

Solos Task Force – What Do We Need to Know? Overview

Key: Items in **bold** – topics suggested by Task Force members Items in ***bold italic*** – Staff are working on these items

Shaded sections – Focus for Discovery in first quarter of 2018

Major Category	Topic or Issue	Where We Are (1-16-2018)	Sources/Status
Solos	Who qualifies as a solo? What do we know about them? What are key needs related to both supported and surrogate health decision making? Diverse Voices Perspectives of individuals with disabilities, different socioeconomic status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary “defining solos” exercise completed • Suggested definition posted in Parking Lot for later discussion/resolution • Individual Interviews completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readings in Task Force Notebook • Orientation Session • Individual Solo Interviews • <i>Focus Groups (to be completed by April)</i> • <i>Diversity Advisory Committee (in process)</i> • Personal Experience of Task Force Members
Supported Health Decision Making by Solos	Priority Needs? Current situation (Services, tools, policies, practices , etc.) Paid and Unpaid “Supporters” Is there a role for technology? Advocacy Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported decision making exercise completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Panel on supported decision making (in process)</i> • <i>Research on available services, resources (in process)</i>
Surrogate Health Decision Making For Solos	What is available? (Services, tools, policies, practices, etc.) Professional Health Care Surrogates (Who is available? Are such individuals part of a solution for solos?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation & discussion on laws, practices, etc. (Marit) • Discussion with emergency room physician • Presentation on laws, medical provider approaches (T. Pope) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions With Experts • Articles in Notebook • MN Advance Care Directive Statute & Form in Task Force Notebook • Experiences & Expertise of Task Force Members • <i>Information on paid and unpaid surrogates (research in process)</i> • <i>Carl Hokanson (social worker)</i>

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Planning by Solos (Both for second half of life and for end-of-life)	Proactive strategies to prevent solos from becoming “unbefriended” and/or “unrepresented” What is available to help solos with capacity plan for health events, ongoing health needs Motivation to plan and take action (Clearway, MN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marit’s presentation included info on laws, tools • T. Pope presentation touched on surrogate strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert presentations • Task Force members expertise • Staff are working on an exercise related to planning tools • Senior Linkage Line as a resource
Other	How will solos pay for services and support? Workforce – who will be available? Legal Aid	To be developed	<i>Genevieve as a possible source re legal aid</i>
Additional Background Information		Will be provided to Task Force Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOA Project Report • LaCrosse/Gunderson Advance Care Directive Initiative Info • Conversations With Key Legislators (staff working on this)

Possible Solutions For Discussion in Analysis Phase

1. Training related to POLST, Advance Care Directives, etc. for Senior Linkage Line staff
2. Training for people who agree to serve as health decision surrogates
3. Public awareness campaign to motivate people (solos?) to take action