

Elder Needs Roundtable
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Evaluation Results (“x 11” means same comment appeared 11 times)

Did you find this a worthwhile experience?

- Yes x 11
- Fun! And worthwhile. Let’s keep meeting regularly to keep on top of things (2x year)
- Yes—good to bring diverse group together
- Yes, informative
- Yes, worthwhile. I would like to expand this forum to senior groups
- Absolutely! Found many services I can pass on to seniors that come to our center
- Yes for networking & information sharing
- Yes. Sharing information, experiences and opinions
- Absolutely—excellent brainstorming session, wonderful thoughts/ideas
- Very much so
- Yes, it is so important that we continue to meet and talk about the elderly issues
- Yes, very useful information and discussion
- Very
- Yes, at least it’s an event that you can bring in many people working on the same issue together

Was there enough time for the breakout discussion groups?

- Yes x 10
- Yes—efficiency works best
- One hour was good w/# of participants
- Yes, spent an even amount of time on each topic
- Yes—next step is implementing the ideas
- Plenty of time. If there was more time it would have been repetitious
- Yes, we had over an hour
- It can last for ever
- Just enough time, balanced correctly
- Yes—there was time for everyone to participate
- Yes. It is about right time to discuss in the group settings
- An hour and half should be better
- Given the issues and amount of likely discussion I think another 10 mins would have been ideal
- There was enough time to discuss the information
- Yes, there was enough time for the discussion

Was your group able to remain focused?

- Yes x 15
- Absolutely—Linda Stice kept all fairly represented and on target
- Yes, well organized
- Yes, very close to issues
- Somewhat
- Group was well run & focused
- Very much so...lots of interaction!!
- More or less
- Yes, good facilitation (red group)
- Everyone remained focused & kept the topic going

Do you feel that the community was adequately represented at this meeting?

- Yes x 14
- Non-Asian minority groups not represented
- Yes, each end of Quincy, some businesses
- Focus was on Asians and Western Europeans. Other groups need to be invited to participate: Arabic, Brazilian, African American, etc.
- Very good representation
- Most of the issues
- Yes...diverse
- More community groups
- Need more seniors
- Needed additional seniors

How were the facilities for the event?

- Elegant!
- Nice
- Okay
- Very comfortable
- Excellent
- Perfect, plenty of room for each group
- Fine x 6
- Very good x 2
- Great x 2
- Was accommodating and well organized (color)
- Outstanding
- It's good
- Good
- Everything was nice
- Well-organized

Do you think there is a need for a follow-up meeting for the services providers?

- Yes and would look forward to it
- Roundtable follow-up
- Maybe in 6 mo or so to see if these ideas were implemented
- Yes very much so
- Yes—I think communication of elder services is #1. I would like to learn more.
- Yes—that was one of my requests
- Service collaboration is lacking. Model a collaborative venture on Quincy 2000. Quincy is under represented in regional service delivery collaborations
- Yes to share the resources that each agency can contribute to addressing the needs that have been identified
- Yes. Several ideas would warrant some follow-up
- Yes, follow up and progress meeting maybe by-monthly
- Definitely...after the senior grassroots gathering of DATA, hopefully—late spring
- It would be interesting to re-convene the group after the senior center opens to see how many concerns were addressed and/or [can't read word] through that resource.
- Yes. It will be nice to have an on-going/regular meeting with all providers
- Yes, maybe one for seniors from different wards and community centers
- Yes, very much so
- Yes, follow-up meeting is the most important
- Perhaps an annual function like a summit on elder issues should be held. There is a need for providers to meet each other and to share ideas and resources
- 3 or 4 times a year to see if we have follow ups on suggestions
- Yes
- Twice each year
- No
- Maybe, or a letter showing what was the outcome of the meeting
- Yes, maybe

Other Comments:

- Very informative meeting. Agencies were all on the same track. Great to have this in order to get solutions. FOLLOW UP
- Please email/mail the summary out to participants before the next meeting with an agenda to more formally share description of resources
- This was an excellent idea but follow-up will be important
- United all services, I&R, sharing information and referral
- Fantastic starting point to assess the “Needs” of Quincy’s older adult population—Congrats!!
- Thank you!
- The Council on Aging website should be a resource for all service providers
- Focus group of seniors as a follow-up is a great next step