

To: Interested Parties

From: Camille George, Deputy Commissioner

Date: October 29, 2018

Re: Opportunity and Request for Help: Seeking Applicants for DAIL Advisory Board

I am writing to let you know about an excellent opportunity for people who want to help us achieve our mission: *to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability, with dignity, respect and independence* and to ask for your help: The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) is seeking applicants to serve on its Advisory Board. Established in State statute, the purpose of the Advisory Board is to advise the Commissioner of DAIL with respect to programs and issues affecting older persons and persons with disabilities. Members of the board are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Members of the board may be:

- Older persons (age 60 and older);
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Representatives of the five geographic regions of the state (Northeastern Vermont, Northwestern Vermont, Central Vermont, Southeastern Vermont and Southwestern Vermont)

We currently are seeking applicants to fill the following seats:

- **Geographic Representative for Southeastern Vermont (one seat); and**
- **Persons with disabilities.**

How can you help: The DAIL Advisory Board is made up of a diverse group of people, who bring a wealth of experience and insight into our work. I really hope you will consider this opportunity and ask your help in spreading the word about this broadly to others who may be interested. I've included some additional information about the board on the next page and we are happy to answer any additional questions and provide applications to any interested parties. Please contact Liz Perreault and me directly. We can be reached at the phone number above or by e-mail at: liz.perreault@vermont.gov and camille.george@vermont.gov . Thank you.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DAIL ADVISORY BOARD:

The Advisory Board meets the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Advisory Board usually takes the month of August off. Meetings for the next year are scheduled for:

November 8, 2018
December 13, 2018
January 10, 2019
February 14, 2019
March 14, 2019
April 11, 2019
May 9, 2019
June 13, 2019
July 11, 2019
September 12, 2019
October 10, 2019

Meetings will take place at the Waterbury State Office Complex in Waterbury.

Often, we have service providers who are interested in serving on the DAIL Advisory Board. The statute that establishes the DAIL Advisory Board states that “paid providers of services to older persons and persons with disabilities shall not be appointed except as representatives of one of the five regions of the state or because they otherwise qualify for membership,” which we interpret to mean meet the definition of an older adult or a person with disabilities.

The statute does not permit us to compensate members for participation on the board, but we are able to provide reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with a person’s service on the board when they are not otherwise covered.

More information about the DAIL Advisory Board, it’s Operating Procedures and past meetings and materials can be found at the DAIL Advisory Board web page:

<https://dail.vermont.gov/resources/advisory-board>