

Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Meeting Minutes –3/16/20

Members/Guests on Call: Paula Johnson, Tiffany Smith, Bobbi Rood, Mark Boutwell, Mindy Clawson, Susie Brooks, Janet Nunziata, Pam Smith, Glenn Jarret, Senator Brock, Ruby Baker, Angela Smith- Dieng, Grace Gilbert-Davis, Dr Alexandra Messerli, Molly Dugan

| TOPIC | NOTES | DECISION/ACTION |
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| Welcome & Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANCELLED Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day Wednesday March 18th • CANCELLED UVM Center on Aging Gerontology Symposium on 4/16/20 http://go.uvm.edu/gerontology2020 • DAIL Update COVID-19 DAIL guidance and updates here https://dail.vermont.gov/novel-coronavirus-information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VDH guidance available https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus ○ specific guidance for businesses, communities, health care professionals, Long Term Care Facilities, first responders, schools, all found there ○ DAIL is working closely with AAAs in re: home delivered meals and with Senior centers who provide congregate meals – ○ Update: Senior Centers and Adult Day Centers were encouraged to CLOSE as of 3/18/2020. ○ Calls scheduled regularly with Aging Services network to address emerging concerns and answer questions. • Ruby asks what guidance can be given to organizations with children who want to visit or make things to be delivered to nursing homes? On March 13, Gov. Phil Scott announced restrictions for visitors to long-term care facilities, organizations looking to engage with residents should call facility and ask what is allowed and what is preferred. • Mark Boutwell- Meals on Wheels, taking on new participants due to preventative self quarantine?-DAIL is likely going to relax eligibility criteria so those who are homebound due to preventative measures can receive meals. • Dan Noyes- Can DAIL put out 1 pager that can be delivered with meals to provide guidance to older Vermonters. Angela- Green Mountain Self advocates have created a booklet for people with disabilities that could be helpful for older Vermonters: https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Plain-Language-Information-on-Coronavirus.pdf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium will not be rescheduled |
| Approval of Minutes & Pending items | January minutes – Pam moved to approve. Seconded by Glenn. All in favor, none opposed. None abstained. | January minutes approved. |
| Focus of Commission for 2019-20: Creating | Update from sector survey *see attached (50 participants from 13 counties) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps: Build a workplan, submit application for designation, form |

| Dementia Friendly Communities | | subgroups for planning |
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| Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI) Grant update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Agreement (Grant) 3 Years- developing Dementia Capable HCBS system • . Minimum 450k- max 1M • VT received this grant in 2010 • Building out network/system from Diagnosis, to service providers, to Caregiver support • Partners: VDH, Alzheimer's Association, AAAs, TCARE, • Tiffany is lead on grant application. | |
| Older Vermonter Caucus update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H611(Older Vermonters Act) will be on the calendar when Leg is back in session • Angela asks- how will the calendar of discussion topics be revised? Dan says revisions to discussion will change given recent concerns • Glenn- were any of the sections of the bill removed or added? A plan was added includes zoning and community design as well as how people receive services. • Angela mentioned that the section with the 'provider registry' was removed from revised version. Dan confirmed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucus not meeting in person- call in only contact dan to receive contact information DNoyes@leg.state.vt.us |
| Review S.300 and H.869 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen Brock- Companion bill S300- Hearings on this bill- the intent is when H.611 moves from the House to the Senate, then S.300 will be incorporated and will become 1 bill. Concern is with the COVID situation, bills will need to be prioritized. <p>Glenn's opinion is would the Commission be the level of expertise needed to make recommendations? Sen Brock responded the committee would call on other experts to work with the committee in making recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the testimony provided- Sen Brock reports the Health and Welfare committee is behind the bill • Rhonda- what are the potential for provisions- Dan will send copy of amendment – some items included are : Allowing money for congregate meals being allowed for HDM- out of state licenses being allowed to provide care.. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan will send copy of amendment passed in the house on Friday 3/13* see attached to email |
| Wrap Up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatrics Conference moved to Online participation only. UPDATE: CANCELLED COMPLETELY. • Bobbi asks if there is any guidance to telephone patients who do not have broadband access. Telehealth is billable by Medicare and Medicaid, but Angela will follow up to see if this includes telephone-only sessions. • Mindy asks about ETA on Res Care Regs- Angela responds that timeline could be delayed given current COVID-19 concerns, will follow up as soon as res care draft is released. • Molly shares that SASH is working with 22 SASH affiliates to stay up to date on protocols to maintain consistency across the state. Ruby asks- online services/resources, Can SASH staff assist participants to engage virtually- Molly says SASH is meeting today and do want to provide this support. • Most Adult days still open, some closing, some running out of supplies. DAIL is addressing concerns with that network. SEE UPDATE ABOVE RE CLOSURES. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet looking into registration still being open for geriatrics conference, as of 3/18 The Geriatrics conference has now been cancelled |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan asks if there are concerns the Leg should know about please reach out to him DNoyes@leg.state.vt.us press, available on VDH website, and Governors press conferences- If anyone identifies a gap please reach out to Rhonda, Rhonda.Williams@vermont.gov • Mindy shares that Facebook group, VT based ‘What can I do to help’ good resource for senior/ADRD community, Ruby also member of the group- Evidence based resources, well monitored by group organizer https://www.facebook.com/groups/191774325439518/ • Dan shares Green Mountain Distillers(Morrisville) making hand sanitizer and giving it away- in need of Aloe https://www.facebook.com/greendistillers/photos/a.10152145837936942/10158273363176942/?theater • Glenn moves to adjourn, Mark seconded- all in favor, none opposed | |
| Next Meeting | <p><i>Next Meeting for 2020: May 18th 10-12 (keeping this date for now)</i> <i>Meetings for 2020: July 20th, September 21st, November 16th</i></p> | |

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