

**Minutes**  
**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, April 12, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.**  
**8700 Tesoro Drive, Ste. 100**  
**San Antonio, TX 78217-6221**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>ALTERNATES</b>	
Jo B. Alexander	X	Misty Suarez	X
Ino Badillo	X	Richard Lozano	
Brenda Dever-Armstrong	X	Michael Goldberg	
Beth Douglas	E		
Heather Finerghy	X	Martha Schoenewe	
Paul Furukawa	X	Elaine Talarski	
Shirley Gaede	X	Pamela Lloyd	X
Edwina Glick	E	Viri Rivera	X
Chave Gonzaba			
Doris Griffin	X	Dawn Hamilton	
Nancy O. Hardin	X		
Alisa Hartfield-Cordero	X	Bennetta Crawford	
Cynthia Hazel	E	Chris Sanger	
Philip Jackson	X	Ed Keely	
Laurin Lee Jimenez	X	Dorothy Jo Weiss	
Chris Johnson	X	Janice Penner	
Jim Jonson	X	Meg Barron	
Kathleen Jordan	X	Cindy Alleman	
Kip Kruger	X		
M.H. Levine	X		
E. Jene Liaci	X	Jerry Tyson	X
Ryan McGuire	X	Jill Piazzai	
Yolanda Perez	X	Jessica Dovalina	
Cynthia Romo	X	Gloria DeLaCruz-Sandoval	
Brenda Schmachtenberger	E		
Marion Thomas	X		
Phillip Walker	X		
Barbara Witte-Howell	E		

X = present    E = excused (members only)

**AAA STAFF PRESENT**

Gloria Vasquez, Director
Trina Cortez
Gloria Civilancz
Enrique Guerrero
Philip Jones
Dianne Teran
Paula Wanken

**AACOG STAFF PRESENT**


**GUESTS PRESENT**

June Haar
LaJuana Hill Zaroni, JCEA
Julia Castellano-Hoyt

1. Meeting Called to Order by Jo B. Alexander, Chair, at 10:03 A.M.
2. Roll Call by Nancy O. Hardin, Secretary – a quorum was established.
3. Presentation – George Walton, Life Skills for Living.
4. Public Comment – none.

5. Consider and Act Upon Approval of the Minutes for March 8, 2019 – Chris Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Laurin Lee Jimenez; motion carried.
6. Chair's Report – Jo B. Alexander, Chair, had BSAC Member and Sheriff's Deputy Badillo share about the program implemented to bring awareness to first responders about disabilities or health problems of citizens. Stickers have been created for such things as autism, diabetes and Alzheimer's, to be placed on car bumpers or doors of a person's home.
7. Director's Report – Gloria Vasquez, Director of Alamo & Bexar AAA, reported the following:
  - A. May BSAC meeting will be preempted to participate in City of San Antonio's Senior Day in the Park, where the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs will be presenting their Senior Volunteer awards. Yoland Perez shared details about the event and announced the BSAC's own Jim Jonson, nominated by AACOG, would be a recipient of one of the awards.
  - B. Staff Update: Paula Wanken was award a scholarship to attend the American Society on Aging's annual leadership institute held in conjunction with their annual national conference.
  - C. TXServes: An application was submitted to the Elizabeth Dole Foundation in consideration for the TXServes program for its impact on and support of caregivers, for their Hidden Heroes grant.
  - D. ADRC: grant applications for roughly \$500K (for Bexar County and Alamo region, combined) have been submitted in response to HHSC's request for applications.
  - E. Medicare Presentation: Jim Jonson will be recording an extended version of the Medicare presentation previously presented to BSAC. This will be made available on a link on the AACOG webpage for anyone wishing to view it at any time.
  - F. OWL Radio: Aging Staff were invited to participate in an interview for OWL Radio, talking about services provided by the Area Agency on Aging. It will air on April 13.
  - G. Volunteer Appreciation Month: the AAA Volunteer Appreciation Lunch was held on April 10. Thank you to all who were able to attend in support of the volunteers in the Aging programs. Also, thank you to all BSAC Members and Alternates for the many of hours of volunteerism provided through serving on BSAC—all are greatly appreciated.

H. May is Older Americans Month – the theme is “Connect – Create – Contribute”. Everyone is encouraged to be extra mindful of ways to celebrate the month, and to bring awareness of issues impacting older adults in the region.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Access and Assistance. Marion Thomas reported that plans are finalized for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Elder Fraud Summit to be held at the Doris Griffin Center. She indicated the need for additional volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Marion.

B. Alamo Service Connection Steering Committee – Enrique Guerrero, ADRC Coordinator, reported on their March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, when Martha Schoenewe officially accepted the position as Chair. Enrique shared briefly about the response process to the HHSC request for application for ADRC funding, and reported that the committee is looking at unmet needs as possible goals.

C. Allocations and Monitoring – Jim Jonson, Chair, presented the following list of additional proposed vendors for the FY19 Contractors Choice List. There being no opposition, the list was approved unanimously and with no abstentions.

<b>CONTRACTOR NAME</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>FY19 RATE</b>	<b>UNIT DESCRIPTION</b>
San Antonio Threads	Income Support – Title IIIIE ORC	Up to \$200	One Contact
Hill Country Assisted Living	Caregiver Respite Care In-Home	\$13.25; up to 6 hours max	One Hour

D. Family Caregiver Support. Ryan McGuire, Chair, reported on the busy month of attending health fairs, including the Low Vision / UHS Dementia Friendly City event, where over 50 names were added to the email distribution list. Ryan also gave an update on plans to bring Dr. Barry Jacobs, Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist, to San Antonio in September, to provide two presentations on the same day. The morning will be for Family Caregivers, and the afternoon will be targeting Professionals. Details are still being finalized.

E. Long Term Care Services – this subcommittee is still recruiting additional members. Anyone interested to find out more about this subcommittee and their goal to support the Ombudsman program through volunteer

recruitment and educational presentations should contact Beth Douglas, Chair, or Cindy Boyum, Staff Liaison.

F. Information, Special Events. Cynthia Romo, Chair, gave an update on plans for the 2019 Healthy Aging Symposium, scheduled for August 29 2019, 9a-2p. This event will be held at Last chance Ministries and is being sponsored by United Healthcare. Additional sponsors are needed for this event, as well as exhibitors. Contact Cynthia if interested.

G. Member Development and Advocacy. Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair, reported on the resignation of Darryl Greer, who had been serving as alternate to Marion Thomas, and presented two names for nomination. There being no discussion, the following alternate nominations were approved unanimously:

**Daniel Ramirez** – Marketing Applications Analyst for Gonzaba Medical Group; to serve as alternate to Chave Gonzaba.

**Byron Cordes** – Present and Certified Aging Life Care Manager at Sage Care Management; to serve as alternate to Brenda Schmachtenberger.

Brenda also presented the slate thus far, representing Bexar County, for the next legislative session of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature: Paul Furukawa, Doris Griffin, Nancy O. Hardin, Chris Johnson, Jene Liaci, and Jerry Tyson.

9. Texas Silver Haired Legislature Update – Doris Griffin reported that the first orientation and work groups will start in July. The entire Bexar County delegation looks forward to getting input on priorities to take forward in this new legislative session. Anyone with suggestions or input should contact any one of the appointed legislators.
10. Items to be placed on future agenda should be forwarded to Paula Wanken.
11. Next Meeting Date – Friday, June 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at AACOG. The May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be preempted by the City of San Antonio's Senior Day in the Park.
12. There being no further business, Jene Liaci made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Laurin Lee Jimenez; the meeting was adjourned.