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

August 11, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

AACOG Board Room
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78217
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Members

Karen Bailey, present
JoAnn Tobias-Molina (alt)
Linda Lee Davis, present
Ginny Funk, excused
Helen Flores (alt), present
Carolyn Goodall, absent
John Halloran, excused
Cyndy Hahn, present
Genevieve Manley, present
Judge Diana Bautista, present
Raymond White, present
Opal Word, present

Bonnie Flagg, present
Eleanor Preston, present
Irma Gonzalez, excused
Ysabela Pena, present
Lucille Rochs, present
Yvonne Coronado, absent
Carol Smith (alt)
Darlene Evans, excused
Bill MacAllister, excused
Linda Gonzales, absent
Charles Donellan, present
Robert Weinberg, present

Regina Applewhite, present
Becky Byerly, present
Robert Lopez, present
Beverly Lutz, present
Carolyn Stauss, present
Denise Usener, present
Pamela Vann, present
Tina Woods, excused
Glen Peterson, excused
Barbara Effenberger, excused
JoAnn McFarland, excused

Guests/Visitors

Staff

Debbie Billa
Julie Sakelakos
Angela Arteaga
Alvin Arada
Evangeline Diaz
Henri Eaton

Ken Miltonberger
Suzanne Ruff
Nanci Struble
Candy Walsh
Maria Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charles Donellan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Charles Donellan welcomed members.

III. ROLL CALL

Secretary Bonnie Flagg took roll call. Twenty (21) members were present.

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robert Weinberg moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2006. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. PRESENTATION TO CAROLYN STAUSS, OUTGOING ALAMO SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debbie Billa thanked Carolyn Stauss for her years of service as the previous Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Chairperson and awarded Carolyn with a plaque.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Billa introduced the following new employees for Alamo Aging: Trish Slaton who will be part-time data entry clerk and part-time Information, Referral and Assistance Specialist; Angela Arteaga who is a Billing Technician that will be shared with Bexar AAA; and Ken Miltenberger who will be part-time temporary Benefits Counselor for Gillespie, Comal Kendall and Kerr. He will be setting up Outreach Stations in those counties.

Debbie stated that the Benefits Counseling Outreach stations will be set up in all 11 counties. Suzanne Ruff is working the rest of the counties. An Outreach Station is where seniors can come to a regular location and get help with answers about many issues such as Medicare. Please call Suzanne Ruff or Debbie Billa for any questions.

Regarding the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, Congress is now in recess and will be back in September for three weeks, then will be in recess again for the fall elections. It is imperative that they reauthorize the Act before the end of the year for many reasons; one of the most important is the funding of programs.

Debbie discussed the handout TSAC 2007 Legislative Priorities dated August 10, 2006. The Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition is a group of organizations that support Senior Issues. They met in August in Waco to develop their legislative priorities for the next legislative session. The handout gave the top four priorities. Senior Day at the Capital will be held on February 13, 2007. It is an important event for seniors and makes an impact on elected representatives when seniors from their districts attend.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Nanci Struble gave a presentation on the Ombudsman Program. Shortly there will be more than 100 nursing homes and assisted living facilities within the 11 county region. Some of these homes that have lower inspections scores and more complaints need to be visited weekly. There is a shortage of volunteers in Frio and Karnes counties. She discussed in detail why there is a need for more volunteer Ombudsman and handed out materials, to be distributed in every county, that gives information about the volunteer Ombudsman program. Everyone was encouraged to call Nanci if they might be interested in volunteering.

IX. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Beverly Lutz stated that ART is now a sub-contractor for American Medical Response for Medicaid transportation.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

None.

C. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS

A Quarterly report was sent out in the packets. Debbie Billa answered a few questions regarding this new report and the information contained within.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY07 VENDORS

A motion was made by Linda Lee Davis to approve the FY07 Vendors. Judge Diana Bautista seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. NEW MEMBERS

A motion was made by Beverly Lutz to approve the new members: Dona Yanta as Karnes County Representative and Ann Bishop as Executive Director of the Silver Sage Senior Activity Center. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. FY06 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Lucille Rochs to approve the FY06 Budget Adjustments. Robert Weinberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN FY06 NUTRITION PROVIDER TARGETS

A motion was made by Judge Diana Bautista to approve the recommended changes in the FY06 Nutrition Provider Targets for Congregate Meals. Robert Weinberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bonnie Flagg to approve the recommended changes in the FY06 Nutrition Provider Targets for Home Delivered Meals. Karen Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Helen Flores, Alzheimer's Association, stated there will be an Education Symposium on October 25th on Managing Medical Behavioral and Ethical Issues in Alzheimer's and Dementia.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Friday, September 8, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the AACOG Boardroom.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Judge Diana Bautista to adjourn the meeting. Robert Weinberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Charles Donellan adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.