

## AT Advisory Council Meeting

March 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

In Person: N/A

Online: Zoom

10:00-10:05      Attendee Tech Test and Verification time

10:05-10:15      Welcomes and Introductions

10:15-10:40      AT Consultant Ben Wimett – Intro to Smart Home Technology

Ben presented on [Apple Home Kit](#) and [Amazon Smart Home tech](#). There are pros and cons to each set up that have to do with costs, troubleshooting and third-party apps. Apple Home Kit devices come with a bar code to scan for easy set up. Alexa has more devices a person can control, and user can choose a third-party hub instead of a speaker for commands.

The AT Program can help answer questions about Smart Home technology. 1-800-650-6355 or [dail.atinfo@vermont.gov](mailto:dail.atinfo@vermont.gov)

Ben is working on a series of Smart Home newsletters, please [sign up here.](#)

If you wish to see our past newsletters, [click here.](#)

10:40-10:45          Vote on new member, Sarah Lipton representing Adult Services (opening mandated by recent AT Act reauthorization)

Voted, new member accepted!

New application received today; we will vote via email soon. Please send potential members our way, [link here.](#)

10:45-11:00          Upcoming Events

Our new Burlington Tryout Center has opened on Lakeside Drive in Burlington. One of our goals is to have this location demo Smart Home tech.

The State of Vermont had an Accessibility Awareness Day for all staff at the Waterbury Office Complex. This will be an annual event. We opened the Waterbury tryout center this day and made some good connections with attendees.

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UVMCC Geriatrics Conference. Attendees are providers, and it is good for this group of medical practitioners to be informed of assistive technology.

Howard Center in Williston, our staff will present on AT 4/17/24 National AT Awareness Day.

National AT Leadership Symposium. A week-long conference in Washington DC for all AT Act directors.

End of Life Resource fair in St. Johnsbury. This is an area that can use AT. This part of the state is not as accessible to Waterbury.

This August 25th, Fanny Allen will have their 1<sup>st</sup> annual adapted vehicle showcase. Participants are encouraged to bring their own adapted vehicles. See flier attached to these notes.

11:00-11:30            Members open time

The Department of Labor (DOL) received an equity and accessibility grant to review physical surroundings as well as services received.

When the time is right for accepting suggestions, have people with disabilities at the table for accessibility discussions.