

# Age Strong VT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, September 25, 2023

**Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams, [virtually](#)

**Members Present (alphabetical):** Janis Appel, Ruby Baker, Anna Benvenuto, Mark Boutwell, Lynne Cardozo, Eric Covey, Eliza Eager, Kim Fitzgerald, Eric Fritz, Keith Grier, Mary Hayden, Elaine Haytko, Deanna Jones, Hima Kanuparthi, Helen Labun, Ross MacDonald, Dan Noyes, Janet Nunziata, Meg Polyte, Jamie Renner, Symphorien Sikyala, Gregory Smith, Jill Olsen, Meg Polyte, Christine Ryan.

**Planning Team Present:** Angela Smith-Dieng, Kerstin Hanson, Jason Pelopida, Megan Tierney-Ward, Rhonda Williams.

**Guests Present:** Peter Johnke, Melissa Phillips, Luke Rackers, Julie Skarha

## AGENDA:

Topic	Notes	Action
Welcome, Agenda Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gratitude expressed for the advisory members' contributions and good work!</li></ul>	
Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Focus Groups summary</li><li>VCF Grant for Evaluation by PDA</li><li>Governor's Office Plan Review</li><li>Fall Summit Outreach</li><li>Julie Skarha</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final focus group data collected to be added to the draft plan; Melissa Phillips presented on the equity groups.</li><li>VCF grant engaging Professional Data Analysts via Community of Vermont Elders to provide evaluation planning support, including logic model and dashboard.</li><li>Governor's office to review draft plan &amp; provide feedback in coming week or two.</li><li>Fall Summit Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 am at the Waterbury State Office Complex. Invitation with RSVP to come.</li><li>Data Briefs for each of the 14 counties in the state are nearly complete along with one for VT as a whole. To also include healthy aging indicators; to be posted on web site; links to come.</li></ul>	<i>See presentation slides &amp; Family Caregiver report</i>

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<p>Finalizing the PLAN and Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives Section – Principle titles reframed and reordered:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Affordable Aging</li> <li>○ Healthy Aging for All</li> <li>○ Social Connection is Key</li> <li>○ Infrastructure for the Future</li> <li>○ Valuing Family Caregiving</li> <li>○ The Fight for Justice</li> <li>○ Strengthening Systems of Support</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestions: Language updates, preambulatory statement, Roadmap, etc.</li> <li>• Additional feedback welcomed via survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRJSXVS">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRJSXVS</a></li> <li>• Draft for public review in November, finalized in December with implementation beginning in 2024.</li> <li>• Request for advisory committee assistance with outreach to community for public comment in Nov.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Please complete the survey with any additional helpful feedback on the plan.</i></p>
<p>Advisory Committee Transition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity &amp; desire to continue into Phase II – Plan Implementation, Education, Advocacy, Data Evaluation, Monitoring, etc. Opportunity to stay engaged or step back.</li> <li>• Other potentially interested parties, including the business sector</li> <li>• Survey to provide interest &amp; capacity: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D67G6WF">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D67G6WF</a></li> <li>• Inviting ideas, experience on implementation of a large plan or initiative – what has worked well that continues to engage, move forward, gain more traction, and power of communication (by whom?), social media, print material, community forums, continued listening sessions, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Please complete the survey re: interest &amp; capacity for continued involvement</i></p>
<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase I Wrap-up</li> <li>• Phase II Planning &amp; Action Steps</li> </ul>	

Materials Attached:

- Presentation on Equity Focus Group Results
- 2 Focus Group Reports – Family Caregivers report and Equity Groups report
- 2023 Vermont state Aging data brief