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**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

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

**September 9, 2005 – 1:00 p.m.**

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

Linda Lee Davis, present  
Ginny Funk, present  
Carolyn Goodall, present  
John Halloran, present  
Genevieve Manley, present  
Judge Diana Bautista, excused  
Raymond White, absent  
Bonnie Flagg, present  
Irma Gonzalez, excused  
Ysabela Pena, excused  
Carol Smith, excused

Darlene Evans, absent  
Kathryn Schmoekel, absent  
Cheryl Bush, present  
Albert Tapia, absent  
Linda Gonzales-ALT, absent  
Charles Donellan, present  
Flora Gurt, absent  
Regina Applewhite, excused  
Becky Byerly, excused  
Sherilynn Vineyard, present  
Robert Lopez, present

Joyce Cruz-ALT, present  
Beverly Lutz, present  
Carolyn Stauss, present  
Laura Tuttle, present  
Denise Usener, present  
Pamela Vann, excused  
Tina Woods, present  
Glen Peterson, excused  
Barbara Effenberger, excused  
JoAnn McFarland, excused

**Guests/Visitors**

Louis Alvarado, Alzheimer's

**Staff**

Gloria Arriaga  
Carol Zernial  
Julie Sakelakos

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson, Carolyn Stauss, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Carolyn Stauss welcomed members and guests. Carolyn introduced Carol Zernial who is the Interim Director for Alamo Area Agency on Aging.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Bonnie Flagg took roll call. Sixteen (16) members were present.

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Joyce Cruz moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2005 with the correction in the Public Comments that Helen Flores also gave an update on outreach and education for the Alzheimer's Association. Tina Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Carol Zernial discussed that the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina were to be sheltered in San Antonio. However, there were reports that some had been taken to surrounding counties. Carol sent staff to check for senior evacuees in the shelters and was pleased to announce that they seem to be doing well. The Administration on Aging is releasing emergency funds and she asked for information regarding the actual location of these evacuees and their needs by Monday at 8:00 a.m. It is important to make sure that those seniors and special needs evacuees have all that they need and have been registered. For those looking for loved ones have them contact the Red Cross. On the state level, the DADS Council helps handle complaints if you are interested there is a meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Austin. On the local level, it was announced that Israel Zuniga had resigned.

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON**

Beverly Lutz handed out a report on Alamo Regional Transportation. She discussed the need for coordination of efforts and vehicles to try and accommodate more riders.

**B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)**

No report was given.

**C. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS  
CAREGIVER/CARE COORDINATION  
OMBUDSMAN  
MEDICARE/MEDICAID**

The written reports were sent in packets. No questions were asked of the staff.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS (CCSCT) REQUEST TO TRANSFER NUTRITION FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. Atascosa County - \$5,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals.**
- b. Karnes County - \$6,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals.**
- c. Wilson County - \$4,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals.**
- d. Guadalupe County - \$18,000 from Congregate to Capital Equipment.**

Bonnie Flagg moved to approve CCSCT's request to transfer nutrition funds for the following: a. Atascosa County - \$5,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals, b. Karnes County - \$6,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals and c. Wilson County - \$4,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals. John Halloran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Donellon moved not to approve CCSCT's request to transfer nutrition funds from Guadalupe County - \$18,000 from Congregate to Capital Equipment due to insufficient information. Cheryl Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. APPROVAL OF DIETERT'S REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING ALLOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. From Personal Assistance to Homemaker \$3,000.**
- b. From Personal Assistance to Care Coordination \$300.**

Linda Lee Davis moved to approve Dieter's request to transfer funds for Independent Living allocations as follows: a. from Personal Assistance to Homemaker \$3,000 and b. from Personal Assistance to Care Coordination \$300. Bonnie Flagg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. APPROVAL OF DIETER'S REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$3,000 FROM CONGREGATE TO HOME DELIVERED MEALS.**

Carolyn Goodall moved to approve Dieter's request to transfer \$3,000 from Congregate to Home Delivered Meals. Cheryl Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

Louie Alvarado from the Alzheimer's Association talked about outreach opportunities. There will be Caregiver Presentations on September 26 in Frio County, September 27 in Karnes County and September 28 in Atascosa County. The Alzheimer's Association also announced that by the end of September there will be a new Caregiver Resource Center opening in the Dilley Public Library. Louie is also available for presentations.

Ginny Funk of the Alzheimer's Association announced that Kerrville will be holding the Annual Memory Walk on Saturday, September 24.

Bonnie Flagg from the Bulverde Senior Center announced that the Comal Bar Association and the McKenna Heath Care Foundation are providing a free Living Will Presentation on September 19.

Carol Zernial asked that if anyone knows of any seniors that have a caregiver and are having problems paying bills in the Alamo area, to please contact her before the end of the month.

Charles Donellon wanted to commend the local and national group called Sunrise who was instrumental in getting the clients in their extended care facility out of New Orleans to their other facilities in Texas immediately.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be October 14, 2005 in the AACOG Boardroom.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Stauss adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

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Carolyn Stauss, Chairperson

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Date