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

May 12, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

AACOG Board Room
8700 Tesoro Dr., Ste 100, San Antonio, TX 78217
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Members

Karen Bailey, excused	Eleanor Preston, present	Becky Byerly, present
JoAnn Tobias-Molina (alt), present	Irma Gonzalez, present	Robert Lopez, present
Linda Lee Davis, present	Ysabela Pena, present	Beverly Lutz, excused
Ginny Funk, present	Lucille Rochs, present	Carolyn Stauss, present
Carolyn Goodall, present	Yvonne Coronado, absent	Laura Tuttle, present
John Halloran, present	Carol Smith (alt)	Denise Usener, present
Cyndy Hahn, present	Darlene Evans, present	Pamela Vann, present
Genevieve Manley, present	Bill MacAllister, present	Tina Woods, present
Judge Diana Bautista, excused	Linda Gonzales, absent	Glen Peterson, absent
Raymond White, present	Charles Donellan, present	Barbara Effenberger, present
Opal Word, present	Robert Weinberg, excused	JoAnn McFarland, present
Bonnie Flagg, excused	Regina Applewhite, present	

Guests/Visitors

Frances Ehrlich, SA Lighthouse

Staff

Debbie Billa	Nanci Struble
Julie Sakelakos	Suzanne Ruff
Maria Wilson	Alvin Arada
Evangeline Avena	Henri Eaton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charles Donellan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Charles Donellan welcomed members and JoAnn Tobias-Molina as the alternate for Karen Bailey.

III. ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairperson Ginny Funk took roll call. Twenty-six (26) members were present.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JoAnn McFarland moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2006 with the correction of Chairperson instead of Vice-Chairperson in signature block on page 4. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Billa handed out a policy statement from the National Association of Regional Councils about the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, as it is a good explanation of the issues associated with reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

Debbie stated that both Alamo & Bexar Agencies on Aging will be open until 8 p.m. on May 15th for Medicare beneficiaries to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Also distributed was a notice of expansion of the Star PLUS Services, which is the expansion of Medicaid managed care services, including long term care services to the Alamo region.

Don't forget the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon that will be held on Friday, May 19th at Oak Hills Country Club. All ASAC members are invited to attend.

VII. PRESENTATION

Frances Ehrlich, Senior Program, San Antonio Lighthouse gave a presentation on the San Antonio Lighthouse, which has been in San Antonio for 75 years and helps the blind and visually impaired.

VIII. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Carolyn Goodall stated that rural transportation is growing very rapidly. ART is still waiting to hear about the Medicaid contract.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

This is the middle of the election cycle. The TSHL in the Alamo rural area will not hold elections because there was no opposition to the current elected members. There is still an opening for a member in the Medina-Bandera-Frio district. The September session will convene to work on the resolutions.

C. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were sent out in the packets. No questions were asked of staff.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Debbie Billa thanked Lucille Rochs, Denise Usener and Carolyn Stauss for serving on the Bylaws Committee. Debbie discussed the changes that the committee recommended. After the discussion, some additional changes will be made in the language about attendance and the new bylaws will be voted on at the meeting in June.

B. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FORUM

The White House Conference on Aging Local Implementation Strategies Forum will be held on Thursday, May 25 from 9:30 – 12:00 at Catholic Charities. All those interested in participating are asked to fill out and return the form that was included in the packet.

X. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

A. NEW VENDOR

A motion was made by Robert Lopez to approve the new vendor, In Home Senior Care, for their Homemaker, In-Home Respite and Personal Assistance programs for Comal & Guadalupe counties. Tina Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. CMS GRANT

A motion was made by Darlene Evans to approve Alamo AAA to apply for the new CMS Basic grant for the period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. These funds are intended to continue outreach and benefit counseling in local communities for Medicare issue, especially Medicare prescription drug coverage. Lucille Rochs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. REQUEST FROM DIETERT SENIOR CENTER

A request was made from Tina Woods, Executive Director of the Dietert Senior Center to revise the format for the Alamo AAA staff reports. Mr. Donellan explained that the issue surfaced after the contract for Care Coordination services with the Dietert Senior Center was not renewed this year. The request made involves greater accountability to the Committee in reporting more county specific information regarding number of individuals served, amount of services provided, and cost of those services. After some discussion, Debbie Billa suggested that she come back to the Committee with a suggested new format at the next meeting.

D. HOME DELIVERED MEALS POSITION STATEMENT

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs to approve the home delivered meals position statement. Irma Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

JoAnn Tobias-Molina, Adult Protective Services Regional Director, handed out information on their services for preventing elder abuse.

Ginny Funk will be going to Washington D.C. on an advocacy trip for Alzheimer's the first week of June.

Barbara Effenberger discussed the Texas White House Conference on Aging that took place in El Paso last week. There were many exciting and important topics discussed. The next Texas Conference on Aging will be held in Dallas.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Friday, June 9, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the AACOG Boardroom.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs to adjourn the meeting. JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Charles Donellan adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.