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

October 8, 2004– 1:00 p.m.

AACOG Boardroom
8700 Tesoro Dr. Suite 700
San Antonio, Texas 78217

Members

Carolyn Goodall, present
Genevieve Manley, present
John Halloran, present
Linda Lee Davis, present
Ginny Funk, excused
Tim Wauson, excused
Diana Bautista, excused
Joe Guerrero, absent
Raymond White, absent
Bonnie Flagg, present
Marie Dawson, excused
Irma Gonzalez, excused
Ysabela Pena, excused
Carol Smith, excused

Cindy Wilson, present
Kathryn Schmoekel, present
Darlene Evans, present
Roger Rodriguez, absent
Cheryl Bush, present
Russell Busby, absent
Linda Gonzales, present
Charles Donellan, present
Walter Harris, present
Flora Gurt, absent
Chris Mitchell, present
Beverly Lutz, present
Carolyn Stauss, present
Gerry Webb, absent

Gloria Crisp, excused
Tina Woods, excused
Pamela Vann, present
Patricia Godkin, present
Regina Applewhite, present
Tony Davila, absent
Marcos Lopez, absent
Richard Stiles, absent
Bryan Jones, absent
Glen Peterson, absent
Barbara Effenberger, excused
JoAnn McFarland, excused
Louis Vannatter, absent

Guest/Visitors

None

Staff

Maggie Schreier
Julie Sakelakos
Evangeline Avena
Suzanne Ruff
Nanci Struble
Maria Wilson
Pete Cantu

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson, Carolyn Stauss, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Carolyn Stauss welcomed members. No guests were present.

III. ROLL CALL

Walter Harris took roll call. Eighteen (18) members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cindy Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2004. Cheryl Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (ART) LIAISON

Beverly Lutz, Transportation Manager for the 11 AACOG regions, gave an update of the Alamo Regional Transit programs. Currently assisting ISD in picking up high-school children with disabilities from school and taking them to their jobs. They received the three (3) vehicles from TxDOT. CCST transportation has started two deviated routes.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATOR (TSHL)

No one present to give a report. Maggie stated that they had their convention in September where they came up with their priorities. Trying to fine-tune those priorities and looking for members of the legislator to sponsor those items. Should give update at next meeting.

C. ALAMO AAA STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS

Staff program reports were not mailed out with the minutes they were available at the meeting. Nanci Struble discussed the Ombudsman program. Anyone interested in becoming an Ombudsman please contact Nanci. Audry Domozych, an Ombudsman for over 30 years, has been chosen to receive the Ombudsman of the Year award and will receive it in Austin. Pete Cantu discussed the Caregiver program. Evangeline Avena discussed health maintenance. Suzanne Ruff discussed Medicare Drug Card presentations and still looking for centers to help seniors on the computer. No questions were asked.

D. RURAL AGING PROGRAMS

Program Director's Report. Maggie Schreier stated that "Home for the Holiday's" applications are available. This is an annual program sponsored by Southwest Airlines where they give out free airline tickets for seniors. There are 10 days left to submit applications. Maggie requested volunteers from ASAC to judge these applications on October 26 at 9:00.

Maggie also stated that they are in the process of revising the joint Regional Access Plan between Bexar and Alamo AAA's. A series of meetings to discuss how we can make access to services easier for our seniors, such as, common intakes, one-stop shopping, computers set-up in shopping centers where seniors can apply on line for services, etc. The first meeting will be on October 29, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the AACOG Boardroom.

We are out in the field trying to get seniors signed up for the Medicare Drug Card. Please help in this effort to get the word out to seniors to sign up in the senior centers.

Some of the benefits that our program offers:

Services without an Assessment

1. Prescription assistance
Once-a-year, up to \$200 to help cover prescription expenses.
2. Income Support
Utility assistance for electric/propane bills, also up to \$200 in a year.
3. Health Maintenance
Purchase supplies such as Ensure, diabetic supplies, incontinence pads, etc.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDER AND RATIFY FY04 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Maggie Schreier discussed the FY04 Budget transfers (Attachment 1).

Darlene Evans moved to ratify the FY04 budget transfers. Linda Lee Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. CONSIDER AND RATIFY FY05 CONTRACT FOR CARE COORDINATION SERVICES

Maggie discussed that Dietert Senior Center in Kerrville has been providing care coordination services to their community for over 15 years. When the Alamo AAA went to DPS (Direct Purchase of Services) there were decisions to make regarding whether to allow a contract for this particular service. After releasing the RFP for this service, the committee recommended that the contract (which is \$63,574) should be awarded to Dietert. Then it went directly to the AACOG BOD who approved this award.

Carol Goodall moved to ratify the FY05 contract for Care Coordination Services. Darlene Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. CONSIDER AND APPOINT A NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2005 OFFICERS

According to our by laws we appoint a nominations committee in October, they give their report in November and we have the actual election at the December meeting. Maggie asked for volunteers from the committee. If anyone is interested in serving as an officer, please contact Maggie Schreier or a member of the nominations committee.

The volunteers are: Beverly Lutz, Linda Gonzalez, and Pat Godkin

D. CONSIDER AND APPOINT A BY LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Our by laws were last reviewed in 2003 and changes were made at that time. There are areas that need to be reviewed such as what the Federal requirements are for advisory committees. The by laws committee will meet and bring any suggestions to the November meeting and they will be voted on at the December meeting. Maggie asked for volunteers from the committee.

The volunteers are: Linda Gonzales, John Halloran, and Darlene Evans.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Comments on the lack of flu vaccines and where seniors can possible obtain them.

Beverly Lutz asked in anyone would be interested in serving on the Rural Transportation Committee. Please contact her at (210) 362-5238.

IX. ADJOURNMENTS

Carolyn Stauss adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Carolyn Stauss, Chairperson

Date