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## **TASKFORCE:**

### **Social Isolation in Older Adults**

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Taskforce Meeting

January 18, 2023 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

[Zoom](#) | Meeting ID: 897 5104 2800 | Passcode: 516834

#### **AGENDA FOR TASKFORCE**

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| I.   | Welcome  | 10:00 am - 10:05 am |
|      | Mary Gail Douglas, Taskforce Chair   |                     |
| II.  | Mental Health and Social Isolation   | 10:05 am - 10:25 am |
|      | Jessica Barnes, MS<br>Program Manager, Office of Suicide Prevention, SC Department of Mental Health      |                     |
|      | Tatiana M. Davidson, Ph.D.<br>Director, SC Safe Seniors, Medical University of South Carolina            |                     |
|      | Mara Steedley Allport<br>Training Program Manager, SC Safe Seniors, Medical University of South Carolina |                     |
| III. | Alzheimer's/Dementia and Social Isolation  | 10:25 am - 10:40 am |
|      | Kaileigh Byrne, PhD<br>Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Clemson University                 |                     |
| IV.  | Substance Use Disorder and Social Isolation  | 10:40 am - 10:50 am |
|      | Michael "Mike" McLain, M.A. Counseling, LPC, LAC<br>Director Community Engagement, The Phoenix Center    |                     |
| V.   | Q&A with Presenters  | 10:50 am - 11:00 am |
| VI.  | Recommendation Development Process Review  | 11:00 am - 11:10 am |



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VII. Small Group Discussions

11:10 am – 11:50 am

VII. Next Steps

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Objectives:

- Participants will understand the connections between behavioral health and social isolation and ways to reduce these impacts.
- Participants will learn about Alzheimer's/Dementia, and the impact of social isolation on patients.
- Taskforce members will continue the recommendation development process in small groups.