

Thank you for considering me for the Chair position of the DAIL Advisory Board.

I have worked closely with DAIL and many other community providers during my 17-year career as Manager of Elder Care at UVMMC and Executive Director of the Center on Aging at UVM.

I have held Chair positions in the past and am familiar with Robert's Rules. I understand that one of the most important rules for a Board Chair is impartiality in matters presented for discussion. Therefore, I feel that I am qualified to lead this Board.

My interest in this Board is not only professional. My elderly mother lived with my family for 3 years and during that time I gained firsthand knowledge of challenges around mental health services, prescribing issues and lack of availability of specialty services. I am currently in the process of filing a Medicaid application for my mother-in-law and moving her from a private pay residential care home to a nursing home. Now I understand the complexity of the Medicaid application and the challenge of finding a suitable nursing home bed.

And last, I enjoy serving on this board. I have learned so much about the disability community, the providers and services. I understand how aging and disabilities services overlap and also how they are very different. We have many challenges ahead and I am excited to be involved in shaping the solutions.

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