



*Agency of Human Services*  
**Department of Disabilities, Aging, and  
Independent Living**

HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DAIL Overview  
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# Our mission

Best state

to grow old or live with a disability  
dignity, respect, independence

# Our core principles

Person-centered, respect, independence,  
choice, **self-determination**, living well,  
contributing to the community, flexibility,  
effective and efficient, collaboration

# Our Goal

Good leaders

Good partners

Good stewards

# Five Divisions

- Adult Services Division (ASD)
- Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI)
- Developmental Disability Services (DDSD)
- Licensing and Protection (DLP)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Budget \$400M, 283 positions

# Commissioner's Office

- Commissioner Susan Wehry, M.D.
- Deputy Commissioner Stuart Schurr, J.D.
- Administrative Assistant Lisa Parro
- Legal Unit General Counsel Alice Kennedy
- Director of Operations (under recruitment)
- Policy, Planning and Data Unit Director Bard Hill
- Business Office Chief Financial Officer Bill Kelly
- Information Technology Manager Phil Seiler

# Community Partners\*

- Family caregivers and independent support workers
- Designated Agencies (DAs) and Specialized service agencies (SSAs)
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Home Health Agencies
- Adult Day Providers
- Assisted living, (enhanced) residential care, nursing homes
- Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \*not a complete list of all who contribute to our network

# Is Anybody Better Off?

What we do  
How Well



# Major Programs

## Adult Services Division

- For people who are aging or have a disability
- Choices for Care 1115 Demonstration Waiver
  - Support people to live in the settings of their choice:
    - Own homes, home share, adult family care, enhanced residential care, nursing homes
  - Choice, access, flexibility, quality, shift balance, serve more
- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
- Attendant Services Program
- Aging and Disability Network Services

# Major Programs:

## **Division for people who are blind or visually impaired**

- Employment and Vision Rehabilitation (79% achieved outcome)
- Independent Living Services (847 served in FFY14)
- “I now can live a fuller life”

# Major Programs:

## Developmental Disabilities Services Division

- Developmental Disabilities Services
  - provided by Designated and Specialized Services Agencies with the ***goal of cost-effective, integrated community living.***
- Office of Public Guardian
- Traumatic Brain Injury Program

# Major Programs:

## Division of Licensing and Protection

- Survey and Certification
  - By end of this month, all state licensed facilities will have had a survey in the past 2 years
- Adult Protective Services
  - Stable, high quality, solid reporting

# Major Programs: VocRehab VT

- Gets and keeps Vermonters working
- Leads Creative Workforce Solutions (CWS)

# Major Activities: Intradepartmental Older Americans Act

- 50th Anniversary of Act's passage
- Over 59,000 Vermont Seniors received services
  
- Information and Referral
- Case Management
- Family Caregiver Support
- Nutrition
  - Meals on Wheels
  - Congregate Meal Sites
- Protection and Advocacy
  
- “You helped me stay home”

# Health reform

- Two dedicated health reform staff positions
  - Vermont Health Care Integration Project (VHCIP)
    - All Workgroups
    - Disability and Long Term Services and Supports (DLTSS)
- VocRehabVT/Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection (ADRC)
  - Transitions of care
- Accessing Care through Technology (ACTT)
- Services and Supports at Home (SASH)
- Workforce Development

# Priorities

Expand the Aging Conversation

High performing, happy, motivated, productive and accountable

Support and deliver high value, high quality services



# Expanding the Aging Conversation

# Second Oldest State, 4<sup>th</sup> healthiest

- Older Vermonters
  - Critical to the health of communities
  - Critical to workforce
  - Critical resources
  
- Concerned about housing, transportation, isolation
- At risk for abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Underutilize hospice
- Higher risk for dementia
  - Enhancing person-centered dementia care
  - Companion Aide Project
- In need of mental health services
- At risk of falls, ill effects of substance misuse
  
- Governor's Commission on Successful Aging
  - Mature Workers
- Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
  - Raising Awareness and Access

# Performance Accountability Total Quality Management

In all programs and services

Questions?