

**Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
March 13, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Lopez, Chairperson
Patrice Doerries, Vice Chairperson
Denise Usener, Secretary
Coral Adema
Veronica Arriaga
Judge Diana Bautista
Marilyn Bullock
Barbara Effenberger
Darlene Evans
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald
Ginny Funk
Kelley Gallant
Lisa Loya
Beverly Lutz
Genevieve Manley
Richard Muzquiz
Marlene Richter
Lucille Rochs
Irene Scholz
Tina Woods

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Sara Picardo for Judge Carlos Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Applewhite
Billie Bell
Christine Cervera
Brenda Engelmann
Angela Fiedler
John Green
Carolyn Goodall
JoAnn McFarland
Eleanor Preston
Michele Thacker
Pam Thatcher
Raymond White
Opal Word

GUESTS

None

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Billa
Julie Sakelakos
Alvin Arada
Dan Goetz
Evangeline Diaz
Henri Eaton
Nelda Rodriguez
Suzanne Ruff
Trish Slaton
Maria Wilson
Candy Walsh
Wes Zernial

1. Robert Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by Denise Usener and a quorum was established.
3. There were no citizens to be heard.
4. Dr. Robert Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2009. Lucille Rochs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Tina Woods, Director of the Dietert Center in Kerrville, made a presentation on the Mather Café Concept. This is an idea for revitalization of the congregate meal sites at senior centers that is very successful in Chicago. It gives seniors an option for meals and others in a modern café-like setting. See www.matherlifeways.com for more information.
6. Debbie Billa introduced Dan Goetz as the new Access and Assistance Lead Specialist. Then she highlighted her Director's Report, which was sent in the packet:
 - Matter of Balance classes are available.
 - Stimulus Funding – Texas received approx. \$5 million, DADS will allocate to the AAA's shortly. Also, \$250 one-time stimulus check to seniors with the exception of SSI recipients and nursing home patients.
 - DTV Conversion information was presented by Wesley Zernial.
 - Older Americans Month is May. The theme is "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow.
 - Network of Care Legislative Advocacy.
 - Current Legislative Issues – pending list was handed out.
 - Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on May 15th, hope all members will attend.
 - N4A Livable Communities Workshop tentatively set for June 11th.
7. A motion was made by Darlene Evans, seconded by Lucille Rochs, recommending the new and revised FY09 Vendors Agreements. The Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Marilyn Bullock, seconded by Judge Diane Bautista, recommending the Older Americans Month Proclamation. The Motion carried unanimously.
9. Debbie Billa led a discussion on Senior Day at the Capital 2009 that was held on February 10th. Buses went from Wilson & Comal Counties. Marlene Richter had made red, white and blue boas for those that attended from Wilson County so they would be recognized. All had a great time and were able to talk to their representatives. Thanks to those who organized and attended this important event.
10. The following are information items:

Barbara Effenberger handed out Texas Silvered Hair Legislators (TSHL) Directories and a press release from the National Silver Haired Congress regarding the top five resolutions that they will send to the House and Senate member of the U.S. Congress. Barbara stated that the TSHL is considering changing their election cycle and that she will not be running again.

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Marlene Richter stated that Angela Fielder had a baby girl the previous night and both were doing well.

Veronica Arriaga and Kelly Gallant announced that there will be the 1st Annual McCoy's Bike Run on March 21st, see them for more details.

The next meeting date of May 8, 2009 was announced.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.