

Long Term Care Planning Committee

September 9, 2025

LTC Planning Committee Members in Attendance: Melissa Morton, Chair, Office of Policy & Management (OPM); Barbara Cass, Department of Public Health (DPH); Margy Gerundo-Murkette, Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS); Erin Leavitt-Smith, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Commissioner Amy Porter, (ADS); Jessica Rival, Office of Health Strategy (OHS); Michael Santoro, Department of Housing (DOH); Laura Watson, Department of Housing (DOH); Christine Weston, Department of Social Services (DSS)

Legislators Present: Representative Mitch Bolinsky and State Representative Jane Garibay

Others Present: Michael Werner, CWCSEO, on behalf of LTC Advisory Council; Mag Morelli, LeadingAge; Mairead Painter, Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCOP); Karyl Lee Hall, CT Legal Rights Project; Matthew Barrett, Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities; Michelle Duprey, City of New Haven; Deborah Migneault, UConn, Center on Aging; Nora Duncan, CT AARP; State; Julie Robinson, UConn, Center on Aging; Cody Clark, OPM

Excused Absence: Krista Ostaszewski, Department of Developmental Services (DDS); Lisa Rivers, Department of Transportation (DOT); Kelley Kendall, Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Absent: William Seals, Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Called to order by Melissa Morton at 10:03 A.M.

Full meeting recording can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/fmOFGmH8ScU>

Votes Taken:

Vote to approve LTC Plan Vision Statement for LTSS System: Michael Santoro made a motion to re-adopt the current Vision Statement for Connecticut's LTSS System that was seconded by Erin Leavitt-Smith. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vote to approve Mission Statement for LTSS Plan: Christine Weston made a motion to amend and adopt the LTC Plan Mission Statement for Connecticut's LTSS Plan that was seconded by Barbara Cass. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vote to approve roles, responsibilities and composition of two subcommittees established by the LTC Planning Committee: Michael Santoro made a motion to approve the roles, responsibilities and composition of two established subcommittees (1) LTC Plan Development Subcommittee and (2) the LTC Plan Implementation and Progress Tracking Subcommittee. Barbara Cass seconded. No additional discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vote to Adjourn: Motion made by Michael Santoro and seconded by Margy Gerundo-Murkette. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 P.M.

Remainder of 2025 LTC Planning Committee Meeting Schedule

Tues., Dec. 9th -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM -- Microsoft Teams