



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Social Programs Workgroup
11 March 2021

Present: Maria Shialis (SSRG), Janine Callegari (Care and Share), Deidre (Care and Share) and Krystal (Social Work Student), Denise Menzies (City of Holdfast Bay), Debra Beeby (Beyond Blindness), Justine Jackson (Housing Choices SA), Mel Kazerani (City of Marion), Tracy Reed (Beyond Blindness), Sadie Goddard-Wrighton (City of Mitcham)

Apologies: Carol Ganley (City of Marion), Cathy Wiseman (City of Marion), David Jacquier (Volunteering SA-NT), Deb Whitford (City of Mitcham), Fay Millington (RSB), Helen Carmichael (Eastern Collaborative Project), Helen Sims (Anglicare), Joanne Blaess (City of Unley), Kelly Quinlan (ACH), Lisa Elder (City of Onkaparinga), Mark Kruszynski (Housing Choices SA), Sandy Johnson-Jones (City of Onkaparinga)

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome, apologies, introductions	Welcomed group members	
Information and sharing	Sadie Goddard-Wrighton (City of Mitcham) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review policies and procedures to comply with COVID• Re-developing and re-branding social programs to gain traction• Focusing on community development and lead people to get services through CHSP	

	<p>Denise Menzies (City of Holdfast Bay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different working model (socials and transport services) since July. New marketing information for residents/public developed regarding this and will be distributed shortly • Programs have returned for the year. Thursdays Fish Feeders program. Let's Eat program had 42 people. <p>Debra Beeby (Beyond Blindness – North, East, West)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilles Plains is the main office and based there • Beyond Blindness is a SA based organisation, autonomous, and has 80 years of history. They gave CHSP funding back several years ago as they wanted to work with a range of ages and needs • Evolving programs and involvement in centres, exploring opportunities <p>Tracy Reed (Beyond Blindness – South)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of social outings once a month. Benefit of the groups is the sharing of experiences with people that understand • Have financial and recreational subsidies on offer • Approx. 20 volunteers. Also, can offer a training program to support volunteers <p>Janine Callegari (Care and Share), Deidre and Krystal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-branding and new website relaunch, new brochures • Focusing on social activities all based on their goals • Knitting group working on simple squares to create blankets and then donating to residential facility <p>Justine Jackson (Housing Choices SA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background to Housing Choices SA - inherited 800 properties, so many were older residents and were isolated • Residents take ownership of the program, e.g. started up walking group and now the residents take the lead • Transport is now available 	
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	<p>Mel Kazerani (City of Marion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less participants but more work since COVID • Pop up meals have been very popular. Direct debit, no cash handling. Had to work with people to educate them on how it works • Digital literacy program to help people with technology • Persian group meeting online, zoom meetings. Monthly meetings are now weekly and sometimes twice a week <p>Maria Shialis (SSRG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELLx symposium held 5 Feb 2021, 120 attendees face-to-face • Distributing Quad-council 2021 calendar • SSRG website refining • Forward planning SSRG events for 2021 	
<p>Any other business</p>	<p>Royal Commission Report</p> <p>The group reviewed the Royal Commission Final Report 3A, Chapter 4 on Program Design, Section 4.3.2 Social Supports. Discussion was in regard what it would mean for social support programs overall.</p> <p>The purpose “to improve social inclusion and community participation for the person’s long-term health and wellbeing” (p164) is aligned with the current service delivery model.</p>	

Next Meeting: Thursday 8 April, 2.00 – 4.00pm