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

February 11, 2005 – 1:00 p.m.

AACOG Boardroom
8700 Tesoro Dr. Suite 700
San Antonio, Texas 78217

Members

Linda Lee Davis, present	Cindy Wilson, excused	Joyce Cruz, present
Ginny Funk, present	Darlene Evans, excused	Patricia Godkin, absent
Carolyn Goodall, present	Kathryn Schmoekel, present	Beverly Lutz, present
John Halloran, excused	Cheryl Bush, present	Carolyn Stauss, present
Genevieve Manley, present	Linda Gonzales, present	Denise Usener, present
Tim Wauson, absent	Charles Donellan, present	Pamela Vann, present
Judge Diana Bautista, present	Walter Harris, excused	Tina Woods, present
Raymond White, absent	Flora Gurt, absent	Glen Peterson, present
Marie Dawson, present	Chris Mitchell, absent	Barbara Effenberger, excused
Bonnie Flagg, present	Regina Applewhite, present	JoAnn McFarland, present
Irma Gonzalez, excused	Becky Byerly, present	Louis Vannatter, absent
Ysabela Pena, excused	Gloria Crisp, present	
Carol Smith, excused	Robert Lopez, present	

Guest/Visitors

Gloria Arriaga
Rita Cunningham

Staff

Israel Zúñiga	Nanci Struble
Julie Sakelakos	Suzanne Ruff
Evangeline Avena	Candy Walsh
Pete Cantu	Maria Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson, Carolyn Stauss, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Carolyn Stauss welcomed members and guests.

III. ROLL CALL

Charles Donellan took roll call. Twenty-two (22) members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Gonzales moved to approve the minutes of January 14 with corrections as follows: Members-Linda Gonzales and Walter Harris were excused not absent; Guest/Visitors-Becky Byerly is from Medina not Golden Hub; and Roll Call-Charles Donellan took roll call not Walter Harris. JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

A. BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Gonzales reported the following areas that are being considered: 1) The composition and size of the ASAC (Currently it is at 45 members), 2) Holding a joint meeting with Bexar Senior Advisory Committee, 3) Designating a month during the summer to skip a meeting, 4) Holding off-site meetings, and 5) the deletion of Article X111 – Transition since time frame has already passed. After consideration, the committee will come back with its recommendation.

B. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Beverly Lutz, Transportation Manager, discussed that their quarterly advisory meeting will be next week. Client survey cards are working and they are receiving good information from them. There will be a transportation presentation on February 2nd at the Silver Sage Senior Center in Bandera. If anyone would like a presentation at his or her center please call. They are currently looking for more part-time drivers; please call Beverly at (210) 362-5238. There will be public hearing on March 3, at 2 p.m. in the AACOG Board Room regarding funds.

C. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

Glen Peterson, Texas Silver-Haired Legislators discussed the House Bill 470 and Senate Bill 194. This legislation is specifically to reduce the number of AAA's in the state. They want to have only 4 regional AAA's. The Texas Silver-Haired Legislators are against these bills and will be presenting testimony at the State

hearing. Mr. Peterson read an excerpt from this testimony. The concern is that the smaller counties will not be included in the services for seniors.

There was some discussion and it was asked that the ASAC committee be sent a copy of each bill in the next mail out.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF ALBERT TAPIA AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR KENDALL COUNTY AND LINDA GONZALES AS ALTERNATE, PER APPOINTMENT LETTER FROM JUDGE EDDIE J. VOGT.

Beverly Lutz moved to accept the approval of Albert Tapia as representative for Kendall County and Linda Gonzales as alternate. Joyce Cruz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES: DENISE USENER FOR GILLESPIE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, BECKY BYERLY FOR MEDINA COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAMS, ROBERT LOPEZ FOR COMAL SENIOR CENTER, AND JOYCE CRUZ AS ALTERNATE FOR COMAL SENIOR CENTER.

Carolyn Goodall moved to accept the approval of vendor representatives: Denise Usener, Becky Byerly, Robert Lopez and Joyce Cruz as listed above. Cheryl Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL VENDORS LIST.

Tina Woods moved to accept the approval of proposed additional vendors list. Beverly Lutz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MEDICATE DRUG DISCOUNT CARD CAMPAIGN

The packet contained a list of sites by County. Please be aware of these events in your area so that they can be publicized. Suzanne Ruff, Alamo Aging Staff, discussed the Drug Card. In June 2005, the Part D Drug Card will become

effective. Ms. Ruff stated that she anticipates some confusion with this new card.

B. ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION ON UPCOMING SYMPOSIUMS

Helen Flores, Regional Program Coordinator, stated that they would be hosting five educational Alzheimer's Symposiums in the South Central Texas. These Symposiums are directed to professionals but they always encourage family members to attend. They will be held as follows: March 9 in San Antonio, March 15 in Kerrville, May 5 in Seguin, April 29 in Corpus Christi and October 19 in Boerne. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn the most updated information on the Alzheimer's disease.

C. CHANGE OF VENUE FOR ASAC MEETINGS

Glen Peterson moved to rotate the venue of the ASAC meetings three times a year at the discretion of the Alamo Aging Director. Ginny Funk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2005 at Alamo Area Council of Governments Board Room.

There was discussion about the Senior Day at the Capital. This area had the largest number of supporters and it turned out to be a great day. Seniors were able to talk directly to the state legislators.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Carolyn Stauss adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Carolyn Stauss, Chairperson

Date