

Developmental Disabilities Services *Imagine the Future* Task Force and Proposed DS System of Care Study Committee Comparison Chart

	Task Force	SOC Study Committee
Composition	25 members, including: consumers, family members, advocates, professionals, state staff, and individuals with past experience in VT DDS. Members include, but are not limited to: VT DD Council, VT Council for Developmental and Mental Health Services (VCDMHS), Green Mountain Self Advocates, Vermont Family Network (VFN), DDS State Program Standing Committee (SPSC), VT Legal Aid, UVM.	12 members: Representative of House Committee on Appropriations, Representative of House Committee on Human Services, Representative of Senate Committee on Appropriations, Representative of Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, Commissioner of DAIL, Developmental Disabilities Services Division Director, Representative from the DD Council, Representative of VCDMHS, Representative of VFN, Consumer or Family member representing the DDS SPSC, representative from the DDS <i>Imagine the Future</i> Task Force.
Meeting Details	Began meeting in September, 2013, has been meeting about monthly since. Anticipated to be a time-limited Task Force to complete work Summer, 2014. DAIL has been providing stipends for certain members if needed.	First meeting to occur on or before August 15, 2014. Committee will cease to exist on January 1, 2015. Reimbursement of per diem compensation and expenses for certain members for up to 4 meetings.
Assistance	DAIL has been providing support	Administrative, technical and legal assistance from the Office of Legislative Council.
Powers and Duties	Create a long-range (20 years) strategic vision for DDS in Vermont.	Review 18 V.S. A. chapter 204A (DD Act);
	A key topic shall include eligibility (who shall receive services). Specific task included reviewing the 2013 DDS Summer Legislative Policy Work Group's findings and recommendations, including a review of the current eligibility process for accessing services.	Assess how Vermont's existing DDS system compares with other programs administered by AHS in terms of prioritizing who receives services among the population of eligible recipients;
	A key topic will look at the relationship of DDS into the future with current health care reform initiatives.	Identify concerns or shortcomings in the existing process for serving people with developmental disabilities and their families, if any;
	Process of SOCP development will be reviewed as part of the review of	Identify opportunities during the development of the System of Care Plan to

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	necessary changes to implement the long-range strategic vision for DDS in VT. This will include a review of the public input process and making recommendations.	augment community participation, legislative participation, or both, as necessary; and
	Review findings and recommendations of 2013 DDS Summer Legislative Policy Work Group's findings and recommendations, including revised methods for caseload planning, alternate practices and cost-effective use of resources and other strategies to meet outcomes.	<i>(Note: the findings and recommendations of the 2013 DDS Summer Legislative Policy Work Group's findings and recommendations were reviewed by the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee in September, 2013).</i>
	Review 18 V.S. A. chapter 204A and make recommendations needed to implement the long-range strategic vision. The Task Force may review each section of the Act: duties of DAIL, Principles of Service, System of Care Plan (contents, development process and annual report), Application for Services and rules (includes certification standards and procedures for programs for people with DD, and standards for training and supervision of staff), Complaints and Appeals, Rights of Recipients, Family Support Payments and Tax Exemption, Certification of Service Providers, Training, Special Care Needs and Advisory Board.	Identify specific legislative changes to 18 V.S. A. chapter 204A that would ensure equitable distribution of services to people with developmental disabilities and their families, if necessary.
Reports	Report to Commissioner with strategic vision and proposed changes to DD Act due at conclusion of Task Force (summer, 2014).	Report findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislative changes, to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare. Report due on or before December 15, 2014.
Status	April reviewing eligibility May last summer work group reports June DD Act 1996 July Draft report August Submit report: Could be included in annual report	

Current opportunities for public input				
	Policy	Budget	Services (Eligibility, Priorities)	Public meetings
Future Task Force (Time limited)	X		X	X
SPSC	X	X	X	X
DD Council	X	X	X	X
Local Teams		X (Indiv)	X (Indiv)	
Equity Committee		X (Indiv)	X (Indiv)	
Public Safety Committee		X (Indiv)	X (Indiv)	
DDMHS Council	X	X		
DAIL Advisory	X			X
SOCP	X		X	X (Multiple, ITV)
JFO		X		
DS Directors	X	X	X	
Legislature	X (DD Act)	X	X (DD Act)	X
DAs/SSAs		X	X	
Act 264 Board	X		X	X
CMS (GC)	X		X	
Public hearings	X (SOCP)		X (SOCP)	X
Individual Meetings with DS Director, Commissioner	X	X	X	