

AT Advisory Council Meeting

December 13, 2023

10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

In Person: N/A

Online: Teams

Present: Ana Russo, Heather Berg, Kristen Rengo, Joy Redington, Peter Jonke, Phil Seiler

- 10:00-10:05 Attendee Tech Test / Verification time
- 10:05-10:10 Welcomes and Introductions
- 10:10-10:30 Collaboration with AgeWell / CAPABLE (Joy R.)

Joy is an AT Specialist who covers the state. They work with the AT Program and interface with [Money Follow the Person](#). Age Well Vermont has a new program called CAPABLE. This program looks to address the issue of social isolation in older Vermonters, as well as people transitioning from long term care facilities back to their homes.

Before they transition, relationships are developed with care coordinators so the patient has assistive technology in place when they get home. Capable is striving to keep contacts at long-term facilities, especially during employment turnovers. The project is grant funded for two years. This population includes seniors, as well as adults who are transitioning back home.

Peter mentioned that a core service at VT Center for Independent Living (VCIL), is to advocate for this type of transition. He encouraged anyone in need to reach out to VCIL.

AT for vision was mentioned in this presentation, here is a link to the [Orcam](#).

10:30-10:40 ELLIQ (Joy R.)

[ElliQ](#) is a care companion robot that encourages social time, exercise, laughing, reminders, and overall to support cognitive and physical wellbeing.

A short video was played which shared a user experience. This type of AT can work for seniors or adults living with or without family.

Another type of AT discussed was the [Electronic Caregiver Addison](#). This equipment is medical in nature and must be referred by a doctor.

Heather mentioned some visual assistance AT:

[Envision AI powered eyeglasses](#).

[Aira](#) visual interpreting service.

Heather mentioned that VABVI and DBVI are content experts for employment questions that come up. Please reach out or refer as necessary.

10:40-10:50 Year in Review

To be included in attachment form.

Open Staff Time:

Ana requested resources to support where to start with IEP forms for students. Phil offered to have an individual meeting to get started with helpful resources. [The SETT process](#) was also suggested.

Please reach out to Ana at this email if you have ideas:
ana.russo@vermont.gov

Do you know anyone who uses AT or is a caregiver of AT, and would like to join our council? [Application available here.](#)

Hybrid meeting invites will be sent out soon for our quarterly 2024 meetings.

11:00

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