

**Governor's Commission on
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes – 11/21/22**

Present: Meg Polyte, Lucas Kovacevich, Mindy Clawson, John Saroyan, Mohamed Basha, Mark Boutwell, Sarah Poole, Mary Beth Pinard, Angela Smith Dieng, Julie Skarha, Sen Randy Brock, Molly Dugan, Stephanie Parker, Janet Nunziata, Carolyn Taylor Olsen MD, Rep Dan Noyes, Jill Olsen, Maria King, Linda Wichlac.

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
Regular Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome- • Approve minutes • Member announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November Alz day state house, Alz lunches with caregivers and legislators speaking (Brattleboro and NEK) • Janet and Meg joining VT women's Business owners' group to discuss caregiving and careers- challenges. • Molly- Cathedral square official opening of SASH S.Hero (Bayview crossing) full capacity(80ppl on waitlist) • Janet- Monday May 15 Gerontology Symposium • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohamed moves to approve, Molly seconds. Mary Beth Abstained
Agency Updates	<p>DAIL ASD Update * slides included below.</p> <p>BOLD update- Meg and Ed went to BOLD Summit in Washington DC, takeaway: more that risk factors are identified- suggests the change of target audience (younger older adults) and build stronger focus on brain health.</p> <p>BOLD grant is ending- new grant opportunity is being released and VDH is applying for a 5 yr stage 2 grant that looks at diagnosis, and coordination of services- More details reviewed in January.</p>	
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Friendly Communities: Terminus VDH page in development to host DFA content and link back out to programs and supports (national, and state level and across sectors) • Professional Education • Chat comments: It would be great to consider the financial impact to PCAs to create licensure and training requirements. Also, if there are any minimum staffing ratios that the committee finds for licensed facilities working with people with dementia, that'd be great. <p>There is funding under the enhanced FMAP spending plan to</p>	<p>Josh- subcommittee's open for anyone interested contact tiffany.smith@vermont.gov</p>

	<p>support training, including dementia-capable training. I would be interested in getting the commission's input into what might be most valuable to offer to HCBS providers with this opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse Caregiver 	
2023 Legislative Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft Priority Document Presentation •Panel presentation on HCBS landscape with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda Wichlac, Linda.Wichlac@bpiads.org Executive Director, Bennington Project Independence, Adult Day Service ○ Molly Dugan, Cathedral Square, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives ○ Maria King, Cathedral Square, Long Term Care Administrator ○ Jill Olson, VNA's of Vermont, Executive Director •Discussion 	<p>Comments needed on linked doc ON OR BEFORE 11/29</p> <p>Add comments directly into document *use google acct to access</p>
2022 Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please review attached draft **BEFORE MONDAY'S MEETING** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please <u>come prepared with feedback</u>, ○ If you are making a suggestion for revision- please provide draft language that reflects the suggestion (add, eliminate, replace) • Next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback to Tiffany.smith@vermont.gov on or before 11/29
Wrap up	<p>Wrap up- Choose date for January meeting</p> <p>Adjourn</p>	

Next Meeting January 9th 10am-12 via zoom



Adult Services Division Updates

Angela Smith-Dieng, ASD Director
November 21, 2022
ADRD Commission Meeting



ASD Overview

The Adult Services Division (ASD) supports older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities to live as they choose, pursuing their individual goals and preferences within their chosen communities.

ASD is responsible for managing a full array of long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities. Vermont Medicaid, the federal Older Americans Act and State General Funds are the primary sources of funds for these services.

ASD operates with approximately 43 employees within four units: Long-Term Services & Supports Unit, Quality Management Unit, Money Follows the Person Project, and the State Unit on Aging.



People Served

- Over 6,700 people served through Choices for Care (CFC) in all settings (nursing homes, enhanced residential care, and home-based).
 - 5711 High/Highest, 1198 Moderate Needs
 - High/Highest settings:
 - 2805 home-based
 - 762 ERC
 - 2745 nursing homes
- Over 54,000 people served through Older Americans Act services.
 - 8,700 received home-delivered meals; 3,350 received congregate meals
 - Over 8,000 people received case management.



Major Multi-year Projects

- HCBS Assurances: Quality Measures
- Conflict-free Case Management
- Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan
- Program Rate Studies/Models
- Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well
- Implementation of State Plan on Aging
- Procurement of a new case management database system



Additional Initiatives

- Online Training for Self or Surrogate Directed Employers and Employees
- Accessibility Pilot for Shared Living Homes
- Act 167 Extending HCBS Working Group & Report
- Money Follows the Person Capacity Building Grant Initiatives (workforce, assistive technology, home modifications, mental health, volunteers, falls prevention, care transitions, brain injury supports)
- Cross-departmental work on complex cases & supporting creation of a specialty care facility

Thank You!

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