



SOUTHERN SERVICES  
REFORM GROUP

**SSRG Social Programs Workgroup**

**Date: 9/5/19**

Present: Deb Whitford, Lisa Elder, Janine Callegari, Vanessa Leane, Sadie Godddard-Wrighton, Maria Shialis, Sally Warnes

Apologies: Helen Carmichael, Fay Millington

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome, apologies, introductions	Group members were welcomed Introductions were made	
Sharing of information about current social programs being delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deb (City of Mitcham) organises two men’s groups. Once a month they go out to lunch and they choose the venues they want to visit. Deb is very keen to hear about different models of delivering social programs and being able to swap ideas and experiences would be really beneficial.</li> <li>• Lisa (City of Onkaparinga) explained their program model which includes <i>Overnight Trips, Out and About, Movies, Theatre, Drama and Arts, Wellness and Wellbeing and Social events</i>. Their program is driven by community need and they actively support groups becoming self-sufficient. It’s a community development model.</li> </ul>	
Continuing the discussion from the Social Programs Hot Topic Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about \$8,000 cap for CHSP – the greater focus seems to be reablement and domestic assistance. Referrals to social programs appear to be in decline.</li> <li>• Need to promote more community development programs.</li> </ul>	Sally to begin planning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janine (Care and Share) has sent letters to MP's promoting the importance of social programs and the continuation of their funding.</li> <li>• Vanessa (Uni SA) has studied the RAS assessment – she feels it is a deficit based model. The assessment doesn't allow for a truly strength based assessment.</li> <li>• To achieve a health and wellbeing effect we really need a community development model – should we write a report about this?</li> <li>• Volunteerism has been talked about in the political arena- it gives older people a valued role.</li> <li>• Maria (City of Onkaparinga) talked about the Valuing Social Outcomes research – participants do a pre and post measurement – the Wellbeing &amp; Resilience group that ran over 6 wks totalled \$17,000 of social value. Flinders University have modified a UK tool. It is also being tested with the Social Connections program – participants do the survey at the beginning of their interaction and then again on their 6th visit</li> <li>• The word intervention is used in medical models....do we need to talk their language?</li> <li>• A situation was described where the RAS did not refer to a social program because the person still drove a car and seemed to already have friends</li> </ul>	
Next Steps...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a consensus to continue to meet to explore social programs: 2nd Thursday of the month</li> <li>• Deb will get make the room bookings at the City of Mitcham</li> </ul>	Sally to send the calendar invites for the meetings
	Next meeting: Thursday 13 June, 2:00 to 4:00pm @ City of Mitcham (Committee Room, upstairs)	