

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, October 11, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.
8700 Tesoro Drive, Ste. 100
San Antonio, TX 78217-6221

MEMBERS		ALTERNATES	
Jo B. Alexander	X	Misty Suarez	
Brenda Dever-Armstrong	X	Michael Goldberg	
Beth Douglas	X		
Heather Finerghy	X		
Paul Furukawa	X	Elaine Talarski	
Shirley Gaede	E	Pamela Lloyd	
Edwina Glick	X	Viri Rivera	
Chave Gonzaba		Daniel Ramirez	
Doris Griffin	X	Dawn Hamilton	X
Nancy O. Hardin	X		
Alisa Hartfield-Cordero	E	Bennetta Crawford	X
Cynthia Hazel	X	Chris Sanger	
Philip Jackson	X		
Laurin Lee Jimenez	X	Dorothy Jo Weiss	
Chris Johnson	E	Janice Penner	
Jim Jonson	X	Dianne Teran	
Kathleen Jordan	X	Cindy Alleman	
Kip Kruger			
M.H. Levine			
E. Jene Liaci	E	Jerry Tyson	X
Rick Lozano	E	Mark Martinez	
Ryan McGuire	X	Jill Piazza	
Yolanda Perez	X	Jessica Dovalina	
Cynthia Romo	E	Gloria DeLaCruz-Sandoval	
Brenda Schmachtenberger	X	Byron Cordes	
Marion Thomas	E		
Phillip Walker			
Barbara Witte-Howell	X		

AAA STAFF PRESENT

Gloria Vasquez, Director
Sonya Barrera-Medrano
Cindy Boyum
Trina Cortez
Michael Darilek
Kelley Gallant
Gloria Givilancz
Enrique Guerrero
Cyndee Pierce
Paula Wanken

AACOG STAFF PRESENT

Stella Garcia
Miguel Segura

GUESTS PRESENT

Rep. Diego Bernal
Victoria Godinez
June Haar

X = present E = excused (members only)

1. Meeting Called to Order by Jo B. Alexander, Chair, at 10:02 A.M.
2. Roll Call by Nancy O. Hardin, Secretary – a quorum was established.
3. Presentation – Brenda Dever-Armstrong introduced Texas State Representative Diego Bernal. Rep. Bernal gave an update on some legislation passed in the recent legislative session, and their impact on older adults, including: TX HB37, related to porch pirates and the theft of packages (impacting older adults who are increasingly opting for the ease of ordering online and receiving home deliveries instead of finding other transportation

options for going to the store); and TX HB1074, relating to the prohibition against age discrimination in certain employment training programs (increasingly, older adults are wanting/needing to continue working and are looking for alternate careers; this will ease the way in training).

4. Public Comment – none.
5. Consider and Act Upon Approval of the Minutes for September 13, 2019 – Barbara Witte-Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Doris Griffin, motion carried.
6. Chair’s Report – Jo B. Alexander, Chair, thanked everyone for attending, recognizing that their attendance is indicative of their commitment to volunteerism that they had followed through on their responsibility of being a Member of BSAC. Jo also encouraged everyone to be mindful of those in their neighborhood or regular path of day-to-day activity who might need someone to look in on them—perhaps a call or a visit just to check on someone will brighten their day, or save their life.
7. Director’s Report – Gloria Vasquez, Director of Alamo & Bexar AAA, reported the following:
 - A. Healthy Aging Symposium: Gloria thanked everyone who worked on putting together the “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” event, and for those who attended. While attendance was low, there have already been reports of the great outcomes facilitated by the event, including some older adults making doctor appointments that had been put off, and vendors/professionals making connections that will strengthen their collaborative support of older adults.
 - B. Grants: AACOG submitted a grant proposal to Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in July, in support of the TXServes program. TWC re-released their request for proposals and AACOG will be resubmitting their proposal, which would be \$4 million for a three-year period. This would allow the program to expand geographically. AACOG will also be submitting a grant application to Texas Veterans Commission to support the TXServes program, as well.
 - C. Medicare Open Enrollment: the annual open enrollment period is October 15 – December 7. Please refer individuals to Alamo Service Connection to schedule time with a Benefits Counselor.
 - D. Ombudsman: October is Residents Rights Month, an annual event designated by Consumer Voice to honor residents living in all long-term care facilities. It is an opportunity to focus on and celebrate awareness of dignity, respect, and the rights of each resident.

- E. Caregiver Summit: This annual event, sponsored in part by AACOG, will be held November 1 at the Whitley Center at the Oblate School of Theology. There is no cost for the event, but registration is required.
8. Subcommittee Reports:
- A. Access and Assistance – Marion Thomas, Chair, was unable to attend. Jim Jonson reported on her behalf, indicating that planning is underway for 2020's Elder Fraud Summit, and consideration is being made to determine which senior center location will host the event.
 - B. Alamo Service Connection Steering Committee – Enrique Guerrero, ADRC Coordinator, reported that the next Steering Committee meeting would be October 22nd. There is still a need to identify a chair and vice chair for this group.
 - C. Allocations and Monitoring – Jim Jonson, Chair, reported that there had been no new business to review, and therefore no meeting was held.
 - D. Family Caregiver Support – Ryan McGuire, Chair, reported that with November being National Caregiver Month, the calendar is busy with events, including the Caregiver Summit on November 1.
 - E. Information, Special Events – Paula Wanken reported that the subcommittee had not met following the Healthy Aging Symposium.
 - F. Long Term Care Services – Beth Douglas, Chair, reported that the subcommittee is planning an outreach event at Casa Helotes to recruit volunteers to serve the assisted living and nursing facilities in Bexar County. Anyone interested should contact Beth, or Cindy Boyum, Staff Liaison.
 - G. Member Development and Advocacy – Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair, reported that planning is underway for putting together the slate of nominations for 2020. Members and alternates should complete the survey by October 15, indicating their intentions for serving beyond 2019. Any questions and applications should be directed to Paula.
 - H. Senior Demonstration Program Advisory Committee (ad hoc) – no report. Their first meeting will be October 23.
9. Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) Update – Doris Griffin reported that TSHL delegates are planning for training to be held in Austin, October 20-23. They will receive training on writing resolutions and how to work on moving the issues forward through the TSHL approval process and then on to Texas Legislators. Anyone with ideas on issues or concerns that should be

addressed legislatively should contact Doris or one of the other TSHL delegates.

10. Items to be placed on future agenda should be forwarded to Paula Riggs.
11. Next Meeting Date – Friday, November 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at AACOG.
12. There being no further business, Brenda Schmachtenberger made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Cynthia Hazel; the meeting was adjourned.