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To: Interested Parties

From: Megan Tierney-Ward, Acting Deputy Commissioner 

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Re: Opportunity: 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.* 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. The Advisory Board meets the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Meetings will usually take place at the Waterbury State Office Complex. Members of the board are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Members of the board may be:

- Individuals who are older adults or people with disabilities; and
- Representatives of the five geographic regions of the state (Northeastern Vermont, Northwestern Vermont, Central Vermont, Southeastern Vermont and Southwestern Vermont)

We are currently seeking a person who is interested in representing Northeastern Vermont on the board. We also have openings for older adults and people with disabilities.

Though the statute does not allow us to compensate members for participation on the board, 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.

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 am happy to answer any additional questions and provide applications to any interested parties. I can be reached at the phone number above or by e-mail at: megan.tierney-ward@vermont.gov. Thank you.