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Minutes of the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Alamo Area Council of Governments

February 10, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

AACOG Board Room
8700 Tesoro Dr., Ste 100, San Antonio, TX 78217
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Members

Karen Bailey, present	Irma Gonzalez, absent	Robert Lopez, excused
Linda Lee Davis, present	Ysabela Pena, present	Beverly Lutz, present
Ginny Funk, excused	Lucille Rochs, present	Carolyn Stauss, present
Carolyn Goodall, present	Yvonne Coronado, absent	Laura Tuttle, excused
John Halloran, absent	Darlene Evans, present	Denise Usener, present
Cyndy Hahn, present	Bill MacAllister, present	Pamela Vann, excused
Genevieve Manley, present	Cheryl Bush, present	Sherilynn Vineyard, present
Judge Diana Bautista, excused	Linda Gonzales, absent	Tina Woods, present
Raymond White, present	Charles Donellan, present	Glen Peterson, absent
Opal Word, excused	Robert Weinberg, present	Barbara Effenberger, present
Bonnie Flagg, present	Regina Applewhite, excused	JoAnn McFarland, excused
Eleanor Preston, excused	Becky Byerly, excused	

Guests/Visitors

Maria Galindo, Frio County

Staff

Debbie Billa

Julie Sakelakos

Maria Wilson

Suzanne Ruff

Nanci Struble

Candy Walsh

Alvin Arada

Henri Eaton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charles Donellan called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Charles Donellan welcomed members and guests.

III. ROLL CALL

Bonnie Flagg took roll call. Twenty (20) members were present.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lucille Rochs moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2006 with the correction of the spelling of Charles Donellan in Section VI. Swearing in of 2006 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Officers. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Billa reported that CMS would be on hand with a van and volunteers for a Medicare Drug Enrollment Event in Pearsall Library on Monday, February 13. The FY07 Federal Budget has been released with the President's proposals for reductions in most Older Americans Act programs. He has introduced a new \$28 million program called Choices for Independence (information was handed out). This program is intended to modernize the Older American Act also to provide information for long-term care and support the Aging and Disability Resource Centers that have established in the past few years. Debbie announced that May is Older Americans Month. This year's theme is Independence + Dignity + Aging = Healthy Aging and more information will be forthcoming. Debbie passed out the N4A (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) Newsletter for informational purposes. She also reminded members to please turn in the yellow ASAC members' information forms as soon as possible.

VII. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Beverly Lutz discussed grants that ART has applied for. ART is looking at fixed routes in New Braunfels and encouraged any input. Beverly will be doing a presentation at the Comal Senior Center in New Braunfels on March 21, 2006 on "How to ride the Bus." There will be a TTA Texas Transit Association Conference on April 21-25, 2006. If interested in attending, please contact Beverly.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

Barbara Effenberger stated that Medina, Bandera and Frio counties still do not have a candidate at this time. If you know of anyone who is interested, please see Debbie for an application form and submit by February 28, 2006. The TSHL elections will be held on May 23, 2006.

C. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were sent out in the packets. No questions were asked of staff.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

A. FY06 NEW MEMBERS

We have the new appointment of Eleanor Preston for Comal County Representative and Cyndy Hahn as an At-Large Member.

A motion was made by Darlene Evans to approve the new FY06 members. Bob Weinberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. ALLOCATION OF FY2006 NUTRITION SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) FUNDS.

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs to approve the allocation of FY2006 Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) funds. Linda Lee Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. NEW VENDOR.

A motion was made by Darlene Evans to approve the new vendor. Tina Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Carolyn Stauss announced that the Rainbow Senior Center would be having their 6th Annual Directors Dinner Dance on March 4. If you are interested in attending see her for more information.

Tina Woods announced that the Dietert Claim Senior Center has broken ground for their new senior center on January 27.

Beverly Lutz of Alamo Regional Transit is looking for van drivers.

Barbara Effenberger thanked Debbie and staff for the ASAC binders and asked for a 3-hole punch to be brought to future meetings.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Friday, March 10, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the AACOG Boardroom.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robert Weinberg to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Goodall seconded the motion. Motion approved. Charles Donellan adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Charles Donellan, Chairperson

Date