



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Social Programs Workgroup
Thursday 9 June 2022
Online

Chair: Maria Shialis (SSRG)

Present: Janine Callegari (Care and Share), Lisa Elder (City of Onkaparinga), Mel Kazerani (City of Marion), Sandy Johnson-Jones (City of Onkaparinga), Andrew Lambeth (Community Visitor Scheme, St Jude's)

Apologies: Denise Menzies (City of Holdfast Bay), Justine Jackson (Housing Choices SA), Lauren English (City of Mitcham), Carol Ganley (City of Marion), Cathy Wiseman (City of Marion), David Jacquier (Volunteering SA-NT), Fay Millington (RSB), Helen Carmichael (Eastern Collaborative Project), Helen Sims (Anglicare), Penny Hickman (In Home Care SA), Joanne Blaess (City of Unley), Mark Kruszynski (Housing Choices SA), Sadie Goddard-Wrighton (City of Mitcham), Deb Whitford (City of Mitcham), Mitch Fox (Simple Healthcare Solutions)

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, apologies, introductions	Welcomed group members
Guest Speaker	<p>Andrew Lambeth, Coordinator - Home Visiting, St Jude's CVS</p> <p>Community Visitor Scheme - Southern Metro Area</p> <p>The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) is Commonwealth-funded and began in 1992. CVS services in the Brighton/Hove/Warradale/Seacliff areas are auspiced through St Jude's Anglican Church in Brighton. St Jude's is one of several CVS hubs that form a consortium under the lead of Lutheran Care, which provides a range of supportive services for consortium members as well as acting as the channel for funding from the Commonwealth DHS. Since July 2021 St Jude's has been providing CVS services to older people who reside in their own homes or in retirement villages, rather than in residential aged care. There is no fee to the consumer.</p> <p>St Jude's visits to older people are undertaken by volunteers, many of whom have long experience as visitors to residential aged care facilities. All volunteers are fully vaccinated for Covid and influenza and have undergone police checks. CVS is available at no cost to eligible older people living in the St</p>

	<p>Jude's catchment area, which runs from Anzac Highway in the north to Majors Road in the south and eastward to South Road. The only requirement for receipt of a service is that the older person is receiving at least a Level 1 Commonwealth Home Support Package.</p> <p>CVS tries to market the program as 'Friends to older people', since this more accurately describes what they aim to do. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of fortnightly visits (although weekly is common) for a period of twelve months.</p> <p>In addition, for elderly couples living in their own homes CVS offers benefits to both people in the relationship, since the volunteer contact acts as a form of respite for each, particularly if the time is spent outside the home, for example walking in a park or along the coast or relaxing at a coffee shop.</p>
<p>Information sharing on current social programs and events</p>	<p>Meeting attendees discussed during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and upcoming programs and events. • Discussion with Andrew regarding how CVS is managed, capacity of volunteers, strategies for recruitment of new participants and volunteers, expansion of services, and marketing/social media. • Referrals for social programs and RAS Assessments. Finding appropriate services for individuals and/or referring on. Marketing/promoting programs that are not well attended. Unit costing pricing impact on services moving forward. • Reforms and moving forward.

Next Meeting: Thursday 14 July
Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm
Venue: Online