



Developmental Disabilities Services Division Update

DAIL Advisory Board Meeting

June 9, 2022



Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) State System of Care Plan Renewal

- DDS State System of Care Plan renewal
 - Required every three years
 - Extended current Plan from 2020 related to Public Health Emergency and staff vacancies
 - Current effort lead by Clare McFadden as part of initiatives related to temporary position following retirement from full-time state service
- Regulations Implementing the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1996
 - DDSD is updating the Regulations to:
 - Clarify definition of 'young child'
 - Align eligibility with Supreme Court decision
 - Ensure grievance and appeal language matches the language in the Global Commitment to Health



DDS State System of Care Plan Areas of Focus

- DDSD agreed to three “areas of focus”
 - Division accepts input on all areas of the Plan
 - Areas determined by previous stakeholder input
 - Solicits input on the agreed-on areas
- The three areas for this cycle are:
 - Housing options/alternatives
 - Paying parents with DS HCBS dollars to provide care to their child(ren)
 - Services/supports for adults with autism

Stakeholder Input

- Initially, holding targeted stakeholder engagement sessions
- Have heard from stakeholders that having individual group sessions provides a safe space for individuals to speak freely, without fear of retaliation
- Once targeted sessions are completed, larger group sessions will be held— where stakeholders will have an opportunity to come together and hear from one another
- This process will be used for each of the areas of focus

Current Status

Have held 3 forums

- Housing Options/Alternative topic
- Met with DDS Provider Network, Families, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Working to schedule additional forums for this topic

- Scheduling meeting with self-advocacy groups (including Green Mountain Self-Advocates), families and individuals with developmental disabilities who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind

Planning phase for next area of focus

- Paying parents with DDS HCBS funds to provide care to their own child(ren)

Looking ahead

- Supports/services for adults with autism

Other Methods for Input



Full full stakeholder meetings



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Timeline

Regulations should be submitted to Secretary of State's Office in June 2022

Solicit input and hold public comment through summer

DDS State System of Care Plan forums completed in Summer

Draft DDS System of Care Plan presented to DDS State Program Standing Committee in late Summer 2022

Finalized DDS State System Care Plan 2022-2025 anticipated Fall 2022