

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
May 08, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Lopez, Chairperson
Patrice Doerries, Vice Chairperson
Denise Usener, Secretary
Coral Adema
Veronica Arriaga
Billie Bell
Marilyn Bullock
Brenda Engelmann
Darlene Evans
Angela Fiedler
Ginny Funk
John Green
Lisa Loya
Genevieve Manley
JoAnn McFarland
Richard Muzquiz
Eleanor Preston
Lucille Rochs
Irene Scholz
Raymond White
Opal Word

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Sara Picardo for Judge Carlos Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Applewhite
Judge Diana Bautista
Christine Cervera
Barbara Effenberger
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald
Kelley Gallant
Carolyn Goodall
Beverly Lutz
Marlene Richter
Michele Thacker
Pam Thatcher
Tina Woods

GUESTS

None

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Billa
Julie Sakelakos
Evangeline Diaz
Henri Eaton
Dan Goetz
Linnie Martin
Nelda Rodriguez
Suzanne Ruff
Trish Slaton
Annabelle Vazquez
Candy Walsh
Maria Wilson
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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. Darlene Evans moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2009 with the correction on #10 from "will be" to "are considering". JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Ms. Ochoa from the Census Bureau made a presentation on the 2010 Census. There will be questionnaires being sent out shortly to everyone in the United States.
6. Debbie Billa introduced Linnie Martin as the new Alamo Aging Rural Ombudsman. Then she highlighted her Director's Report:
 - Stimulus Funding – A handout was provided titled "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
 - Emergency Planning Information
 - Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on May 15th, hope all members will attend.
 - N4A Livable Communities Workshop will be held on June 11th.
7. Staff Reports

Maria Wilson of Care Coordination and Caregiver Support reported that there were many requests for income support for utility bills at this time. She also announced that there will be a Caregiver Conference in Kerrville next month. Maria asked if anyone would like to have a health fair in their community to please contact her. And also to please promote the Caregiver Resource Centers in your area, there is a lot of good information at these locations and most of the sites are getting a lot of use.

Dan Goetz of Access and Intake introduced Annabelle Vazquez as the new part-time IR & A person. Discussed what is happening in the IR&A area.

Linnie Martin, Ombudsman, discussed a certified nursing assistance program in Frio, Medina and Karnes.
8. Debbie Billa gave some insight into the new vendors on the list. Then a motion was made by Darlene Evans, seconded by Angela Fiedler, recommending the new and revised FY09 Vendors. The Motion carried unanimously.
9. Debbie Billa then discussed the Current Legislative Status. She distributed a handout titled "81st Texas Legislature and 12th TSHL Resolutions and Interests" dated 4/24/09, showing the status of all the applicable bills to that date.
10. The following are information items:

Ginny Funk announced that HBO would be showing a documentary on Alzheimer's on Sunday, May 10th at 8:00 pm. It should be well worth watching.

Veronica Arriaga thanked Alamo staff members, Maria Wilson & Dan Goetz for their help at the Health Fair they held in the morning.

Patrice Dorries announced that May aside from being Older Americans Month was also Elders Abuse month. There will be training for MOW drivers in Bandera, Kerrville and Fredericksburg.

11. The next meeting date of July 10, 2009 was announced.
12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.