

LTCCC Social Engagement Working Group

Wednesday, August 19th

Meeting Notes

Current Project/Mission: *Identify and advocate for social engagement opportunities for those who are socially isolated due to long-term care needs and/or placement.*

Notes:

Discussion about what the group had focused on in February, pre-COVID-19, and then a facilitated discussion that reimagined what the group's priorities should be moving forward in COVID-19 reality. Suggestions/topics below are still very much in the brainstorm phase and will be further discussed and assessed during future meetings.

- **Moving Forward:**

- need to really define LTSS in a more specific and narrow way – for example, if focus on placements, transitions, care plans, etc. then Little Brothers for the Elderly is not within that realm
- Focus on the level of care/need rather than the program? Assume a certain level of health functionality, programs that serve homebound clients
- What is the cycle of long term care and social engagement assets/programs and how has it been impacted/changed by the pandemic?

- **Asset Mapping:**

- ask DAS contractors, what was successful pre/post COVID; ADHC, Ombudsman, APS, and contracts that serve those at the thresholds of going to higher levels of care for first mapping
- what if we focused on the long term care facilities – what was learned in those environments
- Consult with your DAS team and run this by them for more thought/input about asset mapping and which programs should be mapped.

- **Focused Interviews:**

- Follow/interview a specific/small group of individuals (ex-bar patrons)
- Start with one or two stakeholders (based on narrow definition) and interview, then reassess the definition
- **Policy:**
 - Specific policy recommendations that are informed by long term service providers and community service providers that have been really stressed by request for services
 - if we can provide services to the most vulnerable, we can likely provide services to everyone – least connected, lack of skills, most unlikely to have the equipment
 - there is still no evaluations and measurements – a more narrow mapping and a policy recommendation that includes some social isolation preventative measurement within the care plan

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 16th