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Comment: The meeting in Bennington was very informative last evening. SASH was mentioned as a program already happening. SASH has a good track record of saving Medicare dollars over the past 12 years., as well as improving the lives of thousands of older adults, across the state. Vermont should take a closer look into expanding SASH and SASH For All, statewide. SASH Coordinators become, in many case, the go to person for older adults on the program. We host wellness programs, combat social isolation, assist with food security and so much more. During the pandemic, SASH Wellness nurses and Coordinators were first to get their participants signed up for the vaccine and coordinated rides to the vaccine sights. They also coordinated in home vaccines. Each SASH panel has several IPads and facilitated numerous tele-health visits being with their participant to take vitals and go over medications. Last evening, it was mentioned about using technology such as a fit bit type wrist watch for home vitals. There is also a device that can do an EKG and submit to a doctor. SASH can be in the homes to assist with this. Again, I strongly believe that Vermont should look at expanding on the proven successes of the SASH (Support And Service at Home) program to assist with Act 167 and hospital sustainability.

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