notes to show what efforts were made to secure the two bids and explain why only one was obtained.

For EAA costing under \$1,000, only one bid is required, as long as it can be demonstrated in the bid that the bid is consistent with local market value for like environmental adaptations.

Environmental accessibility adaptations do not include those adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general utility, are considered to be standard housing obligations of the owner or tenant, are considered to be experimental, or are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the recipient on the waiver. Routine maintenance of the adaptations and general repair and maintenance to the home is the responsibility of the owner or landlord, and not a covered waiver service.

Kaleema Muhammad

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Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:24 AM

To: NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM

Subject: Question about Home Modifications

South Carolina is interested to learn the procedures used by other states when modifications to the private home of waiver participants are needed. Of particular interest are:

- Who develops the plan for the modification and determines the specifications?
- Who, if anyone, approves the plans/specifications?
- Are bids solicited solely based on the pre-drawn plans and specifications?
- What provider types are used to complete the modifications?
- Other than the case manager, who monitors the completed modifications to determine if the plans were followed and specifications met?
- Approximately how long does it take from identification of the need to the start of construction / installation.

Sharing any procedures related to these modifications would be most helpful. If willing to share, please send to jpriest@ddsn.sc.gov.

Thank you.

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**Cc:** Perreault, Liz <[Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov](mailto:Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Request: May DAIL Advisory Board

Great, thanks, Roy [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gerstenberger, Roy

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:21 PM

**To:** Schurr, Stuart <[Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov](mailto:Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov)>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <[megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov](mailto:megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov)>; George, Camille <[Camille.George@vermont.gov](mailto:Camille.George@vermont.gov)>

**Cc:** Perreault, Liz <[Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov](mailto:Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Request: May DAIL Advisory Board

I have a monthly meeting with Diane and her staff from 10:00 to 11:00 but otherwise am open that morning. I would be happy to present. I could probably also cut into the 10:00 meeting as well if necessary.

RG

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On Tue, Apr 25, 2017 at 5:16 PM -0400, "Schurr, Stuart" <[Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov](mailto:Stuart.Schurr@vermont.gov)> wrote:

I'll defer to Roy on the time needed to discuss content. The status and timeline discussion should take only 10-15 minutes, tops.

Stuart

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**From:** George, Camille

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:26 PM

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**Cc:** Perreault, Liz <[Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov](mailto:Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** Request: May DAIL Advisory Board

Hi -

Roy and Megan - would you be available to give an update on our work (what has happened

to date, current state, next steps) on the HCBS rules at the May 11 DAIL Advisory Board meeting? Megan, I assume still no word from CMS re: case management? That's likely to come up as well. How much time would you need for that?

[REDACTED]

Thanks

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**Attachments:** [Guidance for Appendix K.pdf](#)  
[Appendix K.pdf](#)  
[guide-emergency-management-pwd.pdf](#)  
[final Provider Disaster Readiness Template March 2007.doc](#)  
[NCD Report Saving Lives.pdf](#)

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One tool to keep in mind is Appendix K-which allows states to ask CMS for modifications to their HCBS waiver programs during emergency situations. Attached are the application and guidance.

Also, a guide prepared by the Department of Education may have some useful information and a planning template for service providers. Most of these materials were developed in response to the many issues that surfaced due to hurricane Katrina.

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**Subject:** Response to Emergency Preparedness question

This question has many parameters, here are a few of our

In Virginia:

- The Dept. of Medical Assistance Services in Virginia as the payor, would address issues in their COOP, re: continuing M'caid benefits. Virginia Dept. of Social Services (DSS) handles the eligibility pieces.

Here is what the DMAS state agency has shared at this point in time:

- o CHIP State Plan Amendment – DMAS received CMS approval for an amendment to our State Medicaid Plan that allows for presumptive renewal of children and their families whose Medicaid eligibility was set to expire within 90 days following a State or Federal declared disaster. This ensures that CHIP Medicaid recipients continue to receive uninterrupted coverage while they tend to their immediate recovery needs.

- o DME Replacement – DMAS has updated their Provider Manual to allow Medicaid recipients to replace any durable medical equipment or supplies that was damaged or destroyed during a disaster, even if it's still during the useful life period (for example – wheelchairs that were damaged can be replaced even if it's before the normal 5-year useful life replacement period).

In addition:

- If a person is displaced from their home (i.e. home demolished d/t hazard and no longer has a mailing address) and the agency is not operational, then the person would go to the local Disaster Resource Center (local, state or FEMA) and request "access and functional needs assistance" or advise they need assistance with continuity of benefits. Should a person need to renew eligibility and unable to d/t event, then they would be connected with the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) in Virginia.
- There are also provisions under certain programs where the State Agency, can ensure continuity if the person is transferred from one program to another; or one facility to another d/t the event (i.e. from waiver home setting to a nursing or acute medical facility) for a federal disaster declaration.
- Virginia, coordinated through the Va. Dept of Emer. Management (VDEM) and with multiple external state agencies and partners, has ongoing planning reviews for Access and Functional Needs, Mass Care related issues; in addition to the various agencies COOPs which are part of the larger Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency planning (COVEP).

Feel free to call me and we can discuss the details related to your specific issues, in relation to emergency preparedness in Virginia.

*Respectfully,*

**Susan**

**Susan A . Elmore**

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**Subject:** Re: adding to Listserve and NASDDDS

The State of Colorado, Health Care Policy and Financing- Office of Community Living is in the process of developing a Continuity of Operations Plan that is geared towards regional disaster planning for people receiving Medicaid services. Does any state have such a plan developed that we might learn from? How does your state ensure that people continue to receive required Medicaid services? We appreciate any input you can provide.

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**Subject:** adding to Listserve and NASDDDS

I would like to request Stacy Watkins [Stacy.Watkins@state.de.us](mailto:Stacy.Watkins@state.de.us) be added to NASDDDS mailing and Listserve.

Stacy is a new Waiver Manager for DE DDDS.

Thanks,

Eddi Ashby

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

Waiver Manager

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[80.4.6.a - Examples of Violations.pdf](#)  
[80.4.5 - Recoupment.pdf](#)  
[80.4.6 - Sanction Policy.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon,

The Provider Agreement (3-way agreement between TennCare (State Medicaid Agency), DIDD and the provider), Department Provider Manual, and policies and procedures (published on the DIDD web site) describe standards to which providers are held accountable.

In regard to enforcement, please reference 80.4.6 Sanction Policy and 80.4.5 Recoupment. Both policies are attached to this email for your convenience.

Best Regards,



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Good Afternoon,

Colorado would like to know the following:

How does your state hold Medicaid Approved Service Providers accountable to meet rules and regulations, excluding federal enforcement?

What is your process for accountability/taking action against Medicaid approved service providers that are found to be deficient during an audit or site survey?

Is it a gradient approach to enforcement? For example, do you enforce with probationary action(s)? If so, what process do you use to determine the level penalty/action?

Thank you,  
Jen

**Jennifer Martinez**  
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**Subject:** Re: Settings locks  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 2:00:45 PM  
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Good Afternoon,

Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities issued guidance on this issue for providers of HCBS services. Please see attached.

You may contact Crissonya “Crissy” Phillips ([crissonya.phillips@tn.gov](mailto:crissonya.phillips@tn.gov)) Director of HCBS Settings directly on this issue.

Best Regards,



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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:10 AM  
**To:** [NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM](mailto:NASDDDS@PEACH.EASE.LSOFT.COM)  
**Subject:** Settings locks

Hi there, how are states handling the settings requirement for locks on bedroom doors, especially in host homes/ adult family care, etc. that do not have locks on any bedroom doors?

Thanks, Chris

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**To:** [McCaffrey, Marybeth](#); [Hill, Bard](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Talking Points for New Hampshire MLTSS Reference for UMass  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:22:00 AM

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Hi Marybeth – thanks for sending the talking points. I'll take a closer look and will be back in touch if I have any questions. I'd love to get together with you sometime, but Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> won't work for me as I'll be out of the office. I'm not sure about Bard's availability, but I could probably do 1/20 or sometime on 1/27 so let us know!

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**From:** McCaffrey, Marybeth [mailto:Marybeth.McCaffrey@umassmed.edu]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 31, 2016 6:05 PM

**To:** George, Camille ; Hill, Bard

**Subject:** Talking Points for New Hampshire MLTSS Reference for UMass

Happy New Year, Camille and Bard!

I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays with your loved ones and got a bit of rest from the work parts of life. I would love to meet you for coffee or lunch sometime this month and I'll be in Waterbury Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – so thought I'd see if that might work for you? If not perhaps another Friday – since that is the day I'm always home in Vermont. Now back to business.... I am writing to follow through with my promise to send talking points. Thank you for your willingness to be a reference for the New Hampshire's RFP for Managed LTSS Consulting Services. In the lucky event they are interested and call either of you, this may come in handy! I've tried to make it short but also wanted to be sure you have what you need. I organized it into these three parts:

**A. Summary of what New Hampshire needs**

**B. What UMass can provide New Hampshire**

**C. How UMass described Vermont DAIL experience**

**A. Summary of the work New Hampshire needs help with:**

1. Develop implementation plan moving LTSS services into managed care for adults with physical disabilities and older adults receiving HCBS and in nursing facilities
2. Implementation Plan must achieve these goals by working with Office of Medicaid and stakeholder groups:
  - a. ensuring quality and oversight for these services - assuring accountability from MCOs
  - b. compliance with the new federal Medicaid managed care delivery system rules
  - c. providing an effective procurement of MLTSS

**B. What UMass team can provide:**

*1. How the UMass team works:*

- a. Strong work ethic and high standards
- b. Well-organized
- c. Effective translators of complex ideas into accurate, understandable information
- d. Responsive to adjustments that may be needed along the way, as dynamics of project evolve
- e. Manage multiple concurrent work streams effectively
- f. Marybeth has demonstrated experience in:
  - monitoring the project's scope, budget, timelines and quality of work
  - ensuring effective coordination and collaboration (e.g., roles, responsibilities, dependencies)
  - conducting internal team meetings

- establishing clear document review processes
- implementing any necessary process improvements

2. *What the UMass team knows:*

- Strong state agency experience (not just ivory tower idea generators):
- Many of our staff members came to UMass after serving in public agencies as state Medicaid staff, senior leaders, executives, general counsel, and Medicaid directors).
- Appreciation for balancing innovation with practical realities of implementing legislation in collaboration with stakeholders
- UMass team has deep bench of experts on these topics and Marybeth has direct VT experience in them too:

| New Hampshire Senate Bill 553: Functional Area of LTSS Managed Care Implementation | Choices for Care |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. eligibility and enrollment                                                      | •                |
| 2. covered services                                                                | •                |
| 3. transition planning                                                             | •                |
| 4. prior authorization                                                             |                  |
| 5. transportation                                                                  | •                |
| 6. pharmacy                                                                        |                  |
| 7. case management/care coordination                                               | •                |
| 8. network adequacy                                                                | •                |
| 9. credentialing                                                                   | •                |
| 10. quality metrics and outcome measurements                                       | •                |
| 11. patient safety                                                                 | •                |
| 12. utilization management                                                         | •                |
| 13. finance and reimbursement, rates and payment                                   | •                |
| 14. grievance and appeals                                                          | •                |
| 15. office of ombudsman                                                            | •                |

C. Excerpts about Vermont experience included in the New Hampshire proposal:

Between 2007 and 2015, as the **independent evaluator for the Choices for Care 1115 waiver**, UMass produced yearly policy briefs and evaluation reports that 1) summarized major changes in CFC policies or procedures; 2) described initiatives or efforts CFC had undertaken, and 3) explained program outcomes such as impacts on participants and the LTSS system. Policy briefs included topics such as personal and systemic factors leading to nursing facility readmissions, flexibility for the CFC Moderate Needs Group, Alzheimer's disease, non-medical providers, self-direction, and other issues. These reports informed Vermont policy makers about potential areas for improvement and policy options for achieving their goals. **Sample of key deliverables:** Quality Survey Evaluation: <http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-publications/publications-cfc/evaluation-reports-consumer-surveys/cfc-evaluation-report-yrs-1-8>

**Marybeth McCaffrey** was a member of the team in 2003-2005 that developed Vermont's 1115 waiver for people with physical disabilities and who are over age 65. She also supported the waiver's renewal in 2010 and consolidation in early 2014. Choices for Care was revolutionary in its approach because it eliminated Medicaid's institutional bias and extended to people the entitlement to long term services and supports in their choice of setting. The program also supports people below the institutional level of care. Today, Vermont has successfully balanced this system, consolidated it with the rest of the Medicaid program as part of the Global Commitment to Health waiver, and stretched limited state resources to meet the significant needs of more people.

Thank you very much – let me know if January 13<sup>th</sup> works (any time) and I look forward to an in-person visit sometime soon!

*Marybeth*

**Marybeth McCaffrey, J.D. | Principal**

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**Sent:** Sunday, December 18, 2016 5:34 PM

**To:** Hill, Bard; McCaffrey, Marybeth

**Subject:** Re: Letter of Recommendation

Great, would love to see you in January!

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**From:** Hill, Bard

**Sent:** Sunday, December 18, 2016 11:07:50 AM

**To:** McCaffrey, Marybeth



**Cc:** George, Camille  
**Subject:** Re: Letter of Recommendation  
Excellent thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2016, at 11:03 AM, McCaffrey, Marybeth <[Marybeth.McCaffrey@umassmed.edu](mailto:Marybeth.McCaffrey@umassmed.edu)> wrote:

Good morning Bard and Camille,  
I'm writing to let you know that the New Hampshire MLTSS proposal is asking only for contact information, so I've taken the liberty to add yours.  
I will also send you brief talking points next week for your reference, in case you receive a call from New Hampshire in the next month.  
Thanks once again for kindly permitting us to include you as a reference.  
We are deeply grateful for your support – would love to actually talk with you sometime too and will be in touch about a Waterbury lunch date in January ☺

*Marybeth*

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**From:** George, Camille [<mailto:Camille.George@vermont.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 6:41 PM

**To:** Hill, Bard; McCaffrey, Marybeth

**Subject:** Re: Letter of Recommendation

Marybeth - how nice to hear from you! This sounds like a great match for your skills and experience. Send along the letter!

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**From:** Hill, Bard

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:52 AM

**To:** McCaffrey, Marybeth; George, Camille

**Subject:** RE: Letter of Recommendation

Si!

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**From:** McCaffrey, Marybeth [<mailto:Marybeth.McCaffrey@umassmed.edu>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:42 AM

**To:** Hill, Bard <[Bard.Hill@vermont.gov](mailto:Bard.Hill@vermont.gov)>; George, Camille <[Camille.George@vermont.gov](mailto:Camille.George@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Letter of Recommendation

Thank you! I will – it will probably be Friday morning, ok?

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**From:** Hill, Bard [<mailto:Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:41 AM

**To:** McCaffrey, Marybeth; George, Camille

**Subject:** RE: Letter of Recommendation

Hi-

I am certainly willing! A draft would be very helpful.

Happy holidays eh.

Bard

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."

*Albert Einstein*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:38 AM

**To:** George, Camille <[Camille.George@vermont.gov](mailto:Camille.George@vermont.gov)>; Hill, Bard <[Bard.Hill@vermont.gov](mailto:Bard.Hill@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation

Good morning, Camille and Bard -

How are you? I hope you are both well.

I am writing to request a letter of recommendation for a proposal we are submitting next week to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

The title of the project is a *Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Consulting Services*. We would be working with its Office of Medicaid to develop an implementation plan for inclusion of select long-term services and supports into the State's Manage Care Management program, beginning with adults with physical disabilities and older adults receiving HCBS and in nursing facilities. The project's goal is to fulfill legislative mandate ensuring quality and oversight for these services in compliance with the new Medicaid managed care delivery system, providing for an effective procurement of MLTSS, and assuring accountability from MCOs.

Examples of similar MLTSS planning and implementation experience are required. Since we are using the work UMMS has done in VT for Choices for Care and that I did in my various Vermont roles at DAIL as examples, we were hoping that you could provide a letter of recommendation describing the quality of our work. We would, of course, prepare a draft for you to edit as you see fit.

As is often the case, there is a short timeline for submitting our proposal. We would need the signed letter by next Monday, December 19.

Please let us know whether this is feasible.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Sincerely,

*Marybeth*

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**To:** [Murphy, Kirsten](#); [Perline, Allison](#); [Hill, Bard](#); [Sean Londergan \(slondergan@vtlegalaid.org\)](#); [Smith-Dieng, Angela](#)  
**Cc:** [Perreault, Liz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Tentative DAIL Agenda - one additional reminder  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 11:58:00 AM  
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[image003.jpg](#)

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Hi Everyone – please see the message below and in addition, please remember that if there are any handouts for your part of the agenda, to please send them to Liz Perreault by Wednesday 9/6 at the very latest. We always send the agenda and materials in advance so that members have time to review and prepare in advance of the meeting so that we can have a fruitful discussion at meeting. Also, if you need any particular AV set up, please let Liz know so we can make sure that is arranged as well. Thank you.

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:56 PM  
**To:** Murphy, Kirsten <Kirsten.Murphy@vermont.gov>; Perline, Allison

<Allison.Perline@vermont.gov>; Hill, Bard <Bard.Hill@vermont.gov>; Sean Londergan (slondergan@vtlegalaid.org) <slondergan@vtlegalaid.org>; Smith-Dieng, Angela <Angela.Smith-Dieng@vermont.gov>

**Cc:** Perreault, Liz <Liz.Perreault@vermont.gov>

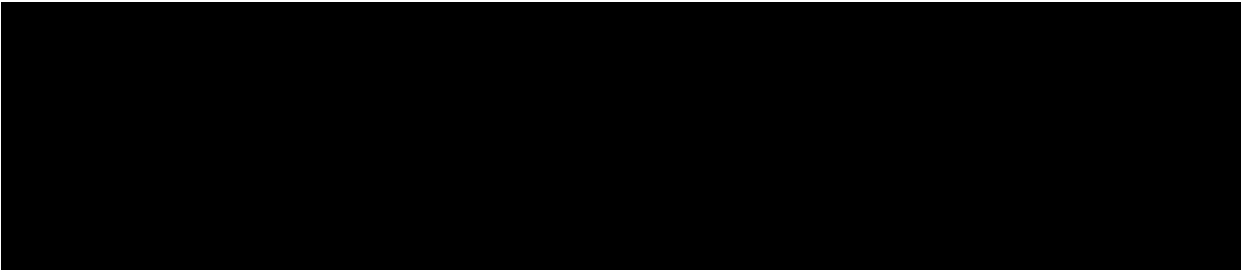
**Subject:** Tentative DAIL Agenda

Hello, everyone!




I know it has been some time since we have talked about our planning for the September 14 DAIL Advisory Board meeting. I wanted to share with you how the agenda is shaping up (it is FULL!) to give you a sense of the time frame for your piece of the agenda.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Also, please let Liz Perreault know if you will need a badge to get into the building so we can have that ready for you. Thank you.



1:45 – 2:00: State Long Term Care Ombudsman: Formation of Subcommittee to Examine Conflict of Interest (Sean Londergan, VOP and Angela Smith-Dieng)



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**Date:** Thursday, March 23, 2017, 12:25:27 PM  
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I defer to roy and Megan in DAIL  
Not sure who the dmh lead is

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**Cc:** George, Camille <[Camille.George@vermont.gov](mailto:Camille.George@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Timely questions - HCBS fed reg

Hi  
Both DAIL and dmh are working on a  
hcbs rules, as d scribed in the gc cqs. Roy is lead for dds and Megan for cfc and tbi  
Bard

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2017, at 11:53 AM, Parker, Lindsay <[Lindsay.Parker@vermont.gov](mailto:Lindsay.Parker@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Hi Bard and Camille,  
Am hoping you can let me know if the fed reg below is one DAIL has been  
working on and where VT is with compliance? (attached is Verma-Price  
letter for context).  
Am asking so I can provide update to Cory asap (he has reporter coming in  
for ACA repeal questions).  
Thanks!

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That is my proposal. Monica and I have not had a chance to discuss. In the next week or so I plan to write up purpose/goals and some potential mt decisions.

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**To:** Hill, Bard; Hutt, Monica; George, Camille  
**Subject:** RE: Topics for MTM

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**Cc:** [White, Monica](#)  
**Subject:** RE: V4A Legislation - HDM and Parity  
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Great, thanks.

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To be clear, they are not using OAA funds on lobbying – just talking about it in their developmental goals... AND different AAAs are interpreting “a system of elder rights” differently. Some talked more about goals around self-neglect and elder abuse. One AAA does mention supporting COVE to do this advocacy. They all still



contribute to COVE's lobbying as well. Thanks, Angela

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Thanks Angela. It's a bit of an interesting stretch from "legislative developments toward a system of elder rights" to parity and paying for HDM...although, I suppose, equal treatment could get you there...

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[REDACTED] That is why they used to rely a lot

through COVE to advocate for things like this...

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Not sure if it has changed, but if I remember correctly, parity was Mike's big ask when I was at V4A – the concept that NHs get an automatic COLA and HCBS providers don't. While we know it's much more complicated than that, that was the essential message I believe.

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Also, what does parity mean in this context exactly??

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Hi all,

Just a heads up that I anticipate we will see legislation again this session advocated for by the AAAs and their new lobbying firm Action Circles to make home delivered meals a reimbursable service under CFC, and legislation to address “parity” between home based LTC and nursing home LTC. I was just reading their NAPIS reports and multiple AAAs mentioned these plans under “legislative developments toward a system of elder rights.”

Here's a question, Can I give them the heads up that an Older Vermonters Act working group may be proposed, or is that something we don't share until introduced? I'm fine holding off, just wasn't sure of protocol.

Thanks,  
Angela

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**To:** [Hickman, Selina](#); [Skaflestad, Shawn](#); [Davis, Clarence](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission  
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Thanks for the additional information, Selina, it is very helpful. Clarence, if you and I can discuss and make sure we are clear on what information is public and should be shared and how, that would be great.

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Hi Camille,

You have the major communications sent to CMS. I've attached two emails and another document that could be helpful:

- Re: Vermont Choices for Care Program Summary and Proposed Panning to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protections: this email shows multiple attempts to gain response from CMS on the CFC conflict of interest exception request. It also highlights what we and they understand; the exception criteria is not a perfect fit for Vermont's situation, as there is more than one available case management agency.
- Re: Follow up question on CFC HHA/AAAs: this email shows CMS confirmation that our follow up response was received.
- Conflict Free Case Management\_DA\_DMH(03): this document was sent to CMS on 9/22/17 and seeks the conflict free case management exception for mental health programs and services provided through Designated Agencies. This brief is able to show clearly that there is only one willing and qualified case manager for Mental Health HCBS services. No response has been received to this brief.

Finally, CMS indicated to the State of Vermont in conversations that any exception to the conflict free case management requirements described in federal regulations must be enacted through an amendment to our 1115 waiver. At the time, we decided the next opportunity to ask for the exception would be through the SUD amendment process, however, I do not believe that loose end was tied off prior to the SUD amendment approval.

Let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.



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Thanks for sending this information along, Shawn. Clarence, I'd like to touch base with you about this. At last week's DAIL Advisory Board meeting, Shawn and a couple DAIL staff

provided an update on the progress being made in implementing the CMS Home- and Community-Based Services Rules. In the course of the update, the topic of conflict-free case management came up and some present requested to receive a copy of the conflict free case management waiver exemption that the state filed with CMS and related documentation. This is a pretty sensitive topic, with strong opinions on both sides. Before we send anything out to the DAIL Advisory Board (and in fact, it was 2 staff from the DD Council who are not members of the DAIL Advisory Board, but were in attendance) I'd like to consult and make sure we are on the same page about what we send out. I've cc'd Selina as I know she was very involved in this process and the exemption request and may both be aware of additional documentation and have some helpful advice.

Do you have time to touch base about this within the next week or so?

Also, Shawn, if you can send me the link to the DVHA webpage that contains the additional information about the Comprehensive Quality Strategy and other information related to the HCBS rules, I can include that once we sort out what additional information will be shared.

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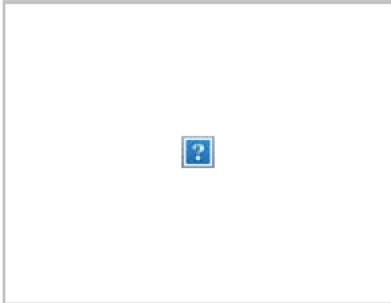
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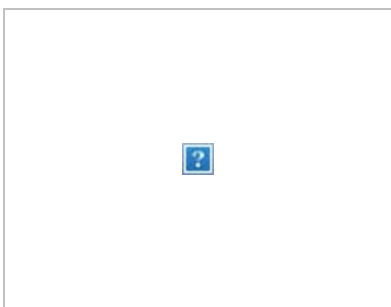
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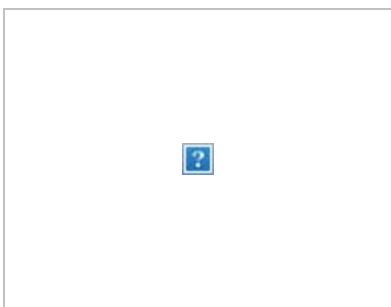
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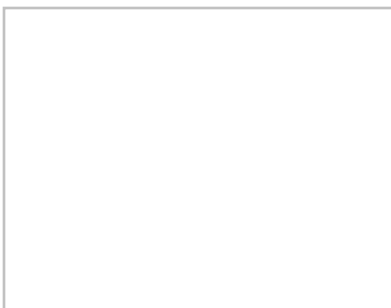
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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:47 AM

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**Cc:** Davis, Clarence <[Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov](mailto:Clarence.Davis@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Vermont 2018 Inter-Governmental Agreement and Rate Certification submission

Hi Camille – as per your request after last week's DAIL Advisory Board Meeting – attached are the following conflict-free case management items:

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I have copied Clarence because this item as discussed with him and Martha back in April – and I am not sure if any action has been taken since that meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions re: the attached documents.

Best,

*Shawn*

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**Subject:** Re: Vermont Long-Term Care Ombudsman - Program Policies/Conflict of Interest  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2017 4:27:43 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Vermont Long-Term Care Ombudsman - Program Polices/Conflict of Interest  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2017 10:11:06 AM

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Sean,

 I did review all of the material you sent, however, and I have no problem certifying that the program is in compliance with both State and Federal regulations.

Robert

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 6, 2017, at 3:56 PM, Sean Londergan <[SLondergan@vtlegalaid.org](mailto:SLondergan@vtlegalaid.org)> wrote:

Hello:

Based on the responses I received from Martha, Nancy, Jim and Diane, it looks like **a conference call will work for Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.**

I going on vacation after today, but I will send out an appointment; set up the call; and provide call in instructions to everyone (most likely not today, but when I get back).

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Looking out to the week of 10/30  
Monday - flexible to 1pm  
Wednesday - open  
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I look forward to working with you all on this!

Martha

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On Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 10:50 AM, Nancy Lang <[nlang68987@gmail.com](mailto:nlang68987@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Sean,

Thanks for your email and attachments. The morning of Oct 26 or sometime on 27 are good for me. My husband and I will be visiting our son and his family in MN from Oct 31- Nov 7.

We met by conf. call last time; that seemed to work well. Perhaps we could do the same this year.

Best,  
Nancy L.

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 8:25:00 AM  
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Hi Jim – I'll chime in here. Sean had the same question. However, to clarify, the committee that the Commissioner establishes for this purpose is actually the full DAIL Advisory Board. It was just that it was the decision of the advisory board to create a smaller subcommittee to do the in-depth review. Once the subcommittee has completed its review, it will report back to the full advisory board (hopefully at the December meeting) to share the results of its review and its recommendations and then the full advisory board will vote. Hope this helps!

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**Cc:** [Davis, Clarence](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Waiver questions  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 2:33:00 PM  
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Thank you,  
Melissa Bailey, MA, LCMHC  
Commissioner  
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**Subject:** Waiver questions

Hi

A few questions have come up about the waiver but specifically the conflict free case management and the need to get an exception. I understand Camille and Selina were in an email discussion with Clarence and Shawn about this and I know there is some shifting sands as Ena comes into her position, policy moved back to DVHA, ultimately the agreement is between AHS and CMS with DVHA playing a large role etc.... so wonder 1. Who do we go to when there are specific questions or things that need to be addressed in the waiver including interpretation of items in the waiver?; 2. Can we talk about a process to manage the moving pieces and management of the waiver together and with department input when it effects a department? and 3. Do we have a plan to address the fact we don't have an exception so right now are out of compliance (as I understand it but may be mis-informed)?. Let me know I would happily ask our admin to set up a time to talk more or if someone wants to just have a quick chat I'm around all am. Thanks Melissa

Thank you,  
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I would vote for:

CMS HCBS Rules

And then I would probably put other:

Delivery and payment reform of long term services and supports

American Health Care Act and impact on LTSS and across human services

Bard, what would you say?

**Camille George, Deputy Commissioner**

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:08 PM

**To:** George, Camille

**Subject:** RE: YOUR HELP NEEDED: 3/31 NASUAD 2017 State Survey Deadline

Thank you! Except can you tell me what priorities you would check for Q3?

Have a great vacation!!! :)

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**From:** George, Camille

**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:07 PM

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**Subject:** RE: YOUR HELP NEEDED: 3/31 NASUAD 2017 State Survey Deadline

Bard, I just gave Angela a call and answered questions 3, 13, 18 and 19.

**Camille George, Deputy Commissioner**

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**Subject:** YOUR HELP NEEDED: 3/31 NASUAD 2017 State Survey Deadline

**Importance:** High

Hi Camille and all,

Our deadline to complete the NASUAD State of the States survey is about a week away: **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

I filled out the Aging and Disabilities Survey online the best I could. Here is where I need help, and you can see the questions in the attached pdf without having to go to the online survey. For the purposes of this survey, when NASUAD seeks info about our "state agency," they are talking about DAIL, the agency for aging and disability services.

- **Camille/Bard:** Questions 3, 13, 18 (what's missing? DOC & DMH programs, right?) and Question 19.
- **DAIL HR (who should I ask?):** Q15-17. Camille/Bard, maybe you know the answers to these too?
- **Bill/Business Office:** Questions 7-8, 20-22b.
- **Clayton/APS:** Questions 33-40.

If you can email the answers to me, that would be easiest. If you'd rather enter them directly into the survey, please let me know, as we can only have one person working on the survey at a time, so we'll have to stagger it. Here is the updated link to continue working on the survey:

[http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3355515/2017-NASUAD-Survey/?](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3355515/2017-NASUAD-Survey/?snc=1490291464_58d40b08064749.37022673)

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**Megan**, can you take the lead on filling out the HCBS Survey:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3352255/2017-LTSS-Survey> The pdf is also attached FYI.

**Bard**, I am also asking for your help with the attached data table. I moved VT to the top and highlighted it. We only have to indicate changes from last year and it's mostly HCBS focused. Re the OAA tab, I had a couple questions re OPG and LIHEAP (do they fit or not) for you.

I know you're all very busy, so I am grateful for your help with this, and please let me know if you have any questions. If you can get me your responses by next Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>, that would be much appreciated! Thank you, everyone!

Angela

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**From:** George, Camille

**Sent:** Sunday, March 12, 2017 11:11 AM

**To:** Smith-Dieng, Angela <[Angela.Smith-Dieng@vermont.gov](mailto:Angela.Smith-Dieng@vermont.gov)>

**Cc:** Hill, Bard <[Bard.Hill@vermont.gov](mailto:Bard.Hill@vermont.gov)>; Tierney-Ward, Megan <[megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov](mailto:megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov)>; Kelly, Bill <[Bill.Kelly@vermont.gov](mailto:Bill.Kelly@vermont.gov)>

**Subject:** Fw: Time Sensitive: due to NASUAD March 31: NASUAD 2017 State Survey: Request for Response

**Importance:** High

Hi Angela- I think this is probably your first year managing this NASUAD survey, but could be wrong. In any event, can you please take the lead in getting this completed? This does not mean that you are expected to answer all of the questions, but to answer what you can and to identify other DAIL staff who can answer questions and coordinate getting their responses. I recall there having been a fair amount of confusion with a survey last year, and I think it was this one. I do recall Bard going over a survey with Dave to come up with a plan and Bard, I'm hoping you might be willing to do the same for Angela if needed? I've also cc'd Bill, as I think he and/or members of the Business Office may have helped provide some of the information. I am also hoping that we may have saved last year's survey someplace where it can at least be used as a reference (but am sending this from home and so am not logged into the I drive. I think the real key is to get a head start on the survey so that if there are questions that are going to take some research/time to dig up information/budget info we are not scrambling to the finish line.

So Angela, can you please take the lead and call on any of us if you have questions? Please note that I will be out of the office 3/24 - 4/3, returning on 4/4 so won't be available during that time.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions!

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**From:** Martha Roherty <[mroherty@nasuad.org](mailto:mroherty@nasuad.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 11:40 AM

**To:** Martha Roherty

**Cc:** Damon Terzaghi; Adam Mosey

**Subject:** NASUAD 2017 State Survey: Request for Response



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*\*\*\*All recipients are Bcc'd\*\*\**

Dear NASUAD Members and State LTSS Leaders:

NASUAD is currently conducting our annual “State of the States” survey, and are requesting your assistance with this effort. Below, we provide links to access the surveys. We are asking for your responses in three weeks, by **March 31, 2017**.

The survey is an important part of our work to support state agencies on aging and disabilities. The primary deliverable is our [State of the States report](#) – a major publication outlining key findings from the survey. However, information collected in SOTS is often used to respond to state inquiries, reporters, and other requests for information – beyond what is written up for the public report. The information we collect is especially useful for:

- 1) Informing public policy on crucial issues for aging and disability services, such as the Older Americans Act (OAA), Congressional appropriations, and long-term services and supports (LTSS) policy;
- 2) Providing comprehensive information on state and national home and community based services (HCBS) policy and funding trends; and
- 3) Facilitating state-to-state information sharing.

This year we are continuing the process we implemented in 2015 that simplified the surveying process. The State of the States will be administered via two distinct surveys and one Excel spreadsheet. One survey is designed to collect information from state agencies responsible for aging and disabilities services, with an emphasis on Older Americans Act programming and funding. The other survey is designed to collect information on your state’s comprehensive HCBS system, including Medicaid-funded programs, state-only funded programs, and other LTSS programs in your state.

The Aging and Disability Survey is available at: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3355515/2017-NASUAD-Survey>

The HCBS Survey is available at: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3352255/2017-LTSS-Survey>

Finally, I have attached an Excel spreadsheet to this email for your review. The spreadsheet contains eight tabs with information about a wide range of state programs and agencies for every state. Please review each of the eight tabs carefully and provide updates, corrections, or additions regarding the information about your state. If you have any questions about how to respond to the excel spreadsheet, please reach out to Damon or Adam for assistance.

We really appreciate your time and effort to complete the three components of this year's State of the States survey. The 2017 State of the States publication will be a valuable tool for state and federal policymakers, and your assistance will help the entire country as we strive to improve services for seniors and people with disabilities.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Damon Terzaghi at [dterzaghi@nasuad.org](mailto:dterzaghi@nasuad.org) or Adam Mosey at [amosey@nasuad.org](mailto:amosey@nasuad.org).

Thank you again,

Martha

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The September 2017 issue of *Community Services Reporter* is attached.

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### **Recent Releases and Announcements**

#### **CIB: Extension of Transition Period for Compliance with Home and Community-Based Settings Criteria**

Yesterday, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an informational bulletin to states providing more information on implementation of provisions of the final regulation defining a home and community-based setting. The bulletin indicates that states may take an additional three years, until March 2022, to ensure compliance with criteria of a home and community-based setting.

The informational bulletin can be accessed on Medicaid.gov at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Federal-Policy-Guidance.html>. For more information on HCBS, visit Medicaid.gov at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/>

#### **Technical Assistance for States in Application of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Requirements to Medicaid and CHIP**

##### **Registration for Peer Learning Session 2: Defining and Mapping Benefits**

**Overview:** This peer learning session is designed to help states with defining Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD) benefits for the purposes of the parity analysis, and with developing a strategy to classify benefits within the four classifications defined in the parity rule.

Peer learning sessions are moderated, virtual sessions that provide an opportunity for states to share key challenges and strategies, and to problem-solve with peers. Parity experts will facilitate the session and answer questions, but active state participation is expected.

CMS staff will not attend peer learning sessions, and no information discussed on these calls will be used for compliance or enforcement purposes. Group facilitators will provide to CMS a high-level summary of states' challenges, questions, and strategies after each session; however, states will not be identified by name or other identifying details.

Multiple time slots will be offered for each topic and pre-registration is necessary. To

allow for a small group experience, participation in each group will be capped. States with multiple attendees are requested to coordinate to register for one time slot per state. Please register in advance. The session moderator will confirm your registration and send pre-session exercises and recommended resources for review.

**Registration:** Please use the following links to register for one of the following sessions.

- [Session 1a: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:00-3:30pm ET: Click here to register](#)
- [Session 1b: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:00-4:30pm ET: Click here to register](#)

### **MEDICAID INNOVATION ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (IAP)**

#### **State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships Technical Support Opportunity for States- Informational Webinar (May 18, 2017)**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is launching a new technical support opportunity for state Medicaid agencies to develop partnerships between state Medicaid agencies and their local housing systems to foster additional community living opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries. IAP will select up to eight states to participate in this nine month opportunity.

The State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships Track is designed to offer intensive and hands-on technical support to move selected states towards building sustained collaborations with housing partners and with partners from other service agencies.

**Consistent with statute, CMS does not provide Federal Financial Participation for room and board in home and community-based services.** This opportunity is available to all states except the eight that participated in this track in 2016: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, and Oregon.

IAP is working closely with its federal partners, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation and the US Interagency Council on Homelessness on planning and coordination of the program support. IAP will leverage its collaboration with federal agencies to promote partnerships between state Medicaid agencies, state housing finance agencies, public housing agencies, and other state and local housing and service agencies and providers.

To learn more about this opportunity, join the informational webinar **Thursday, May 18, 2017, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET**. During this webinar, participants will learn about the technical support opportunity, ask questions, and hear about the state selection process. The deadline for Expression of Interest forms will be midnight (ET) on June 8, 2017. To participate in the webinar, click the [registration link](#).

#### **All State Learning Webinar on Dashboard Creation (May 17, 2017)**

##### ***So, You Want to Build a Dashboard?***

CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program will host a state learning webinar on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET** for all Medicaid and CHIP agencies interested in learning how to develop data dashboards. Many state Medicaid agencies

are interested in creating data dashboards, but do not know where to begin or how to design a dashboard to best meet their goals. This webinar will teach participants how to successfully create a dashboard that can be used to support Medicaid delivery system reforms.

In this interactive webinar, states will learn about:

- The process of creating a data dashboard from planning stages through the design;
- Methods and approaches to building the right data team for creating a dashboard;
- Guidelines for designing a useful dashboard; and,
- Common pitfalls to avoid.

Additional presenters will share their experiences on dashboard creation. A representative from the Washington State Health Care Authority will discuss challenges and lessons learned from the creation of the Healthier Washington dashboard. In addition, speakers from the University of New Hampshire and New Hampshire Medicaid will share how their Medicaid-State University partnership supported the creation of the New Hampshire Medicaid Quality Information System and how similar state-university partnerships could benefit states' dashboard creation and support broader data analytic needs.

To register for the webinar, click on this link:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/2jy7z0q8hwct&eom>

### **Upcoming Public Comment Periods: Medicaid IAP Quality Measures**

In fall 2015, CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) kicked off a three-year measurement development contract with Mathematica Policy Research, the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, and the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services' Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group. The IAP portion of the contract entails the development or refinement of a small number of measures in key gap areas related to the IAP program areas. IAP is seeking public comment on three quality measure concepts currently under development. These measure concepts will be posted for public comment with the following anticipated comment period dates:

- Measure Concept: Use of pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder
  - Anticipated comment period: April, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Submit comments to [SUDQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:SUDQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com)
- Measure Concept: All-Cause Inpatient Admission Rate for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Complex Care Needs and High Costs
  - Anticipated comment period: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Submit comments to [BCNQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:BCNQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com)
- Measure Concept: Stratification for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Serious Mental Illness: Proportion of Days Covered: 3 Rates by Therapeutic Category
  - Anticipated comment period: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – June 9<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - Submit comments to [PMHQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:PMHQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com)

## Upcoming Calls and Webinars

**All-State SOTA Call on Home and Community-Based Services: Transition Period for Compliance with Home and Community-Based Settings Criteria** This call will discuss the timeframe of the transition period for adherence to the home and community-based settings criteria.

**May 11, 2017 at 1:30 pm ET**

Call-in Option #1: 1-844-396-8222 ID: 905 358 656

Webinar Link and Call in Option #2: <https://meetings-cms.webex.com/meetings-cms/k2/j.php?MTID=t260f1a798ff6fac3025eee81fdc075b0>

**ACA Annual Security and Privacy Attestation Procedure Review** Annual self-attestation submissions are due June 30, 2017. While some states have been through this process once before, many others have not. The purpose of this webinar will be to remind states of the reasons for conducting the annual attestation, to provide essential training on the basic procedures for testing one third of their security controls, and to answer any questions key state security personnel may have about the process. This presentation should help to ensure a timely, accurate, and successful submission cycle in June.

**May 16, 2017 at 1:00 pm ET**

Call-in Option #1: 1-844-396-8222 ID: 905 309 864

Webinar Link and Call in Option #2: <https://meetings-cms.webex.com/meetings-cms/k2/j.php?MTID=t8736cf01ee213cc444bfa341056d4880>

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May 30, 2018

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## **Business Acumen Resource Center Launches First Chapter of Toolkit**

The Business Acumen Resource Center and its partners released the first chapter of the Business Acumen tool kit. The toolkit is being developed to prepare community-based organizations (CBOs) to contract with integrated health care entities and provide tools and resources to help expand the ways CBOs do business. The toolkit is being released chapter by chapter.

In 2016, the Administration on Community Living (ACL) awarded the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations grant to the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), of which NASDDDS is a partner. The purpose of the grant was to build the capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) serving people with physical and/or intellectual or developmental disabilities to contract with integrated care and other health sector entities. The HCBS Business Acumen Resource Center equips disability CBOs with business resources, information, and training that promotes sustainability in a changing environment. Collectively, these tools support the development of business relationships between disability CBOs and health plans, integrated health care entities and other payers that result in positive outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

**FMI:** Visit [HCBSBusinessAcumen.org](https://www.hcbsbusinessacumen.org) to explore the first chapter!

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## **Ohio Requests 5-year 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Requiring Work or Community Engagement**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid, which includes the Division of Developmental Disabilities, has requested a new 5-year section 1115 demonstration to CMS, which seeks to modify the existing Medicaid expansion program to require beneficiaries in the new adult group to participate in work or community engagement as a requirement for continued Medicaid eligibility.

According to the application, to comply with the requirement, beneficiaries will need to demonstrate they work at least 20 hours a week or are engaged in other allowable activities. Failure to also meet the requirements will result in termination of Medicaid benefits.

Read the pending application here: [Pending Application](#).

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## **Kentucky Initiates Employment First Executive Order**

According to a recent news release, this month Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin signed Executive Order 2018-328 to add Kentucky to the growing list of states with Employment First policies for people with disabilities. The news release states “the Employment First Executive Order will ensure that competitive and integrated employment in the community shall be considered the first and primary option for persons with disabilities who want to become employed. This means that all state agencies will work toward making sure people with disabilities have opportunities to work in the community and offer valuable skills to their employers while receiving a competitive wage.”

The order also creates the Employment First Council as an advisory body of state government to pursue the purposes of the executive order. The executive order was one of the recommendations of the Kentucky Work Matters Task Force, which was a 23-member task force was established last summer to identify barriers and actions for people with disabilities, foster children, veterans with disabilities and those impacted by substance abuse or criminal records.

**FMI** the Employment First executive order is available [here](#).

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## **Colorado Implements Employment First Recommendations**

Colorado has initiated SB18-145 “Implement Employment First Recommendations” which a bill is concerning the implementation of the employment first advisory partnership recommendations to advance competitive integrated employment for persons with disabilities.

The bill requires the department of labor and employment and the state medical services board in the department of health care policy and financing to promulgate rules that require all providers of supported employment services for persons with disabilities to obtain a nationally recognized supported employment training certificate or earn a nationally recognized supported employment certification relating to supported employment services.

The rules must specify the time frames for completion of the training or certification and provide for training to be completed over a 5-year period, subject to appropriations for reimbursement of vendors. The state medical services board shall adopt rules for administering the reimbursements to vendors, which must be \$300 for each certification exam and \$1,200 for each training program certificate, which

includes reimbursement for both the cost of training and wages paid to employees during training.

The bill requires that the department of labor and employment's fee schedule for rehabilitation services include the discovery process as an alternative comprehensive assessment if appropriate for persons with disabilities. The bill also lists annual employment data, reported by county, that the department of health care policy and financing must collect.

**FMI** Read the legislation here: <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb18-145>.

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### **CONFERENCE THEME**

As states continue to rebalance systems to support home and community-based services they do so while facing fiscal challenges, changing organizational structure in the state I/DD system, and provider workforce shortages. This requires a need to focus on building capacity at all levels of system.

The conference will provide opportunities to:

- Learn from state colleagues about state initiatives on a myriad of topics that help to improve the delivery of supports for persons with developmental disabilities.
- Hear from providers about their perspectives on what capacity-building efforts need to happen from the ground up.
- Learn about some innovative data driven research based practices to support state efforts.
- Learn about other models of system re-design and their impacts on long-term services and supports (LTSS).

**FMI** Access the conference brochure here:

<http://www.nasddds.org/conferences/2018-directors-forum-mid-year-conference>.

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Tennessee Becomes 14th State to Not Operate Any Large State Institutions

According to a recent news release, Tennessee has now become the 14th State to not operate any large, state insitutions as Greene Valley Developmental Center (GVDC) closed after more than 5 decades of operation. Tennessee now joins 13 other states and the District of Columbia that do not operate any large, state-run institutions for people with intellectual disabilities.

"People who lived at Greene Valley are now living rewarding lives in their communities," Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Commissioner Debra K. Payne said. "We are closing an important chapter in the history of supporting people with disabilities in Tennessee. It's important to celebrate the huge advancements we've made, while remembering the important role Greene Valley played for 56 years."

"I want to take this opportunity to thank all Greene Valley employees for the excellent care they have provided to people with disabilities for more than 50 years," Payne

said. “Also, the entire Greene County community has supported the facility and the people who live there, and we are extremely grateful for their continued partnership as we support people with intellectual disabilities in the community.”

In 1995, Greene Valley, Clover Bottom and Nat. T Winston Developmental Centers were the subject of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice and a lawsuit was brought by advocates for people with disabilities over conditions at the three institutions. After two decades of work to improve the state’s service delivery system, all parties agreed to an Exit Plan in January 2015, which included the closure of GVDC.

FMI <http://www.tn.gov/didd/news/for-immediate-release-greene-valley-developmental-center-closes>.

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Rhode Island Launches Person-Centered Supported Employment Program

Rhode Island’s Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals Division of Developmental Disabilities, recently implemented a Person-Centered Supported Employment Performance Program. The goal of the program is to promote the expansion of integrated employment opportunities and supported employment services.

The Program’s Performance-Based Contracts include performance payments that are linked to graduated levels of provider achievement regarding enhanced staff training and employment outcomes, based on standard implementation timelines.

The 22 participating provider agencies developed goals and benchmarks related to three core components of integrated employment services:

- 1) **Staff Credentials:** staff must be certified from an Association Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) approved training or they must secure the Certified Employment Specialist Program (CESP) designation.
- 2) **Employment Team Structure:** Providers submitted an outline of their supported employment model, team structure and specific details about the number of individuals they propose to support.
- 3) **Provider Performance Goals:** Providers established specified performance measures, numerical targets, implementation timelines, and goals they expect to achieve while providing integrated employment services.

Monthly “Strategy Meetings” are held with participating provider agencies to review best practices, outline training needs, review program specific topics, and problem solve barriers to success. These strategy meetings also include the Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services, for ongoing collaborative discussions, and often host a guest speaker to discuss topics pertinent to employment program needs.

Additionally, technical assistance is provided on a regular basis to support the system transformation required to increase employment opportunities for individuals living with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

FMI For more information about the program, contact:

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Colorado Passes Bill Changing State Statute to Allow Additional Case Management Entities

The Colorado Office of Community Living shared through its spring update that SB17-1343 regarding implementing conflict free case management has passed through both chambers in the Colorado legislature. The bill implements conflict-free case management for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are enrolled in home- and community-based services under Colorado's Medicaid program.

The definition of conflict-free case management is included in the bill and reflects the policy that case management services are provided to a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities who is enrolled in home- and community-based services by an agency that is not also providing the same person services and supports unless a federal exemption is approved.

Gretchen Hammer, Director of the Office of Community Living shared in the update that rules and regulations will be promulgated and through the Medical Services Board in 12-18 months which will allow additional case management agencies to be certified to provide case management in Colorado. (This will allow more than one case management agency for increased choice, currently limited by state statute to just one of the 20 Community Centered Boards by catchment area).

FMI To access the bill click here <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb17-1343>.

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Lead Center Announces New ABLE Brief

The LEAD Center released a brief titled, "The ABLE Act and Employment: Strategies for Maximizing the Effectiveness of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act as a Tool for Financial Stability and Employment Outcomes of People with Disabilities."

The purpose of this brief is to demonstrate how provisions in the ABLE Act can be combined with federal benefit services and other federal programs and initiatives to further competitive integrated employment for people with disabilities. The brief contains a list of the provisions of the ABLE Act, their impact on the financial self-sufficiency and employment opportunities of persons with disabilities, and recommendations on how to best utilize the ABLE Act to maximize these outcomes. Some examples included in the brief of how an ABLE account can be combined with other supports, in order to increase financial self-sufficiency and/or employment opportunities, include:

- Utilizing the SSI PASS (Plan for Achieving Self-Support) program in conjunction with ABLE account savings to maintain supported employment services.
- Using the ABLE accounts to pay for Medicaid Buy-In Program premiums, rather than limiting their earned income to stay below Medicaid's income limits. That way, people continue to be eligible for their Medicaid-funded supported employment services while steadily improving their financial status.
- Having state VR programs consider providing assistance in linking people to support for setting up ABLE accounts, as something offered to VR participants.

FMI To access the bill click here <http://www.leadcenter.org/resources/report-brief/able-act-and-employment-strategies-maximizing-effectiveness-achieving-better->

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#### Connecticut Prepares to Launch New e-Licensing Portal

Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is launching a new e-Licensing portal, slated to rollout in late 2017 or early 2018. The new portal will support Community Living Arrangement (CLA) and Community Companion Home (CCH) licensing, Evacuation Score tracking, and Medication Administration Certification. The web-based application's many benefits include access bility from any internet connection, allowing role-based access for DDS personnel and private providers, automated workflows and notifications, document management and electronic signature capability. The e-Licensing application will support streamlined processes, reducing waiting times, paper handling and duplicative document submission, and increasing efficiency and timeliness in licensing and other supported functions.

The e-Licensing journey began two years ago when DDS was invited to participate in a statewide Lean process with multiple agencies to identify requirements for an electronic licensing application. The Lean project resulted in shared requirements across agencies to allow for an Enterprise solution – one modular and configurable software product that could be used by many agencies. Funding for the initial implementation was requested by the Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Enterprise Systems & Technology (DAS/BEST) on behalf of participating agencies, and was awarded through the IT Capitol Investment Program at the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Currently six state agencies utilize the e-Licensing portal, including the Departments of Consumer Protection, Public Health, and Agriculture, the Office of Early Childhood, and the CT Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) Department of Entomology.

DDS is confident that the technological advancements, in conjunction with improved processes and streamlined business rules, will result in reduced administrative burdens for our provider community and DDS staff. We are committed to ensuring that the rollout is done thoughtfully and intend to announce training opportunities for users later in the fall. As we transition from the old paper process to the new automated electronic process, we will be looking for feedback on how the new process is working so we can make adjustments as needed.

**FMI** Read the executive brief here: [http://www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/execbriefs/2017/executive\\_brief\\_9\\_13\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/execbriefs/2017/executive_brief_9_13_2017.pdf).

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## Tennessee Long-Standing Law Suit Dismissed

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Commissioner Debra K. Payne today announced the dismissal of the longstanding Clover Bottom lawsuit, effectively ending a quarter century of litigation and court oversight of intellectual disabilities services in the state of Tennessee.

U.S. District Chief Judge Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr. dismissed the case and entered an order in which he found the state had complied with all conditions of a court approved plan to improve services and the quality of life for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Tennessee now has quality assurance and protection from harm programs that support people with intellectual disabilities. These programs have been recognized nationally as models of best practice for other states.

"We have fundamentally changed the way we serve some of our most vulnerable citizens in Tennessee," Haslam said. "I'm grateful for the tireless work of so many people to get to this point and ultimately improve the lives of thousands of Tennesseans with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

People First of Tennessee filed the lawsuit in 1995 and it was later consolidated with a case filed by the federal government concerning the conditions at three state developmental centers: Clover Bottom Developmental Center in Nashville; Greene Valley Developmental Center in Greeneville; and Nat T. Winston Developmental Center in Bolivar. The court partially dismissed the case in 2016. The closure of Greene Valley Developmental Center was the remaining item to be completed and occurred in May 2017. A separate lawsuit concerning Arlington Developmental Center was dismissed in 2013. All four developmental centers have now closed and thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities now receive home and community based supports.

"By every measure possible, the transformation has been a remarkable success," said People First of Tennessee's attorney Judith Gran. "Tennessee has one of the best community services in the nation, providing services and support in a rich array of programs."

"The parties recognize that Tennessee is providing high quality supports in the community and no longer needs court oversight," Payne said. "The path to this day has not been an easy one, and could not have been accomplished without long hours, hard work, dedication and a deep passion for the people we support shown by the employees of DIDD."

The dismissal of this case was agreed to by all parties, including the plaintiffs who represented hundreds of Tennesseans with intellectual disabilities who at one time lived in one of the state institutions, as well as two parent guardian associations.

In January 2015, the parties agreed to a plan to exit the suit in which DIDD and TennCare agreed to complete nine sections of requirements, including:

Developing training for law enforcement officers who may come into contact with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities;

Authoring training for licensed physicians, caregivers and families to improve outcomes of medical care for people with disabilities;

Revising individual support plans;

Establishing behavioral respite homes in East and Middle Tennessee; and

Closing Greene Valley Developmental Center.

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## New York Announces Direct Support Professionals Week

New York Office for People With Disabilities acknowledged Direct Support Professionals week in a recent letter below from Ms. Kerry Delaney, Acting Commissioner.

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As many of you know, [Governor Cuomo has officially proclaimed the week of September 10-16, 2017 "Direct Support Professionals Week" in the State of New York](#). This annual observance provides us an opportunity to honor and thank the thousands of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) who empower New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to lead full and rewarding lives, accomplish their goals and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

DSPs are the heart and soul of our service delivery system – working with, for and right beside the people who receive supports. They enable, help, and care. They provide encouragement, compassion and empathy. They develop personal relationships with the people they support – relationships based on mutual trust, esteem and respect.

In my estimation, there is not a nobler pursuit nor a higher calling than dedicating oneself to bettering the lives of others. DSPs epitomize the highest ideals of human services. To the approximately 130,000 people with I/DD enrolled in services in New York State, the dedication, devotion and dependability of their DSPs are more than important, they are indispensable.

This year's budget, thanks to the Governor and Legislature, provided tangible recognition of the vital work performed by DSPs on behalf of our friends, neighbors and loved ones with I/DD by providing funds to increase the wages of DSPs working at hundreds of

our partner agencies throughout the State.

Many of our provider agencies are holding events this week to recognize the outstanding contributions of their DSPs, and on Friday, I will participate in a statewide event to honor the outstanding DSPs who make valuable contributions to those supported by state operated services.

Irrespective of where they work, DSPs are united by their uniquely demanding yet indispensable roles. DSPs do much more than provide services and supports. DSPs give the people they work with the power to shine, the power to grow, the power to rise higher than others thought they could. This week and every week, we recognize the special brand of compassion, patience, strength, humanity and skill it takes to be a DSP. This week and every week we convey our thanks and admiration to the extraordinary people we call DSPs.

**FMI** [https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\\_about/commissioners\\_page/commissioners\\_message/9/13/2017](https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_about/commissioners_page/commissioners_message/9/13/2017).

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## **Oklahoma Initiates Practice and Policy Lecture Series Focusing on family members**

Supporting family members with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) is the topic of the September Practice and Policy Lecture Series presented by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS). "Reframing Change at All Levels to Support Families across LifeCourse" will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Oklahoma is one of 17 states participating in the National Community of Practice for Supporting Families which seeks to enhance policies and practices that impact families with members with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The work is guided by Charting the LifeCourse framework which was developed to help individuals and families at any age or stage of life think about what they need to know, identify how to find or develop integrated supports, and discover what it takes to create a "good life." The presentation will introduce the Charting the LifeCourse framework as a foundation for working with individuals with I/DD and their families, exploring the effect of past and current policies and practices, and the significant role families play across the lifespan. Real life examples of implementation of the framework will be shared.

Featured speaker is Ms. Crystal Bell, who is the mother of Peyton, a 13-year-old diagnosed with Down Syndrome; Conner, a 12-year-old diagnosed with autism; and Lilly, an energetic, "typically-developing" two-year-old. Bell was a volunteer at the Missouri Family-to-Family Information Center, housed at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development before joining LifeCourse in 2013. She is a trained Sharing Our Strengths peer mentor and family leader within the Missouri Family-to-Family organization, as well as a 2016 graduate of the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council's Partners in Policymaking Program, a leadership and advocacy training program for parents of children with developmental disabilities as well as adult self-advocates. Bell is a lifelong learner whose education and trainings span all life stages and domains, including Wrightslaw, Tools of Choice, and Care Coordination and Advocacy.

The Practice and Policy Lecture Series has been developed to provide thought-provoking presentations on Oklahoma's emerging policy issues, trends and best practices. The series is sponsored by the [Oklahoma Department of Human Services Office of Planning, Research and Statistics](#) and the [University of Oklahoma Center for Public Management](#) with the goal of providing the best educational opportunities available in a forum that offers participants an opportunity to question, share and learn from each other.

**FMI** <http://www.okdhs.org/library/news/rel/Pages/comm09142017.aspx>

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## **Oregon Commissions Studies on LTSS**

The Oregon Department of Human Services, Aging and people with Disabilities (APD) commissioned studies completed by Oregon Universities which review quality, availability, and more of long-term services and supports (LTSS).

Studies focused on community care settings and offered several observations:

- Oregon has the highest rate of Assisted Living and residential care communities that accept Medicaid in the nation.
- The demand for endorsed memory care facilities has increased during the past decade.
- The majority of community-based care settings employ a full-time RN though not required.
- More than 9 in 10 admissions to Oregon nursing facilities come from hospitals.

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[http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/DHSNEWS/NewsReleases/091217%20OSU\\_PSU%20Study%20Presentation%20Event%20091517.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/DHSNEWS/NewsReleases/091217%20OSU_PSU%20Study%20Presentation%20Event%20091517.pdf)

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Hello, everyone!

I know it has been some time since we have talked about our planning for the September 14 DAIL Advisory Board meeting. I wanted to share with you how the agenda is shaping up (it is FULL!) to give you a sense of the time frame for your piece of the agenda.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Also, please let Liz Perreault know if you will need a badge to get into the building so we can have that ready for you. Thank you.

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1:45 – 2:00: State Long Term Care Ombudsman: Formation of Subcommittee to Examine Conflict of Interest (Sean Londergan, VOP and Angela Smith-Dieng)

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Hi Bard and Camille

Am hoping you can let me know if the fed reg below is one DAIL has been working on and where VT is with compliance? (attached is Verma-Price letter for context).

Am asking so I can provide update to Cory asap (he has reporter coming in for ACA repeal questions).

Thanks!



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