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

November 12, 2004– 1:00 p.m.

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

Members

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

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

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

Guest/Visitors

Mr. Al Notzon
Gloria Arriaga

Staff

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

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.

III. ROLL CALL

Walter Harris took roll call. Twenty-three (23) members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bonnie Flagg moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2004. Tina Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (ART) LIAISON

Beverly Lutz, Transportation Manager stated that it is important for everyone to know that rural transportation is open to all ages not just seniors. They are currently looking for part-time drivers in Medina, Frio and Wilson counties. Applications can be obtained through the AACOG website. The Rural Public Transportation Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, November 18th. These meetings are held every quarter.

There will be changes in transportation happening soon. Transportation used to be open to all seniors over 60 but because of increasing demand they will be focusing on trips to the nutrition centers and medical visits.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATOR (TSHL)

Barbara Effenberger had no report to give.

C. ALAMO AAA STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS

Staff program reports were mailed out with the minutes. No questions were asked.

D. BY LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Maggie stated that the By laws Committee did not meet due to her hospitalization. The committee will meet with the new director as soon as possible.

E. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Pat Godkin, member of the committee, stated that the committee recommends that the current slate of officers be re-elected for another term.

F. RURAL AGING PROGRAMS

Program Director's Report. Maggie Schreier gave some background and reflected on her past four years with the ASAC Committee, as she will be resigning on November 30. She stated that she is very pleased with the growth of this committee and asked that the committee support the new director as they did her. Everyone is very important to this committee because of the help it provides to the seniors of the rural areas.

A Summary Report was handed out at the meeting. It is a summary of all programs. Maggie stated that she is very pleased with the numbers and feels that the Providers/Senior Centers are doing great work with raising money to supplement their programs and meet their increasing needs through program income and local cash.

Maggie wants this message to be taken back to the communities, is that the donations people give are critical to the programs. She is pleased to announce that at this time at Alamo AAA there are no waiting lists for senior programs. This is due to all the hard work providers are doing and how the communities are supporting these programs.

Program Director's Summary was also handed out at the meeting. It has a summary of what Alamo AAA has accomplished over the last four years. There have been many improvements and many more things that need to be done.

1. One of the first items was developing a strong advisory committee. Going from no membership to a great membership, several subcommittees and many volunteers.
2. State performance testing has greatly improved. We had no repeat testing the last two times.
3. Implemented a new reporting system, an internet based system that allows us immediate access to information and allows us greater quality control.
4. Implemented DPS (Direct Purchase of Services).

5. Expanded volunteer opportunities. Volunteers helping us out in the field with the drug card registration for seniors. Volunteers helping in the office with ombudsman and benefits counselors programs.
6. Provider monitoring. Going out and looking at kitchens and making sure everyone knows the rules.
7. Development of internal tracking tools.

Maggie thanked the committee for all their support over the years and looks forward to being involved with seniors in the future.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS FOR 2005 OFFICERS AND MEMEBERS INCLUDING ANY NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. CANDIDATES WILL BE VOTED ON AT DECEMBER MEETING.

Carolyn Stauss asked for nominations from the floor.

B. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS OF BY LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE TO BE VOTED ON AT DECEMBER MEETING.

There was no meeting. This will be referred to the new director.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Al Notzon, Executive Director of AACOG, said a few words about Maggie Schreier as she leaves AACOG and Alamo Area Agency on Aging. He thanked Maggie for all the great leadership that she provided in all areas of her responsibility.

Maggie Schreier, Aging Director, expressed her sincere gratitude to the committee for all of their support over the years. She thanked her staff for not only the hard work they have done but for the heart they have shown for the programs and their clients.

Carolyn Stauss, Director of the Rainbow Senior Center, expressed the provider's gratitude for all her hard and diligent work with them and wished her well.

Beverly Lutz, ART, gave Maggie a gift from the Committee. She also expressed her thanks to Maggie for all the support she has given to Alamo Regional Transit.

Ginny Funk from the Alzheimer's Association gave Maggie a gift and expressed her thanks for all the help that she has provided for families through the Alzheimer's Association.

Gloria Arriaga, Deputy Executive Director of AACOG, also said a few words about Maggie thanking her for all her years of hard work and that she will be sorely missed.

Chris Mitchell was successful in her bid for county commissioner and won the election last week.

Bonnie Flagg from Comal County announced that they would be starting a Diabetic Support Group shortly, which will be open to all ages and the whole community. They are also trying to get a Widows Support Group started.

Kathryn Schmoekel stated that Proposition 13 has passed in Seguin, Marian, Schertz and Guadalupe County. Guadalupe County had lost its VA Clinic three years ago. They have now found a location for a new clinic and need to raise \$48,000 for renovations that they hope to raise soon.

IX. ADJOURNMENTS

Carolyn Stauss adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Carolyn Stauss, Chairperson

Date