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**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

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

December 09, 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, excused	Carol Smith, absent	Beverly Lutz, present
Ginny Funk, present	Darlene Evans, absent	Carolyn Stauss, present
Carolyn Goodall, present	Cheryl Bush, present	Denise Usener, present
John Halloran, present	Linda Gonzales, absent	Pamela Vann, absent
Genevieve Manley, present	Charles Donellan, present	Tina Woods, absent
Judge Diana Bautista, present	Regina Applewhite, excused	Glen Peterson, absent
Raymond White, present	Becky Byerly, excused	Barbara Effenberger, excused
Bonnie Flagg, excused	Sherilynn Vineyard, present	JoAnn McFarland, present
Irma Gonzalez, absent	Robert Lopez, present	
Ysabela Pena, absent	Laura Tuttle, present	

### Guests/Visitors

Opal Word, Bandera County  
Robert Weinberg, Kerr County  
Louie Alvarado, Alzheimer's  
Association

### Staff

Gloria Arriaga  
Debbie Billa  
Evangeline Avena  
Suzanne Ruff

Nanci Struble  
Candy Walsh  
Maria Wilson

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Carolyn Stauss welcomed members and guests. Robert L. Weinberg was introduced. He has been appointed as the new Kerr County representative by the County Judge and will begin his tenure in January 2006.

### III. ROLL CALL

Charles Donellan took roll call. Fifteen (15) members were present.

### IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carolyn Goodall moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2005. John Halloran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Debbie Billa reported that the Conference on Aging is next week in Washington DC. Barbara Effenberger will be attending, as will Mr. Notzon and Carol Zernial. There will be 50 resolutions to be considered.
- B. Debbie also stated that the Older Americans' Act is presently up for reauthorization. Final decisions have not yet been made, but there is a possibility of budget cuts, as a result of the financial burden of the hurricanes.
- C. There are state meetings going on at present. Their purpose is to examine 3 areas in DADS: Access & Intake, Provider Services, & Regulatory Services. A consulting firm was hired to facilitate meetings. A proposal is expected by March of 2006. There is the potential for a large impact. The AAA's have representation on all 3 committees.
- D. A Caregiver research study is also in progress.
- E. Governor Perry has issued an executive order with emphasis on "Aging Texas Well"; not just exercise, but looking at all state agencies and how they deliver services to older Texans.
- F. Debbie mentioned that the Alamo Aging office was very busy with closeout at the end of November. She made special mention of Maria Wilson, Evangeline Avena, and Julie Sakelakos for their hard work.
- G. She introduced Alvin Arada, the new Care Coordinator, who began on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- H. The new part-time data entry position is in the process of being filled.
- I. There will be a new position beginning in January for a billing technician, which will be shared with Bexar.

**VII. REPORTS**

- A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON**  
Beverly Lutz announced that there will be six new buses by April 2006. She noted that if the schools in any area shut down (due to weather) then the bus system will also shut down. She thanked everyone on the committee for their support throughout the year.
- B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)**  
There was no report for this month.
- C. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS**  
No questions were asked of the staff.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FY06 MEMBERS**

A motion was made by Beverly Lutz to approve the appointment of Robert L. Weinberg as the new Kerr County representative. Judge Diana Batista seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Reinstatement of the Texas Silver Haired Legislative Election Steering Committee**

An election steering committee is needed. Debbie Billa made a request for three volunteers to serve on the committee. John Halloran and Robert Weinberg volunteered.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

Carolyn Stauss stated that this is her last meeting as chair, and thanked the committee for their support throughout her two years in office. It was noted that there was an article in the Metro section of the Monday edition of the Express News about the Rainbow Senior Center.

John Halloran thanked Carolyn for her two years of service to the ASAC Committee.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be Friday, January 13, 2006, in the AACOG Boardroom.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Stauss adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

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Carolyn Stauss, Chairperson

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Date