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**Minutes of the
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
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May 11, 2007 – 1:00 p.m.

Dietert Center
451 Guadalupe Street, Kerrville, TX

Members

Regina Applewhite, excused	Ginny Funk, present	Eleanor Preston, present
Karen Bailey, excused	Irma Gonzalez, excused	Lucille Rochs, excused
Judge Diana Bautista, excused	Carolyn Goodall, excused	Irene Scholz, present
Ann Gay Bishop, excused	Cyndy Hahn, excused	Carolyn Stauss, present
Marilyn Bullock, excused	Robert Lopez, present	Denise Usener, excused
Yvonne Coronado, absent	Beverly Lutz, present	Robert Weinberg, excused
Linda Lee Davis, excused	Genevieve Manley, excused	Raymond White, absent
Charles Donellan, excused	Bill MacAllister, present	Tina Woods, present
Barbara Effenberger, present	JoAnn McFarland, present	Opal Word, present
Darlene Evans, excused	Ysabela Pena, excused	Dona Yanta, excused
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, present	Glen Peterson, excused	

Guests

John Green, Rainbow Sr. Center

Staff

Debbie Billa, Aging Director
Julie Sakelakos

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Ginny Funk called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Carolyn Stauss introduced John Green as the new site manager at Rainbow Senior Center replacing Lynn Vasquez who has retired.

III. ROLL CALL

Julie Sakelakos took roll call. Twelve (12) members were present.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carolyn Stauss moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2007. Jo Ann McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Billa thanked everyone for traveling to Kerr County and the Dietert Center for hosting the meeting. She also thanked everyone who hosted and/or attended the senior needs assessment focus groups that were held in all eleven counties during March and April. There were many good thoughts and ideas that were discussed and a few interagency groups developed out of the focus groups. The 2007-2010 Area Plan has been completed and sent to DADS for their approval. Everyone will have access to the Area Plan as soon as it is approved.

HB407, which is a home delivered meal grant fund from the Department of Agriculture, has passed both the house and senate. 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. For updates go to the Texas Legislature online.

Debbie stated that she would be attending training for the Stanford Chronic Disease Self Management as a Master Trainer. She will then be able to conduct training class to other lay volunteers to help those with health issues.

Happy Older Americans Month! Debbie handed out the proclamation signed by Governor Rick Perry.

Debbie announced that Kim Kirchoff has been hired as the new Deputy Director for Human Services.

VII. PRESENTATION

The presentation by Tina Woods, Director of the Dietert Center, was deferred until after the adjournment so as to accommodate the tour.

VIII. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Beverly Lutz reported that along with obtaining new vehicles they are working on the second phase of their Regional Plan. ART now has a new deviated route in Kerrville, Ingram, and Center Point called the River Run Express. Beverly handed out the route of pick-up locations and departure times and the cost is \$1 per ride. She is asking that everyone help to pack the buses for trips from their county to San Antonio. There is also a Request for Proposals to update the transportation software for more efficiency, and for the future they are looking at computers in every bus.

Discussion followed regarding transportation issues in different areas. Beverly stated that at present they have 65 vehicles and only 55 drivers. She again asked for everyone to please let her know about anyone interested in driving.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

Barbara Effenberger stated that transportation is always a hot item with the TSHL. TSHL passed 60 resolutions in September and only a few didn't become bills. However, this legislature is very slow in passing bills.

The amendment being voted on Saturday will correct the lack of school tax reduction to those who had their taxes frozen but didn't receive this reduction.

The Executive Committee will meet on June 8th and the General Session will be in September. The General Session will be a retreat where they will develop plans for the future.

C. PROGRAM REPORT

The program report was sent in the packet. Debbie also mentioned that Charles Donellan would be resigning from ASAC due to health reasons and moving to Bexar County.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY2008-2010 AREA PLAN

Debbie Billa discussed how the Area Plan was developed with the focus groups that Alamo AAA hosted. The following were the top main concerns in most of the counties: 1) Awareness of services, 2) Transportation, 3) Economic Issues, and 4) Access to services.

A motion was made by Barbara Effenberger to approve the FY2008-2010 Area Plan. Beverly Lutz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. FY07 VENDORS

A motion was made by Beverly Lutz to approve the revised vendor agreement with Hill Country Crisis Center to include Health Maintenance. Robert Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. FY07 BUDGET

A motion was made by Jo Ann McFarland to approve the actual FY07 Budget. Bill McAllister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Nutrition Provider Targets and Transfers

A motion was made by Dr. Bob Fitzgerald to approve the Nutrition Provider targets and transfers. Robert Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. TSHL Election Discussion and Recommendation

A discussion was held as to whether or not the Alamo Area Agency on Aging should continue handling the TSHL elections in the future due to the recent court case where an AAA was held liable for an election error. There is currently a bill in the legislature that would hold the AAA's harmless from this kind of liability.

The TSHL members in attendance expressed their opinion on the subject then refrained from the vote.

A motion was made by Bill McAllister to recommend that Alamo Area Agency on Aging should continue to handle the TSHL elections. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

The Alzheimer's Association will be holding an Educational Symposium on June 6th in San Antonio and in Boerne on October 24th.

Robert Lopez, Executive Director of the Comal Senior Center in New Braunfels talked about their new fund raising event called the "Floating Frog Fest" that will be held June 8th.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Friday, July 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., at the Al J. Notzon III Board Room at 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Beverly Lutz to adjourn the meeting. Jo Ann McFarland seconded the motion.

Vice Chairperson Ginny Funk adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

XIV. GUIDED TOUR OF THE NEW DIETERT CENTER

Tina Woods discussed the history of the Dietert Senior Center from its beginning in 1969 to the present. They were in the same location until the new facility was finished this year. They received a gift of cash to purchase the property and had their capital campaign from 2004-2007. They opened March 2, 2007 debt-free. They have 4 programs: 1) Nutrition -Congregate and HDM; 2) Independent Living; 3) Take Five; and 4) Activities. After this discussion, Tina gave the members a guided tour of the center.