

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
January 11, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.
Al J. Notzon III Boardroom
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78217

Members

Regina Applewhite, absent
Judge Diana Bautista, present
Ann Gay Bishop, present
Marilyn Bullock, excused
Christine Cervera, present
Patrice Doerries, present
Barbara Effenberger, present
Darlene Evans, absent
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, present
Ginny Funk, present
Kelley Gallant, present

Carolyn Goodall, present
Cyndy Hahn, present
Margie Jetton, present
Robert Lopez, present
Lisa Loya, present
Beverly Lutz, present
Genevieve Manley, excused
Bill MacAllister, present
JoAnn McFarland, present
Ysabela Pena, excused
Eleanor Preston, present

Lavern Peterson, present
Lucille Rochs, present
Irene Scholz, present
Diane Sides, absent
Carolyn Stauss, present
Denise Usener, present
Raymond White, present
Tina Woods, present
Opal Word, present

Guests

Ms. Gloria Arriaga, AACOG
Executive Director

Staff

Debbie Billa, Director
Julie Sakelakos
Alvin Arada
Angela Arteaga
Evangeline Diaz
Henri Eaton

Kathy Compton
Suzanne Ruff
Trish Slaton
Nanci Struble
Candy Walsh
Maria Wilson

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Ginny Funk called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Ann Gay Bishop took roll call. Twenty-five (25) members were present.

3. Citizens to be heard.

None.

4. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2007.

Carolyn Stauss moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2007. JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Swearing in of 2008 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Officers and Members by Gloria Arriaga, AACOG Executive Director.

Ms. Gloria Arriaga, AACOG Executive Director swore in the following officers:
Ginny Funk of Alzheimer's Association as Chairperson
Robert Lopez of Comal County Senior Citizen's Foundation as Vice-Chairperson
Ann Gay Bishop of Silver Sage Corral Senior Activity Center as Secretary

Ms. Arriaga then swore in the following new members:

Margie Jetton as Kerr County Representative
Patrice Dorries as Kerr County Representative
Kelly Gallant, At-Large Representative of Catholic Charities
LaVern Peterson, TSHL District 1 Representative
Lisa Loya, At-Large Representative of Adult Protective Services
Christine Cervera, At-Large Representative of Health & Human Services Comm.

6. Presentation: FY08 Member Orientation and introduction of Alamo AAA Staff Members.

Debbie Billa gave a presentation on Alamo Area Agency on Aging and then had the Alamo AAA staff introduce themselves and their job function.

7. Director's Report.

The Director's complete report was sent in the packet. Debbie Billa discussed the new "Silver Alert" program. She went over the qualifications for reporting a senior as missing to prompt the Silver Alert. Also, she discussed the Older Americans Act Funding showing how it affected our services. The nutrition programs seemed to benefit the most from these new appropriations.

8. Consider and act upon new and revised FY08 Vendor Agreements.

A motion was made by Carolyn Stauss to approve the new and revised FY08 Vendor Agreements for Senior Outreach Services to provide homemaker, personal assistance and respite in-home care and Coastal Builders Associates and Affordable Wheelchair Ramps to provide residential repairs. Tina Woods seconded the motion. Motion was amended by Margie Jetton that agencies/employees that provide in-home care should pass a criminal background check. Motion as amended carried.

9. Consider and act upon establishment of Steering Committee for the 2008 Texas Silver-Haired Legislature elections.

Elections will be held in May and the committee will meet twice and then validate the election ballots. The following volunteered for this committee: Kelley Gallant, Lucille Rochs, Ray White, Margie Jetton, and Patrice Dorries. A motion was made by Carolyn Goodall to approve this steering committee. Beverly Lutz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Establishment of Alamo Senior Advisory Committees for 2008.

The following are the new sub-committee members:

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE

This subcommittee addresses matters of public information, senior recognition, and public education on matters of interest to seniors.

Ann Gay Bishop	Opal Word
Carolyn Stauss	Irene Scholz
Lisa Loya	Patrice Doerries
Cyndy Hahn	Dr. Bob Fitzgerald

ALLOCATIONS & MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

This subcommittee reviews matters related to vendor applications and provider agreements, as well as recommended budget allocations. NON-VENDORS ONLY.

Lucille Rochs	Raymond White
Barbara Effenberger	Margie Jetton

PROGRAM SUB-COMMITTEE

This subcommittee reviews and advises on matters related to service delivery by the Alamo AAA, and planning for meeting the needs of older adults in the counties served.

Kelley Gallant	Eleanor Preston
Tina Woods	Ginny Funk

NOMINATIONS, MEMBERSHIP & BYLAWS SUB-COMMITTEE

This subcommittee reviews matters related to the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee bylaws and membership, and nominates officers for the committee at the September meeting of the ASAC.

Denise Usener	Raymond White
Beverly Lutz	

11. Information Items.

Barbara Effenberger announced that she would be running for her 4th term on the TSHL. Barbara lives in Seguin and is the TSHL representative for Comal and Guadalupe. She recognized Dr. Bob Fitzgerald who lives in Hondo as the TSHL representative for Medina, Frio and Bandera; JoAnn McFarland who lives in Pleasanton as the TSHL representative for Atascosa, Karnes and Wilson; and LaVerne Peterson who lives in Boerne and is fulfilling her late husband, Glen's, term as TSHL representative for Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie. Barbara wanted to

remind everyone that they do not get paid for any of their expenses but enjoy working for the benefit of the seniors in their areas. April 1st the TSHL will host their annual fundraiser "Ester's Follies" and will have tickets to sell at the next meeting.

Barbara stated that our TSHL representatives would be meeting with the Bexar TSHL representatives after the ASAC meeting to work together on issues. Debbie stated that information on the TSHL will be listed on the Alamo Aging website.

The Honorable Diane Bautista, Atascosa County Judge, then swore LaVerne Peterson into the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Ginny Funk announced that the Alzheimer's Association would be hosting their annual Symposium on March 5, 2008, in Bexar County.

Carolyn Stauss announced that on Saturday, January 26, 2008, the Rainbow Senior Center would be hosting their 2nd Annual Cowboy Breakfast at the center from 7 a.m.-10 a.m. There will be entertainment from some senior bands.

Friday, February 29, 2008, there will be a Professional Conference in Kerrville on issues effecting seniors.

The next My Health Matters classes will be held in February on Thursdays at the Silver Sage Corral Activity Center in Bandera.

12. Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2008, in the Al J. Notzon III Board Room at 1:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.