

Developmental Disabilities Services Committees Comparison Chart – March 31, 2014

Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) State Program Standing Committee (SPSC)	Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Imagine the Future Task Force	System of Care Study Committee (Proposed in H. 728)	DDS Summer Legislative Policy Work Group	DDS Caseload and Utilization Methodology Review
<p>Comprised of 15 Members representing: consumers, advocates, professionals. Members include, but are not limited to: VT Developmental Disabilities Council (VT DD Council), Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA), Vermont Legal Aid (VLA), providers including members of the Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services (VCDMHS).</p>	<p>Comprised of approximately 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, VCDMHS, GMSA, Vermont Family Network (VFN), SPSC, VLA and UVM Center on Disability and Community Inclusion (CDCI).</p>	<p>Comprised of 12 members, including: legislators, DAIL Commissioner, Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD) Director, VT DD Council, VT Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services, Green Mountain Self Advocates, Vermont Family Network, State Program Standing Committee, DDS Imagine the Future Task Force.</p>	<p>Comprised of 10 members, including: UVM CDCI, GMSA, VCDMHS, VT DD Council, DAIL Commissioner, DDSD Director and the Office of Public Guardian Program Director.</p>	<p>Comprised of 7 members representing AHS, DAIL, Dept. of Finance and Management and Joint Fiscal Office.</p>
<p>Members are appointed by the Governor and serve for staggered terms of three years.</p>	<p>Members were appointed by the DAIL Commissioner.</p>	<p>Members appointed by the Speaker for representatives of the House committees; by the Committee on Committees for representatives of the Senate committees; by the State Program Standing Committee for its representative; and by the terms of the act for all</p>	<p>Members were appointed by the Agency of Human Services Secretary</p>	<p>Members identified by representative agencies/departments.</p>

		remaining members. Office of Legislative Council to provide administrative, technical and legal assistance. House Human Services representative is responsible to call the first meeting by 8/15/14.		
Required to meet at least annually and as determined necessary. SPSC has been meeting monthly (one month off in Summer).	Began meeting in September, 2013 and has met about monthly since. Anticipated to be a time-limited Task Force to complete work Summer, 2014.	Committee will exist August, 2014 – January 1, 2015. No more than 4 meetings will be reimbursed for those not state employees or otherwise reimbursed.	Work Group met June – August, 2013.	Group met June – August, 2013.
Created in statute to advise DAIL on the status and needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families.	Charge is to create a long-range (20 years) strategic vision for DDS in Vermont. Key topics include eligibility (who shall receive services) and relationship with current health care reform efforts.	Purpose: to examine the process by which people with DD and their families receive State-funded services, including the manner in which the SOCP is created and reviewed prior to taking effect.	Assessed whether the needs of DDS case planning and oversight should be revised.	Reviewed the preliminary FY 13 close out of DDS appropriation and estimate to JFC at its July 2013 meeting regarding the amount of FY 14 DDS program budget that needs to be addressed through administrative or operational changes in order to manage service needs within appropriated funds.
Advises the DAIL Commissioner regarding the development of the State System of Care Plan	Process includes rendering an opinion on the recommendations that came out of the DDS	Review current DD Act;	Assessed whether alternate practices could be identified, resulting in more cost-effective use of	Reviewed the methodology for forecasting both the caseload and

(SOCP).	Summer Legislative Policy Work Group, including: revised methods for caseload planning, alternate practices and cost-effective use of resources and other strategies to meet outcomes.		resources available for DDS.	utilization for DD programs and report any recommendations for changing this methodology to the JFC at its September meeting.
Recommends legislation, rules, policies and standards to implement the SOCP.		Assess how VT's existing system compares with other Agency of Human Services programs in terms of prioritizing services to eligible persons;	Determine what changes could reasonably be implemented in FY 14 to manage service needs within appropriated funding and identify the amount of funds through the existing DDS SOCP rescission process.	Recommended the consensus estimate for the FYU 15 DDS caseload utilization, and budget to the Emergency Board at its January 2014 meeting.
		Identify concerns or shortcomings in the existing process for serving people with DD and their families, if any;	Identified cost-effective, innovative modes of care and develop recommendations as to how these models could be implemented.	Report submitted September 11, 2013.
		Identify opportunities during the development of the SOCP to augment community participation, legislative participation, or both, as necessary;	Report submitted September 11, 2013.	
		Identify specific legislative changes to the DD Act that would ensure equitable distribution of services.		
		Report due by 12/15/14		

