

DAIL Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022
Microsoft Teams Phone/Video Conference

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Ruby Baker, Lynne Cardozo, Jane Catton, James Coutts, Eliza Eager, Kim Fitzgerald, Joseph Greenwald, Michael Gruteke, Tom Hamilton, Jeanne Hutchins, Nick McCardle, Delaina Norton, Steven Pouliot, Rachel Seelig, Marie Zura

State Employees: Monica White, Megan Tierney-Ward, Ashley Bonneau, Wendy Trafton, Shawn Skaflestad, Jason Pelopida, Julie Abrahamson

Motion to Approve Minutes: February 9, 2023, minutes: Motion to approve minutes:

First: Jane Catton
Second: Ruby Baker
Abstention: Delaina Norton

Minutes are approved as written.

DAIL Updates:

Monica White, Commissioner and Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner

GMSS Update: There was a notice of de-designation last week, towards the end of the week there was an update provided to board. There is a MOU between DAIL/GMSS/other agency will be standing in to assume operational control. Updates will be provided to board once MOU has been finalized and signed.

In Mid-February HireAbility hosted a summit with over 180 attended, this included DOL, DMH, HireAbility, DDSD staff, UVM, VABIR, VCIL and many others).

DAIL has met with statue unit on aging met with US development on housing and urban housing for older Vermonters. This will allow collaborations with HUD.

March 1st was national assistive technology day.

Committee - Elder abuse help guide was shared. DLP and attorney general's office public safety and COVE all attended. They are shifting to crafting a plan to include communications.

National Nutrition month during the month of march.

HireAbility has joined with AHS with focusing on transitional housing and supporting those clients to transition into other housing options other than the hotels. There has been a suggestion targeting a partnership between these clients and AOT for employment.

Vergennes residential care have announced they are breaking ground this spring to build an additional property to add up to 70-80 beds for assisted care.

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner

The agency finalized round 2 of the premium payment process. There has been a surge of providers that applied.

The end of the public health emergency is anticipated to end May 11th 2023. All of the departments have to review their program flexibilities and determine which ones need to end due the change. There is a 6-month window for those to end once the emergency period ends.

Phase 1 contract has been finalized and signed for the specialized care nursing facility and this has been awarded to ICare.

Laura Siegel is the director of DH/D/DB – she is back from maternity leave.

AHS Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Quality Assurances Plan: Wendy Trafton, Deputy Director of Healthcare Reform & Shawn Skaflestad, Quality Improvement Manager

Wendy reviewed the 1115 waiver HCBS requirements and related actions. Shawn reviewed HCBS quality management. Please review slides linked on the website.

State Plan on Aging Review

Jason Pelopida, State Unit on Aging Director

Jason reviewed an overview on the state plan on aging. Please review his slides linked on the website.

DS Housing Pilot Update

Julie Abrahamson, DS Residential Program Developer

Julie introduced herself to the board and reviewed all has done within her position since she has started. Julie has then reviewed the pilot program. She introduced the RFP and reviewed the significant dates for that RFP.

Legislative Activity & Member Announcements

Advisory Board Members

Area Agency on Aging is supporting H109 which is related to home delivered meals funds.

Kirsten Murphy – H137 is a housing bill that is looking at extending benefits that are made available to landlords who rent to individuals with disabilities.

Mike Gruteke informed that the agency in his area is down to 5 PCA within his agency (3 fulltime and 2 part-time staff).

LTCC had a press conference on the rate study for ACCS facilities on their daily rate.

This included both the daily rate and the annual increase.

SASH is looking for support for SASH services within family housing settings.

Motion to End Meeting

Mike Gruteke moved to end meeting.

Kim Fitzgerald second the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47am