

Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2022
Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM
Location: Hybrid (in-person & MS Teams)

Members Present (alphabetical): Janis Appel, Mark Boutwell, Lynne Cardozo, Eliza Eager, Kim Fitzgerald, Eric Fritz, Keith Grier, Mary Hayden, Elaine Haytko, Jake Hemmerick, Deanna Jones, Michele Karel, Maggie Lewis, Ross MacDonald, Dan Noyes, Janet Nunziata, Jill Olsen, Christine Ryan, Symphorien Sikyala, Rebecca Smith, and Kelly Stoddard Poor.

Planning Team Present: Angela Smith-Dieng, Kerstin Hanson, Julie Skarha, Megan Tierney-Ward

Presenters Present: Jacob Hemmerick, Kim Fitzgerald, Ross MacDonald, Jon Kaplan, and Richard Amore.

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Topic	Notes	Action
Welcome and Announcements	<p>Welcome everyone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome to Eliza Eager, new member, also serving on the Master Plan on Aging Collaborative and the Windham County Senior Health Collaborative 	<p><i>Any relevant announcements between meetings can be sent to Kerstin to be shared with the group.</i></p>
Updates	<p>EnVision Vermont/AARP Paper Survey Results Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie presented to the Burlington Aging Council last week and is happy to share her PowerPoint presentation; please reach out to Julie at julie.skarha@vermont.gov if you would like to have it. A summary of the paper survey responses will be available next month. ○ Note that many of the paper surveys were translated into Vietnamese for the community, so it will be interesting to compare responses from that group to the ones not translated. <p>Needs Assessment Next Step: Listening Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broad-based sessions will take place statewide in November, open to the public ○ Using the Older Vermonters Act Principles, VDH has been helping put together the questions for the sessions. ○ We appreciate you spreading the word on the Listening Sessions; they flyer was sent to the group along with a newsletter notice for Front Porch Forum, etc. ○ Facilitators are being identified. Volunteers are welcomed! Let Kerstin know if you would like to help. ○ Once the questions are finalized, we can send them to this group for quick feedback, which is welcomed. <p>MPA Collaborative</p>	<p><i>Share broadly the flyer and newsletter notice regarding the upcoming Listening Sessions.</i></p> <p><i>Provide finalized questions to the group for quick feedback.</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus currently on goals and prioritization with support from CHCS coordinating the effort. Goals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engaging new & different stakeholders such as philanthropic & the for-profit community, underrepresented groups, etc. ○ Support & engagement from state leadership – moving VT to be an Age-Friendly Designated State. Moving to build momentum for this work. ○ Meeting with the other states this Wednesday to learn what others are doing. ○ Mark Boutwell from Senior Solutions represented VT in CA in September for the CA for All Call-to-Action meeting. <p>Intern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kaley Phillips, a Champlain College student majoring in Psychology with an interest in aging, is conducting research for us which will be shared at the December meeting. 	
<p>Panel Presentation & Discussion:</p> <p>Q&A/Discussion (15-20 min)</p>	<p>Panelists each presented on the topic: Housing, Transportation and Community Design Facilitator: Kelly Stoddard Poor</p> <p>Q&A Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing: Jacob Hemmerick and Kim Fitzgerald <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demand also includes climate migration; how is this being tracked? Jake shared that an initial study was done by VCCI with indicators pointing in that direction, but we don't have excellent data for a comprehensive understanding at this time. ● How do we address the urgency for affordable housing? The urgency is being felt however it takes time to build homes and we will continue to feel the impact. Need to keep the pressure on in the long term. Suggestion to talk with your neighbors about appropriate development to meet the need. ○ Transportation: Ross MacDonald and Jon Kaplan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion re: the support of this work – there is the infrastructure and the culture with efforts to help communities see that these changes are good for everyone. Good to see local pedestrian and bicycle friendly initiatives. It takes a long time to change the culture and it takes the public to push for things on the local level to have action taken. More municipal support and political pressure needed for more equitable transportation. ● Pop Up Projects are a good starting point at the local level. Examples include Montpelier, Brattleboro, Rutland, and Bellows Falls. ○ Community Design: Richard Amore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Considerations include population growth, moving folks, transportation challenges and affordable, accessible housing. Larger urban areas have great public transit when you actually get there. 	<p><i>See presentation slides attached.</i></p> <p><i>Send any follow up questions to Kerstin.</i></p>

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Wrap-up	Many thanks for the presentations, the information and the good questions asked. It is all very important for us all to process as it is a very important component of the action plan regarding goals and strategies.	<i>Feedback and questions are welcomed by Angela and Kerstin.</i>
Meeting Schedule	Next Meeting: Monday, December 19, 2022, 10:00AM – 12:00PM via Microsoft Teams. Topic: Coordinated & Efficient System of Services Reminder, you can find minutes/materials from meetings here: Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well Advisory Committee Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living	<i>Calendar invites have been sent through February 2023.</i>

Questions/edits re: these minutes, please contact Kerstin.hanson@vermont.gov.