Operational Concept Description (OCD)

Citizens Hive

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the OCD

This document provides, in detail, the shared visions and goals of the stakeholders of the Citizens Hive. The success-critical stakeholders of the project are Briana Cordova-Moore, as the project owner, administrator and maintainer; the seniors and caregivers, as users; and the students of USC CS577 Team 4, as the development team.

1.2 Status of the OCD

The status of the OCD is currently at the Operations Commitment Package version 1.0. This is the version that will be delivered to the client, including the finalized capability goals and screenshots of the proposed system. There have been significant changes to the project since we moved from the Development Commitment phase to the Re-baselined Development Commitment phase, due to time and personnel constraints as well as system dependencies. The scope of the Citizens Hive project has been re-evaluated to accommodate those challenges.
2. Shared Vision

The shared vision for our system is shown as follows by the Program Model:

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<td>1. All users have access to the internet.</td>
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<td>2. Users are willing to register</td>
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<td>3. Users have minimal technical expertise</td>
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<td>4. Users are willing to make payments online</td>
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<td>- Developers</td>
<td>- Design the system</td>
<td>- Senior citizens will receive personalized care which leads to an increase in</td>
<td>- Client</td>
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<td>- Caregivers</td>
<td>- Develop the system</td>
<td>satisfaction.</td>
<td>- Caregivers</td>
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<td>- Seniors</td>
<td>- Test the system</td>
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<td>- Seniors</td>
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<td>- Client</td>
<td>- Deploy the system</td>
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<td>- Marketing</td>
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<td>- Maintain the system</td>
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<td>- Increased visibility to caregivers while finding suitable jobs</td>
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<td>- Improved communication between caregivers and seniors</td>
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<td>- Increased stability in the lives of seniors as they stay in the homes of caregivers.</td>
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2.1 Benefits Chain

The benefits chain diagram illustrates the following information:

- **Stakeholder(s):** Client, Development Team, Senior and Caregiver
- **Initiative:** Developing system, Setting up profiles, Searching and Filtering, Messaging, Establishing partnerships, Investing in Marketing
- **Contribution:** Faster profile matching, Availability of infrastructure, Improved communication, Increase in number of users, Improved user engagement and adoption
- **Outcome:** Improved caregiving experience, Increased communication among users, Increased revenue generation and brand awareness

- **Assumptions:**
  1. All users have access to the internet.
  2. Users are willing to register
  3. Users have minimal technical expertise
  4. Users are willing to use online payments

![Benefits Chain Diagram]

**Figure 1: Benefits Chain Diagram**
2.2 System Capability Description

Citizens Hive is a one-stop destination for seniors and their loved ones. The proposed web-based system will allow both seniors and caregivers to communicate with each other, search and filter, based on seniors’ location, type of care and availability. The communication is done through the messaging functionality. In addition, the system is capable of an online payment system through which a senior can pay for the services offered by the caregiver. There is an additional option for the seniors and caregivers to add or edit posts on forums which all the users can view. Citizens Hive will simplify the process as well as lessen the time involved apart from providing personalized care in an easy, seamless, convenient and hassle-free manner.

Our approach to differentiate our system from our competitors’ systems is the personalized care offered through a web-based system, which will be more user-friendly. We also offer better communication between caregivers and seniors using both messaging and an active public forum. The system will also lead to an increased satisfaction in seniors due to the personalized care and increased stability by providing three types of care: caregivers staying at the seniors place, seniors staying at the caregivers place and an hourly arrangement on particular days between seniors and caregivers.

2.3 System Boundary and Environment

Figure 2: System Boundary and Environment Diagram

![System Boundary and Environment Diagram](image-url)
3. System Transformation

3.1 Information on Current System

Citizens Hive is a novel concept that provides easy access to personalized care for seniors. It can be contrasted to the current system which is primarily offline. In the current system, seniors have to go through an offline painstaking process to find caregivers who match their needs and preferences. It is time-consuming, complex and laborious. The background and prior experience of the caregivers are not available to the seniors. There is no record of payments, availability and location details that are maintained. The current system has many flaws that can be corrected with a better system in place.

3.2 System Objectives, Constraints and Priorities

3.2.1 Capability Goals

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<th>Priority Level</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>OC-1 Registration and Login:</strong> The system allows new users to register to the system. If the user is registered, the user can login to access the services provided by the system.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-2 Profile Creation:</strong> The system allows users to create profiles and set individual preferences.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-3 Profile Editing:</strong> The system allows users to modify the existing information and preferences.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-4 Search and Filter:</strong> The system allows seniors/caregivers to search for caregivers/seniors primarily based on location. The system will also be capable of filtering the search further based on availability and type of care.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-5 Messaging:</strong> The system allows the senior and caregiver to message each other.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-6 Payments:</strong> The system allows seniors to pay caregivers for their services.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-7 Forum:</strong> The system allows seniors and caregivers to discuss through a forum. All users can add posts, edit posts and view posts on the forum.</td>
<td>Must have</td>
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<td><strong>OC-8 Reviews and Ratings:</strong> The system allows seniors to provide ratings and write reviews for caregivers based on the services they received.</td>
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3.2.2 Level of Service Goals

Table 3: Level of Service Goals

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<td>System availability is expected to be with an uptime of 99.95% (Amazon Lightsail server)</td>
<td>Must have</td>
<td>LOS-1</td>
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<td>Search latency &lt; 0.5ms achieved by fetching results from MySQL instance set up on Amazon Lightsail server</td>
<td>Must have</td>
<td>LOS-2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Messaging service delay &lt;1s (Default delay of FrontEnd PM plugin)</td>
<td>Must have</td>
<td>LOS-3</td>
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3.2.3 Organizational Goals

The high-level objectives of Citizens Hive are captured by the following organizational goals:

**OG 1:** Increase in number of caregivers and senior citizens enrolling with Citizens Hive

**OG 2:** Improved communication between caregivers and seniors

**OG 3:** Increase in revenue for Citizens Hive with each booking that goes through the system

**OG 4:** Increased satisfaction in the lives of seniors from easy access to personalized care

**OG 5:** Increased stability in the lives of seniors as they stay in the homes of caregivers

**OG 6:** Improves time and cost savings compared to the existing offline system

3.2.4 Constraints

The constraints to the proposed Citizens Hive system are indicated as follows:

**CO-1:** Dependency on wordpress instance running on Amazon Lightsail

**CO-2:** Limited budget to meet infrastructural requirements

**CO-3:** Limited development time compared to the scope of the project

**CO-4:** Lack of a marketing and outreach team

**CO-5:** Delay in performing background checks of caregivers
3.3 Proposed New Operational Concept

3.3.1 Element Relationship Diagram

The element relationship diagram summarizes the major relationships among the primary elements and external entities involved in the proposed new system. The users include seniors and caregivers. The proposed system contains a senior management system, caregiver management system, messaging system, forum system and payment system. These subsystems interact with the database to store, fetch and back up data. The system also interacts with an external payment gateway for the purpose of making payments.

Figure 3: Element Relationship Diagram
3.3.2 Business Workflows

The business workflows highlight the business activities flowing in the proposed system. The business activity diagrams for some of the key business activities are provided below:

Figure 4: Business Workflow Diagram of Search and Messaging initiated by Senior
Figure 5: Business Workflow Diagram of Search and Messaging initiated by Caregiver
Figure 6: Business Workflow Diagram of Forum
3.4 Organizational and Operational Implications

Organizational and operational transformations introduced by transitioning into the online system from the existing offline process are highlighted in the section.

3.4.1 Organizational Transformations

Significant changes expected in organizational structure by introducing the new system are discussed as follows:

- The need to hire a new maintainer/administrator as the system scales
- The elimination of registration with third parties to find a caregiver for a senior
- The elimination of registration with third parties to find caregiving jobs for caregivers
- The need to get familiar with the system by users as compared to the existing offline process

3.4.2 Operational Transformations

Significant changes expected in operational procedures and workflows by introducing the new system are listed below:

- The need to record offline payments by admin if the payment mode is requested by users
- The need to provide an option for someone else to book on behalf of the senior
- The need to carry out background checks for caregivers registering on Citizens Hive