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

March 9, 2007 – 1:00 p.m.

Al J. Notzon III Boardroom
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78217
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Members

Regina Applewhite, present
Karen Bailey, absent
Judge Diana Bautista, present
Ann Gay Bishop, present
Marilyn Bullock, present
Yvonne Coronado, absent
Linda Lee Davis, absent
Charles Donellan, present
Barbara Effenberger, present
Darlene Evans, present
Dr. Bob Fitzgerald, present

Ginny Funk, present
Irma Gonzalez, excused
Carolyn Goodall, present
Cyndy Hahn, present
Robert Lopez, excused
Beverly Lutz, present
Genevieve Manley, present
Bill MacAllister, excused
JoAnn McFarland, present
Ysabela Pena, excused
Glen Peterson, excused

Eleanor Preston, present
Lucille Rochs, present
Irene Scholz, present
Carolyn Stauss, present
Denise Usener, present
Robert Weinberg, excused
Raymond White, present
Tina Woods, excused
Opal Word, excused
Dona Yanta, absent

Staff

Debbie Billa, Aging Director
Julie Sakelakos
Maria Wilson
Alvin Arada

Nanci Struble
Suzanne Ruff
Trish Slaton
Evangeline Diaz

Tiffany Pickens, PR
Nick Monreal, Bexar AAA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charles Donellan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

III. ROLL CALL

Ann Gay Bishop, Secretary, took roll call. Twenty (20) members were present.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tiffany Pickens of Public Relations announced that they are accepting nominations for the AACOG Regional Awards. Recipients will be honored at the June 13, 2007, AACOG Area Council & Board of Directors semiannual meeting. Tiffany distributed the nomination submission forms or contact her at (210) 362-5204.

Nick Monreal of the Bexar AAA discussed the smoke alarm program called "Operation Install Change Spring and Fall." For more information contact Debbie Billa.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lucille Rochs moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2007. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Billa announced that Alamo AAA would be holding senior needs assessment focus groups in all eleven counties during this month and April. These focus groups will discuss what is going well in each county for seniors and what are some of their issues. Invitations will be sent out and notices will be posted in the area newspapers. Debbie passed out a list of all the dates and invited the ASAC members to attend as many as possible.

Alamo and Bexar AAA will be launching an initiative for My Medicare Matters to locate those low-income seniors in the 12 counties who may be eligible for additional assistance. This will be achieved with the help of our mapping department with addresses of those targeted individuals.

Texas Conference on Aging is being held April 22 – 25, 2007. You may receive additional information by logging onto texasconferenceonaging.com.

HB407, which is in the legislature now, is a home delivered meal grant fund from the Department of Agriculture. Home delivered meal providers can participate if their County puts in 25 cents per 60+ or older individuals in their county. Then the Provider could apply to the Department of Agriculture who would then be able to pay them \$1 for each unfunded home delivered meal.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS
SPECIALIZED CARE FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES**

Marlene Richter, CSA from Care Improvement Plus gave a presentation and handed out a brochure on how they help for Medicare beneficiaries.

TEXAS RAMPS PROJECT

John Lane discussed the Texas Ramps project that he started in Dallas. He is trying to start building organizations here in San Antonio and surrounding areas to build ramps for those in need. Texas Ramps will design and cut the donated lumber for customized ramps and then a local organization provides the volunteers, usually for approximately four hours, to do the actual labor on the property. To contact him go to texasramps.org.

VIII. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Beverly Lutz reported that they have ordered more vehicles and they have a RFP for job access reverse commute in several counties. There will be a regional transportation rodeo held shortly for the drivers.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

Barbara Effenberger stated that the Senior Day at the Capital was very successful. They raised over \$40,000 and thank all who participated. She also discussed items that will be discussed at their executive committee meeting on Monday.

C. PROGRAM REPORT

The program report was sent in the packet.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY2008-2010 AREA PLAN DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Barbara Effenberger to authorize the Program Subcommittee to review the draft of the 2008-2010 Area Plan and then submit it to the Board of Directors. JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

If you want a draft copy of the area plan, when it is completed, contact Debbie Billa or Julie Sakelakos.

B. FY07 NEW VENDOR APPLICATION

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs to approve the vendor application for Hill Country Crisis Center servicing Kerr, Gillespie, Kendall and Bandera counties. Carolyn Goodall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 20th, 11:00 a.m. at the Oak Hills Country Club. You should be getting your invitations shortly.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Friday, May 11, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the new Dietert Senior Center, 451 Guadalupe Street, Kerrville. Directions will be mailed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Linda Lee Davis to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Goodall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Charles Donellan adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.