

Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21, 2021
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00
Location: Red Maple Conference Room, Waterbury State Office Complex or
 Virtually on MS Teams

Members Present: Janis Appel, Ruby Baker, Anna Benvenuto, Katie Bocchino, Mark Boutwell, Lynne Cardozo, Kim Fitzgerald, Eric Fritz, Keith Grier, Mary Hayden, Elaine Haytko, Jake Hemmerick, Karen Horn, Hima Kanuparthi, Michele Karel, Mark Levine, Ross MacDonald, Dan Noyes, Janet Nunziata, Jill Olsen, Laura Pelosi, Lisa Perron, Meg Polyte, Jamie Renner, Christine Ryan, Symphorien Sikyala, Kendal Smith, Rebecca Smith, Gregory Smith, Kelly Stoddard Poor, Monica White.

Planning Team Present: Colleen Bedard, Conor O’Dea, Angela Smith-Dieng, Rhonda Williams.

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Topic	Notes	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Greg asked if member emails could be shared.	Member emails will be shared with the minutes.
Opening Remarks	Commissioners Levine and White welcomed everyone to this group and shared the importance of these efforts.	
Purpose of the Committee and Member Roles	Rhonda Williams walked through the handout on committee purpose and member roles.	Members may reach out to planning team if there are questions.
Older Vermonters Act (Act 156), Proposed Process for the Development of the Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well and Summary of Learnings from Other States	Angela Smith-Dieng shared a presentation overview of the Older Vermonters Act and the Action Plan for Aging Well, including the proposed action steps in its development and the proposed timeline, as well as a summary of learnings from other states. Members were able to ask questions and comment.	Send slides with the minutes. Planning team will consider having another state join us at a future meeting depending on availability.

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<p>Existing Plans and Their Connection to This Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Plan on Aging • State Health Improvement Plan 	<p>Conor O’Dea shared information about Vermont’s State Plan on Aging and its intersections with this planning process. Rhonda Williams shared information about Vermont’s State Health Improvement Plan and its connect to this work. Rhonda also mentioned current efforts to create a Vermont State Plan on Alzheimer’s. Members were able to ask questions and comment.</p>	<p>Send slides with the minutes. Include information about upcoming meetings to contribute input for the State Plan on Alzheimer’s.</p>
<p>The Work Ahead</p>	<p>Angela gave an overview of next steps including planning for a needs assessment process, including seeking to secure funding, as well as planning for more stakeholder engagement. We may want to create a subcommittee to help guide the needs assessment; stay tuned for a potential invite if you are interested and have capacity.</p>	<p>Planning team to work on next steps for needs assessment and will communicate and engage with Advisory Committee around progress.</p>
<p>Next Steps and Meeting Schedule</p>	<p>It was suggested that the committee meet again in January when we hope to have concrete work around a needs assessment beginning. There was a request to try to meet on Mondays during the legislative session. Angela also shared that we have a webpage for the committee where we will post agendas, minutes and materials: Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well Advisory Committee Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living</p>	<p>Colleen will send a calendar invite for the next meeting in January.</p>