

Improving the Lives of Older Adults and People with Disabilities Through Services, Research, and Education

August 30, 2022

The Honorable Phil Scott Governor of Vermont 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Scott:

I am pleased to inform you that the Vermont State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026 has been approved.

The State Plan outlines a number of significant activities that will serve as a guide for Vermont's aging service network during the next four years. Of particular note is your commitment to social isolation and suicide prevention.

The Administration for Community Living recognizes the on-going and difficult challenges faced by the Vermont Department of Disability, Aging, and Independent Living during the COVID pandemic. I appreciate your hard work in ensuring the continuity of quality services and am delighted that the Vermont Department of Disability, Aging, and Independent Living continues to serve as an effective and visible advocate for older adults at the state level.

The Administration for Community Living looks forward to working with you and the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living in the implementation of the State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Throwe, Regional Administrator, at 617-565-1158. I appreciate your dedication and commitment toward improving the lives of older persons in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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