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**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

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

November 9, 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  
Linda Lee Davis, present  
Ginny Funk, excused  
Carolyn Goodall, present  
Cyndy Hahn, present  
Genevieve Manley, present  
Judge Diana Bautista, excused  
Opal Word, present  
Raymond White, present  
Irene Scholz, present  
Marilyn Bullock, absent  
Dona Yanta, absent

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

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

### Guests/Visitors

None

### Staff

Debbie Billa  
Alvin Arada  
Evangeline Diaz  
Henri Eaton

Candy Walsh  
Maria Wilson  
Trish Slaton

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Charles Donellan called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### III. ROLL CALL

Trish Slaton took roll call. Twenty (20) members were present.

### IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen Bailey entered a correction that Jo Ann Tobias-Molina had attended the meeting in her place. Robert Weinberg moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2006. Cyndy Hahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Debbie Billa stated that there are changes to Medicare Part D. To be assured that the prescription coverage is in effect January 1, 2007, Medicare beneficiaries should have their applications completed by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Donellan spoke about his experiences with Medicare Part D. Debbie said that some of the people who were enrolled in the Low Income Subsidy Program for 2006 would need to re-apply for 2007.

Debbie gave the names of the six counties who are part of the Star Plus Program. They are: Atascosa, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina, and Wilson.

Debbie also announced that Alamo Aging now has a website: [www.alamoaging.org](http://www.alamoaging.org). The holiday brunch, combined Alamo and Bexar, will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

Maria Wilson, Geriatric Care Specialist, talked about the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program, and encouraged members to call her if they know of anyone who could benefit from the program. She does program overviews, talks specifically about caregiver support groups, and encourages volunteerism.

**VIII. REPORTS**

**A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON**

Beverly Lutz informed us that ART now has the contract for Medicaid transportation.

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

Barbara Effenberger has a list of the 64 resolutions of the TSHL, which will later be printed in book form and available by February 2007. Glen Peterson voiced his discontent with the priority order of the resolutions.

**C. ALAMO AGING STAFF REPORT**

It was announced with sadness the recent passing of one of our members, John Halloran.

In response to a question by Robert Weinberg, Debbie explained how the service units are compiled.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FY07 VENDORS**

Debbie announced the addition of three new vendors:

- The Haven In The Texas Hill Country: institutional respite.
- Lar-Tex Medical Equipment: health maintenance
- Barnes Residential Services: residential repair

Barbara Effenberger entered a motion to accept the new vendors and Bill McAllister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. ALAMO AAA PROGRAM PLANNING BUDGET**

Debbie Billa provided information sheets regarding the planning budget.

**C. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007**

The membership agreed with the schedule for the New Year. It was also mentioned that some of the meetings would take place in different counties.

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bylaws, Membership, and Nominations Committee Report:

Denise Usener stated that Charles Donellan has agreed to continue as the chairperson, Ginny Funk will continue serving as vice-chairperson, and Ann Gay Bishop will fill the vacancy of secretary. Joanne Tobias-Molina made the motion that those officers be installed. Mr. Weinberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New members: Marilyn Bullock, Wilson County Representative; Irene Scholz, Comal County Representative

Glen Peterson made the motion to accept the new members. JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be Friday, January 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the AACOG Boardroom.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Glen Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Bill MacAllister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Charles Donellan adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.