

DAIL Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022
Microsoft Teams Phone/Video Conference

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Lynne Cardozo, Jane Catton, Eliza Eager, Kim Fitzgerald, Michael Gruteke, Jeanne Hutchins, Nick McCardle, Delaina Norton, Steven Pouliot, Rachel Seelig

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

Motion to Approve Minutes: April 13, 2023, minutes: Motion to approve minutes:
First: Steve Pouliot
Second: Jane Catton
Abstained: Joe Greenwald

Minutes are approved as written.

DAIL Updates:

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

- The voices and choices conference was held on April 26th, this is the first event since the pandemic.
- DBVI hosted a technology affair in mid-April.
- There has been a press release for the rebranding of the age well Vermont which was sent out to the board members.
- There was another press release for the scholarship program for direct care workers.
- Another area of focus is on the hotel transitioning, which this program will be ending in the next couple of months. DAILs focus is for the older Vermonters and individuals with disabilities.

Megan Tierney-Ward

- In April, HireAbility and DDSD identified three leaders in supported employment with the Wayne Beam integrated Employment Award: Jared Jarrod James from Lincoln Street Inc, Karen Hussey from Howard Center, and Priscilla Hughes from Rutland Regional Medical Center.

- The Survey and Certification Unit in DAILS Division of Licensing and Protection completed a draft of the new State regulations for Residential Care Homes and Assisted Living Residences. These draft regulations are being shared with stake holders for public comment due May 20th.
- The housing initiative: the individuals who are leaving the hotels will be doing so in two different waves. One group will be leaving at the end of May and the other group will be the end of June.
- Residential care home regulations, there will be further information in the next months meeting. Once this is finalized it will go through the formal regulatory period.
- The contract with ICare for the specialized nursing facility is moving forward. Once there has been an identified facility there will be more information provided.

DS System of Care Review of Changes:

Jennifer Garabedian, Developmental Disabilities Services Division, Director

Please review the presentation that will be available on the website.

COVID Flexibilities

Dylan Frazer, Deputy Director of Medicaid Policy, Angels Smith-Dieng Director ASD, Jennifer Garabedian, Director DDS

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Older American's Month

Jason Pelopida, State Unit on Aging Director

May is Older American Month. This year's theme is aging unbound. This year is the 66th year of honoring Older American's Month. Earlier this month there was a proclamation from the statehouse.

Continental Insurance Medigap Increase – VDFR Notification

Megan Tierney-Ward, Deputy Commissioner

There is a process in place where the Department of Financial Regulation forwards any applications to increase medigap programs or insurances that effect older Vermonters. Then there is a period of review. There will be a subcommittee to review this increase on what the effects to Vermonters would be.

Member Announcements & Legislative Updates

DAB Members

The Director for Center on Aging has accepted a new position in Oregon for the VA. There has been a national search to replace this position.

There may be some additional Quality Assurance positions within the Budget, an update might be beneficial in the future.

One item that might be in the legislature that is not going to meet the need is the General Assistance program.

Motion to End Meeting

Kim moved to end meeting.

Jane second the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am