

DAIL Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2022

Microsoft Teams Phone/Video Conference

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Lynne Cardozo, Jane Catton, James Coutts, Eliza Eager, Kim Fitzgerald, Joseph Greenwald, Michael Grutke, Tom Hamilton, Jeanne Hutchins, Nick McCardle, Michelle Monroe, Delaina Norton, Steven Pouliot, Rachel Seelig, Marie Zura

Guests: Erika Wolffing, Kirsten Murphy, Eric Covey, Marie Lallier, Lindsey Owen

State Employees: Monica White, Megan Tierney-Ward, Ashley Bonneau

Motion to Approve Minutes: November 10, 2022, minutes: Motion approve: Jane Catton
Second: Michael Gruteke

Minutes are approved as written

September and October minutes were approved by Lynne Cardozo at December Meeting.

DAIL Updates:

Monica White, Commissioner and Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner

Bard Hill, Principal Assistant, is retiring at the end of the calendar year. He will be returning in January as a temp employee. In November Rebecca Silbernagel was introduced as the new Principal Assistant.

On Monday December 13th, 2022, the State Union on Aging Director, Jason Pelopida, will be starting at DAIL. He will be introduced to the Advisory Board.

December 19th, 2022, the Residential Program Developer and the Children Services Specialist will be starting. These positions are held in DDSD.

Department for Financial Regulations, for Medicare Supplemental plans, the rate increase went from 9.8% increase to 7.2%. This was partially due to the work our subcommittee took the time to draft the letter that was sent on how this would effect Vermonters adversely.

VDH and Advisory committee had their listening session which have concluded. There were about 90 Vermonters who had participated. The results are now being compiled and the next steps will be working groups to be held in 2023.

Act 167 from 2022, required DAIL to convene home based services. The vendor has been contracted (Health Systems Transformation), the contract launched in November. The working group will begin meeting in January 2023.

HCBS – conflict free case management. The November 14th DVHA, DMH, DAIL held kickoff with contractor Health Manager Associates to begin work on the compliance with the conflict free case

management. The leads are Megan, Angela McMann and Jeff Nunemaker. There are limited services positions that are being recruited.

DBVI The division conducts a survey, every 3 years. The results from 2022 showed 97% satisfied with the program.

The legislature is doing their orientation for the newly elected officials. There was a virtual AHS meet and greet with a high-level orientation for the new and existing legislatures. DAILE's committee jurisdiction is House of Human Services Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee.

Angela Smith-Dieng and Rebecca Silbernagel, met with Vermont Community Broadband board about digital equity.

Last Month the Vermont Council on Rural development (Putney vt) for youth families and aging conducted a listening session. They discussed ways to develop and strengthen their community.

One legislative initiative is revising the APS Statue, Joe Nusbaum has been lead for this. They will be meeting with multiple legislation electives to discuss this topic and to move forward during this session.

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner

COVID Outbreaks and the outbreak data. There was a contact identified with John Davie (partner at VDH).

DAILE Core Competencies – Hope Smith has been developing the framework of these Competencies. She has led the department through the exercises with each division leadership group as well as with the commissioner's office. The competencies that were identified for DAILE are, collaborates, drives vision and purpose, Human Center Design or Customer focus. This is to create a framework around these competencies for training. Eventually divisions will be able to create job specific or division specific competencies. In 2023 it will be the pilot year where there will be individuals who will be the firsts to use these.

MOU is being created with DMH for the bed board platform. The goal is to have a plan for roll out first for nursing facilities. Then to see how other facilities can use this.

Adult Services Division – Haley Church is a temporary position and is filling in for Colleen Bedard as administrative support. Colleen is out on leave but will be returning.

The SAMs data base that CFC currently uses. The RFP will go out this month for vendors the be able to put their Bids in. This is to modernize the data base.

There are four nursing facilities that are being contacted for grant funding for staffing. This is a short-term grant. (Birchwood, Elderwood, Green Mountain) This is to open up to 65 beds. The goal of this grant is to address the hospital post-acute needs.

Dylan Frazier will be joining in January to talk about the mobile Crisis RFP. There will be metrics that are included in the contract.

LTC Ombudsman Conflict of Interest DAB Subcommittee Review: Kaili Kuiper, Vermont LTC Ombudsman & Subcommittee

The subcommittee has meet on 12/7/22. The subcommittee was Ruby Baker, Marie Zura and Lynn Cardozo. They unanimously agree there are. They looked a all conflict-of-interest exposure forms. They also looked at two parts an excerpt of LTC Ombudsman Policies (part 7) and (part 8) individual conflicts of interests. There was also a discussion of conflict-of-interest activity.

Motion to accept recommendations of subcommittee

Mike Seconds

All approve

DAIL Division:

DAIL Directors/ Delegates

Please see the presentation that was provided.

Please follow the link to the PowerPoint.

Advisory board Updates & Legislative Initiatives

Jane Catton – age well will be hosting sessions in three 3 counties to discuss priorities, workforce, nutrition, supplemental plan supports.

Kim Fitzgerald moved to end meeting

Michael Grutke second the motion

Meeting was adjourned 12:00pm