

DAIL Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting November 14,2024 [approved]

Attendees:

Board Members: Eliza Eager, Steve Pouliot, Gary Chester, Jane Catton, Joe Greenwald, Lynne Cardozo, Andre' LaChance, Marie Zura, Nick McCardle, Rick Neu,

DAIL Staff: Megan Tierney-Ward, Jill Bowen, Rebecca Silbernagel, Angela McMann, Angela Smith-Dieng, Ginny Clark-Ziske, Jessica Bernard,

Guests: Susan Aranoff, Ethan Latour, Helen Labun, Jean Warner, Kaili Kuiper, Kelli Kazmarski, Lindsey Owen, Katherine Martin, Kirsten Murphy

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion to Approve:** Marie Zura
- **Seconded by:** Nick McCardle
- **Minutes Approved.**
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Commissioner Updates:

Listening Tour Feedback:

- Themes: safety, affordability, workforce challenges, interrelated issues such as transportation and affordable housing.
- Direct care workforce challenges and the need for strategic solutions.
- Trends: systems alignment, advocating for families, and promoting self-advocacy among families.
- Collaboration efforts between DAIL and DMH.
- **Retirement Announcement:**
 - Megan Tierney-Ward: Final DAIL Advisory Board (DAB) meeting before retirement. Ms. Catton took a moment to thank Megan for her many years of service and to wish her well in her upcoming retirement

Developmental Services (DS) Payment Reform:

- **Presenter:** Jessica Bernard
 - Discussion continued integrating various services into individual budgets.
 - **Presentation Highlights:**
 - Overview of service alignment.
 - Question and answer session.
 - Future meeting plans:
 - Results from the Human Services Board to be presented.
 - Update scheduled for December to conclude the presentation.

Age Strong VT Plan:

- **Presenter:** Angela Smith-Dieng
 - Updates on the 2024 Age Strong Vermont (ASVT) work:
 - Kristin Hansen stepped down; Project Manager position in hiring process.
 - Baseline data review and Goal Tracker updates available online.
 - **Progress Report:**
 - Initiatives from the first year will be detailed in January.

- 2025 Focus:
 - Onboarding Project Manager.
 - Enhanced collaboration with partners.
 - Depth in implementation and prioritization of initiatives.
 - Communications and feedback work through an online survey.
- **Survey Insights:**
 - **Q1:** Get Set Up program (1,800-2,000 participants supported by AAAs).
 - **Q2:** Medically tailored home-delivered meals.
 - **Q3:** Congregate/community meals and library pilot programs.
 - Meals on Wheels starting to deliver books in some areas.
 - Activities added by aging centers.
 - **Q4:** Housing initiatives, including SASH, to address housing needs for older Vermonters.
 - **Q5:** Transportation priorities with a survey for DAB member feedback.

Conflict of Interest Subcommittee Review:

- Members: Kiley Kuiper, Eliza Eager, Joe Greenwald, William Kowalewski, Frederick Neu, Shellie Stevens.
- Subcommittee report reviewed by DAB.
- **Motion:** Subcommittee vote to send a copy of the report to DAIL. Ginny will forward on to appropriate parties.
 - **Motion by:** Joe Greenwald
 - **Seconded by:** Unnamed
 - **Approved.**

Commissioner's Question of the Month:

- Proposal: Embed Commissioner's question of the month in the agenda (policy/strategy focus, to allow for DAB member input each month, including, breakout room discussions. Ms. Catton suggested this begin in January 2025.

Public Input:

- Kirsten: Invitation to Disability Power Hour, online or in-person events.
 - Online: [Disability Power Hour](#)
 - In-person: South Burlington Library, Capitol Plaza (3rd floor), St. Johnsbury Library.
- **Medicaid Discussion:**
 - **Andre:** Questions about potential Medicaid cuts. No significant changes expected initially.

Adjournment:

- **Motion to Adjourn:**
- **First:** Lynne Cardozo
- **Seconded by:** Rick Neu/Gary Chester
- **Meeting Adjourned.**