

**Minutes**  
**Alamo Area Council of Governments**  
**Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**March 14, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Al J. Notzon III Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**8700 Tesoro Drive**  
**San Antonio, TX 78217-6228**

**Members**

Regina Applewhite, present	Carolyn Goodall, present	Lavern Peterson, present
Judge Diana Bautista, excused	Cyndy Hahn, present	Lucille Rochs, present
Ann Gay Bishop, present	Margie Jetton, excused	Irene Scholz, present
Marilyn Bullock, present	Robert Lopez, present	Diane Sides, present
Christine Cervera, present	Lisa Loya, present	Carolyn Stauss, present
Patrice Doerries, present	Beverly Lutz, absent	Denise Usener, present
Barbara Effenberger, present	Genevieve Manley, present	Raymond White, excused
Darlene Evans, present	Bill MacAllister, excused	Tina Woods, present
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, present	JoAnn McFarland, excused	Opal Word, present
Ginny Funk, present	Ysabela Pena, present	
Kelley Gallant, present	Eleanor Preston, present	

**Guests**

Diane Riojas, Molina  
Healthcare

**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-four (24) members were present.

**3. Citizens to be heard.**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes for January 11, 2008.**

Lucille Rochs moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2008. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**5. Presentation: Alamo Area Network of Care Web Demonstration**

Debbie Billa gave a presentation on the Alamo Area Network of Care Website that is now available. This is a dynamic website with an abundance of information for the seniors in our 11 county area. Debbie encouraged everyone to look at this website

and to encourage everyone they know to use this website. Also for all to check their provider information that is listed in the website for accuracy and that they can correct the information by logging in.

**6. Director's Report.**

The Director's complete report was sent in the packet. Debbie Billa highlighted the information on the TV Conversion Box, where to go for more information and the forms for anyone with an analog TV (one that uses rabbit-ears.) She discussed the importance of reminding seniors to file their 2008 taxes so that they can receive the government stimulus funds. Long Term Care (LTC) insurance partnerships were discussed and how this will impact the future of LTC insurance.

**7. Consider and act upon resolution designating May 2008 as Older Americans Month.**

A motion was made by Darlene Evans to approve a resolution designating May 2008 as Older Americans Month. Marilyn Bullock seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**8. Consider and act upon recommendations from the Allocations and Monitoring Committee**

**a. Revisions to FY08 Budget Allocations**

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs, Chairperson for the Allocations and Monitoring Committee to accept the revisions to the FY08 Budget Allocations. Motion approved.

**b. Revisions to the FY08 Provider Targets**

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs, Chairperson for the Allocations and Monitoring Committee to accept the revisions to the FY08 Provider Targets. Motion approved.

**c. New Vendors**

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs, Chairperson for the Allocations and Monitoring Committee to approve Ortiz Carpentry for residential repair on a case-by-case basis and Comal County Senior Citizen's Foundation for nutrition transportation at a rate of \$8.00 per trip as new vendors. Motion approved.

**9. Consider and act upon recommendations from the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Election Steering Committee**

**a. Order of Cancellation of Election**

Patrice Doerries, Chairperson for the TSHL Election Committee, stated that there are four TSHL districts in our area: District 1 covers Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie; District 2 covers Guadalupe and Comal; District 3 covers Atascosa, Karnes, and Wilson; and District 4 covers Bandera, Frio and Medina. Currently we have unopposed candidates for the following districts: District 2, Barbara Effenberger; District 3, JoAnn McFarland; and District 4, Dr. Robert Fitzgerald. District 1 has a vacancy.

A motion was made by Patrice Doerries, Chairperson for the TSHL Election Committee to approve an Order of Cancellation for the 2008 TSHL Elections. Motion approved.

**b. Certification of Election for Districts 2, 3, and 4**

A motion was made by Patrice Doerries, Chairperson for the TSHL Election Committee to approve the certification of election for Districts 2, 3, and 4. Motion approved.

**c. Discussion, appointment for District 1**

There is still a vacancy for District 1, qualifications are listed on the TSHL website.

**10. Consider and act upon recommendations from the Nominations and Bylaws Committee concerning County Representatives**

A motion was made by Denise Usener, Chairperson for the Nominations and Bylaws Committee to approve Angela Fiedler as a Kendall County Representative who is the Extension Agent with Kendall County. And Diane Sides, who is the new Director of Medina County Nutrition Program as a Provider Representative and Diane's assistant, Michele Thacker, as her alternate.

**11. Information Items.**

Kelly Gallant of Catholic Charities announced their newest program, The Military Family Relief Project. They will provide assistance for rent/mortgage, utilities, food, clothing, counseling and monetary funds. Those eligible to apply are service members that have been deployed overseas for the Iraq-Afghanistan war, including active duty, reserve, National Guard, or veteran service members, and/or their families. Call Jessica Morin at (210) 433-3256 for more information.

Marilyn Bullock noted that Texas Cooperative Extension's name has been changed to Texas AgriLife Extension.

Patrice Doerries noted that Hill Country Crisis Center's name has been changed to Hill Country Cares. And that on May 15<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a conference on Elder Abuse for Law Enforcement at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kerrville.

Barbara Effenberger announced that the TSHL would be having a fundraiser on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Also the Alamo and Bexar TSHL members will be hosting Town Hall meetings about what seniors would like addressed in their next session.

Denise Usener announced that there would be a Hill Country Conference and Health Screening on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg, with a cost of \$15.

Dr. Robert Fitzgerald wanted to thank the Alamo Area Agency on Aging for continuing to hold the TSHL elections and that they all appreciate the AAA's support.

Diane Riojas, a Member Advocate for Molina Healthcare introduced herself and wanted to let everyone know that she is available for questions about the Medicare health plans at (210) 366- 6500 X203011.

**12. Next Meeting Date.**

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2008, in the Al J. Notzon III Board Room at 1:00 p.m.

**13. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.