**May 23, 2022 Meeting** (Alison Miley, Barbara Shaw-Dorso, Glenn McRae, Chris Damiani)

**Combating Social Isolation, Increasing Social Inclusion for Burlington’s older residents**

***ACTIONS TO TAKE, PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS TO BUILD***

**FOCUS FOR DISCUSSON:**

**ACTION 1: Inventory of where our residents over the age of 65 are living and what kind of conditions they are living in.** *(How much of this will be satisfied by the AARP survey, and what more would be needed?)*

**1. Policy**: Maintain an active data base to understand the location and situation of older residents and align this data with what existing services or programs or community space is available where they currently live.

- *Review data from ACCD's 2020 Housing Needs Assessment* [*https://accd.vermont.gov/housing/plans-data-rules/needs-assessment*](https://accd.vermont.gov/housing/plans-data-rules/needs-assessment) *to see baseline info.*

- Review the results of AARP surveys. Host a data assessment meeting in the fall to evaluate what we still do not have enough data on after the AARP surveys are concluded and reviewed. Discuss whether a further 2023 BAC survey should be launched to fill in data gaps.

*Note: If such a data base is not appropriate for a public agency the city should support a designated nonprofit agency, provide resources, and connect it to BAC for reporting and future direction of the work.*

1. Program: Data is necessary to **build** **an identity as a constituency** to be recognized by decision makers. Link to NPAs, new Council Districts, and new Vermont legislative districts. Give more of a face to and understanding of this constituency. This is a critical aspect of meeting the charge given to the BAC to by City Council to elevate voices, identify issues, and advance policy recommendations.

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 13, 2022, 11:30a – contact Glenn [glennmcrae56@gmail.com](mailto:glennmcrae56@gmail.com) for LINK.

We will discuss mobility opportunities starting with an overview of GMT’s work on micro mobility networks and services.

Also investigating what are the indicators/trend lines for social isolation, anxiety, and depression among older Burlington residents today – going up, staying the same?

**Brainstorm on Data Sources – Where do the 11+% of Burlingtonians, age 65+ reside? How important is it for us to know to understand provision of services, mobility, housing, and access needs, and opportunities for engagement? What might be the key sources of data that could be accessed and combined to give us a better picture of this population?**

* The *data from ACCD's 2020 Housing Needs Assessment (*[*https://accd.vermont.gov/housing/plans-data-rules/needs-assessment*](https://accd.vermont.gov/housing/plans-data-rules/needs-assessment)) points out that overall Vermont will continue to experience slow growth in households, with the majority of growth seen in Chittenden County. The aging of Vermont’s sizable Baby Boomer Population will continue to expand the number of Vermont households headed by someone who is at least 65 years old. About a third of all Vermont households are likely to be 65 or older by 2025. 69% of all Vermont households have 2 or fewer people.
* Where or under what conditions do older Burlingtonians live? (how to break down the city, e.g., by Ward, by FpF neighborhood)
  + A single-family home or condo (owned)
    - single; couple; multigen family unit; homeshare situation; ADU
  + An apartment – independent living
  + A congregate 55+ independent living situation (private or nonprofit)
  + An assisted living residence (private or nonprofit)
  + A skilled nursing facility, nursing home, memory care unit
* Can we access this data from sources that will give us a composite picture that will offer a basis of action?
  + 2020 census
  + AARP survey
  + Reports from the private and nonprofit operators of residences for 55+
  + HomeShare
  + Service Providers: Meals on Wheels, SSTA/GMT; SASH
  + Data through Medicaid, Medicare, SSI
  + DAIL sources
* Where are the best data points to provide BAC with an informational picture of how and where older residents of Burlington reside?