

## **DAIL Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting November 14,2024 [draft]**

### **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 Disability Advisory Board (DAB) meeting before 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 SD
  - 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:** GetSetUp 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 Ginny.
  - **Motion by:** Joe Greenwald
  - **Seconded by:** Unnamed
  - **Approved.**

**Question of the Month:**

- Proposal: Embed Commissioner's question of the month in the agenda (policy/strategy focus, with breakout room discussions).

**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.**