

LTCCC Social Engagement Working Group
Tuesday, September 24th
Minutes
2-3:30pm

Agenda

Attendees: Kaushik Roy, Cindy Kauffman, Melissa McGee, Sue Horst, Judy Goddess, Sadie Harmon, Crystal Booth, Catherine Booth, Chip Supanich, Valerie Coleman

Introductions.

Icebreaker: what was the most recent social experience that really fed you? Members shared unique stories and experiences.

Review. Cindy gave a very brief, high-level overview of the previous meeting.

Moving Forward: The group discussed social isolation and loneliness; the concepts, definitions, and as a frame to decide which direction to focus on within this workgroup. Ultimately it was decided to focus more on one (social isolation) than the other, while also recognizing that they are interrelated, can be connected, and will likely overlap even within this work moving forward. Discussion that both concepts are really challenging and that currently, there's disagreement within academia and that these areas in general have a lot of knowledge gaps.

Current Project/Mission: There was a lot of discussion about what the mission statement for now should be, ultimately landed on:

Lack of integration of social connections* into the structure long term services.**

*quality person-centered

**transitions, placement, DME, care plans & caregivers, coordinating, and other entry points such as assessments, intake, etc.

Background: what is the problem we're trying to solve?

Some of the areas discussed included:

- Address the needs to keep people within their preferred community/environment (still draft, there was lots of input/opinions about all aspects of this statement)
- Ensuring choices in transition
- Addressing social isolation

What are challenges and/or gaps?

Some of the areas discussed included:

- Homebound and aging in place challenges

- Assisted living facilities and institutional housing
- Fearful and/or perceived safety concerns
- Mobility challenges, chronic illness, cognitive impairment, mental and behavioral challenges
- Accessibility challenges including vision and hearing needs
- Transportation
- Unhoused and marginal housing, as well as specific housing types and housing locations
- Income, language
- Lack of awareness of existing resources and/or programs
- Loneliness
- Loss of community/support

What might potential scope of work look like for this group? Members didn't formally discuss this, just a couple ideas that came up during other discussions. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

- UK and Canada "prescribe" social connection: look at those examples
- Who should be at this meeting? What perspectives are missing?
- What are measurable objectives for this work?

Next Steps:

- Settle on next meeting and ongoing meeting: will poll members about what day/time each month is best.
 - Meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday/month from 3-4:30pm at 1650 Mission St. 4th floor Mission Conference room. Conference phone line will be available.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16th 3-4:30pm
1650 Mission St. 4th floor, Mission Conference room

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