

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
November 14, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.
Al J. Notzon III Boardroom
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

Members

Regina Applewhite, present	Ginny Funk, excused	JoAnn McFarland, present
Judge Diana Bautista, present	Kelley Gallant, present	Ysabela Pena, present
Ann Gay Bishop, present	Judge Carlos Garcia, absent	Eleanor Preston, present
Marilyn Bullock, excused	Carolyn Goodall, present	Lucille Rochs, excused
Christine Cervera, absent	John Green, present	Irene Scholz, present
Patrice Doerries, present	Robert Lopez, present	Michele Thacker, present
Barbara Effenberger, present	Lisa Loya, present	Denise Usener, excused
Darlene Evans, excused	Beverly Lutz, present	Raymond White, present
Angela Fiedler, excused	Genevieve Manley, absent	Tina Woods, present
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, present	Bill MacAllister, present	Opal Word, present

Guests

Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald

Staff

Debbie Billa, Director
Julie Sakelakos
Alvin Arada
Evangeline Diaz
Henri Eaton

Nelda Rodriguez
Suzanne Ruff
Trish Slaton
Nanci Struble
Maria Wilson

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Robert Lopez, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Ann Gay Bishop took roll call. Twenty-one (21) members were present.

3. Citizens to be heard.

None.

4. Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2008.

JoAnn McFarland moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2008. Kelley Gallant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report, Debbie Billa

The Director's complete report was sent in the packet. Debbie Billa highlighted her report with the important provisions in the recent Medicare legislation that applied to rural communities. The Falls Prevention program, ours is called "A Matter of Balance", was a great success and the initial funding was granted for another year.

A grant of \$100,000 was received from Humana to continue this program. There will be another Master Training for "A Matter of Balance" in April 2009. Debbie then introduced Nelda Rodriguez as a new Care Specialist to Alamo Area Agency on Aging. She also recognized and thanked Nanci Struble for all her years at Alamo AAA and stated that she will be leaving to work at the Texas Veterans home in Floresville. She extended sympathies to ASAC member, Marilyn Bullock, whose husband passed away in October.

6. Presentation: 2008 Medicare Changes and Updates, Suzanne Ruff, Elder Rights Specialist, Alamo Area Agency on Aging

Suzanne Ruff gave a presentation on the 2008 changes and updates to Medicare

7. Ratify the following items:

a. FY2009 Planning Budget

b. FY2009 Vendors and Rates

Eleanor Preston made a motion to ratify the FY2009 Planning Budget and FY2009 Vendors and Rates. Barbara Effenberger seconded the motion. Motion approved.

8. Presentation by Barbara Effenberger, Texas Silver-Haired Legislature on 2009 Legislative Priorities.

Barbara Effenberger handed out the 2009 Legislative Priorities that the Texas Silver-Haired Legislatures worked on and explained reasoning and asked for any input.

9. Consider and Act upon Legislative Ad-hoc Subcommittee Report on 2009 Legislative Priorities.

Dr. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to act upon the Legislative Ad-hoc Subcommittee report on 2009 Legislative Priorities. Patrice Doerries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

10. Consider and Act Upon:

a. 2009 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Memberships

Beverly Lutz made a motion to approve the 2009 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Memberships. Irene Scholz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

b. 2009 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Officers

Kelley Gallant made a motion to approve the 2009 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Officers. JoAnn McFarland seconded the motion. Motion approved.

c. 2009 Meeting Schedule

The Honorable Judge Bautista made a motion to approve the 2009 Meeting Schedule. Beverly Lutz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

11. Information Items.

Robert Lopez of the Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation announced that they will be hosting the 2009 Annual Meals on Wheels Conference "Lean on Me, Maintaining Independence" will be held April 1-3, 2009 at the TBAR M Ranch in New Braunfels. He passed out notices and hoped that everyone could attend.

Debbie Billa congratulated Lucille Rochs, one of our ASAC Committee Members, who received the 2007 Most Valuable Political Action Committee Member Award from the Texas Hospitals Trustees Association.

Beverly Lutz stated that they still need new drivers for the Alamo Regional Transit program.

12. Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2008, in the Al J. Notzon III Board Room at 1:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

Beverly Lutz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Goodall seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.