



Funded through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
Alamo Area Council of Governments

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

March 10, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

AACOG Board Room
8700 Tesoro Dr., Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78217
(210) 362-5200 / (866) 231-4922

Members

Karen Bailey, excused
Linda Lee Davis, excused
Ginny Funk, present
Carolyn Goodall, excused
John Halloran, present
Cyndy Hahn, present
Genevieve Manley, present
Judge Diana Bautista, present
Raymond White, excused
Opal Word, excused
Bonnie Flagg, present
Eleanor Preston, present

Irma Gonzalez, excused
Ysabela Pena, excused
Lucille Rochs, present
Yvonne Coronado, absent
Darlene Evans, absent
Bill MacAllister, present
Cheryl Bush, absent
Linda Gonzales, excused
Charles Donellan, excused
Robert Weinberg, present
Regina Applewhite, present
Becky Byerly, excused

Robert Lopez, present
Beverly Lutz, present
Carolyn Stauss, present
Laura Tuttle, present
Denise Usener, present
Pamela Vann, present
Sherilynn Vineyard, excused
Tina Woods, absent
Glen Peterson, absent
Barbara Effenberger, present
JoAnn McFarland, present

Guests/Visitors

None

Staff

Debbie Billa
Julie Sakelakos
Maria Wilson
Suzanne Ruff

Nanci Struble
Candy Walsh
Alvin Arada
Henri Eaton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Ginny Funk called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ginny Funk welcomed members.

III. ROLL CALL

Bonnie Flagg took roll call. Nineteen (19) members were present.

IV. SWEARING IN OF 2006 ALAMO SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Vice Chairperson Ginny Funk swore in the following new and reappointed committee members: The Honorable Judge Diana Bautista -Atascosa County Representative, Lucille Rochs-Gillespie County Representative and Cyndy Hahn, At-Large Representative-Money Follows the Person Project.

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robert Weinberg moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2006. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Billa reported that no data has been released for any area specifically on Part D Enrollment but the Alamo region is on par with the rest of the state. Alamo AAA is considering applying for a Food Stamp Outreach Contract. She passed out a Medicare Consumer Alert regarding Phone Scams. Debbie then announced that there will be a presentation by DADS entitled "An Overview of Available Services and Referral Process" on March 22, 2006 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the ACOG Board Room. The Texas Conference on Aging will be April 30 – May 3 in El Paso. Also, a "Money Follows the Person" Conference will be held April 6 & 7 in Austin, promoting independence.

VIII. PRESENTATION, INTEGRATED ELIGIBILITY PROCESS BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION

The presentation was made by Renee Barrett from the Texas Health and Human Service Commission. This system is designed to determine eligibility for state services including Medicaid, food stamps, children's health insurance program, temporary assistance for needy families and long-term care. One of four call centers across the state will be located in San Antonio. Community based organizations will be able to select the level of assistance they will provide to individuals applying for state services.

IX. REPORTS

A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

Beverly Lutz discussed events that were coming up in the transportation area.

B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)

Barbara Effenberger stated that they had a successful fundraiser in Austin last month with an estimated profit of \$10,000. This money is raised to help defer the expenses for the summer orientation.

C. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were sent out in the packets. No questions were asked of staff.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Debbie Billa said that we need to consider the revisions to the bylaws with a new committee. Lucille Rochs and Carolyn Stauss volunteered for this committee.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

A. TRANSFER REQUEST FOR NUTRITION FUNDS FROM CCSCT

A motion was made by Judge Diana Bautista to approve the transfer request for Nutrition funds from CCSCT as was listed on the attachment. Lucille Rochs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. NEW VENDORS

A motion was made by Bonnie Flagg to approve the new vendors listed on the attachment. Carolyn Stauss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. FY2006 BUDGET REVISIONS.

Debbie Billa went over the recommended budget revisions. A motion was made by Barbara Effenberger to approve the FY2006 budget revisions. Cyndy Hahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. SECOND ALLOCATION NSIP FUNDING

A motion was made by Barbara Effenberger to approve the second allocation NSIP funding. Bonnie Flagg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. TSHL CANDIDATE ELECTION DECLARATION

There was no opposition in the three counties. Committee is being asked to certify the three candidates, Glen Peterson for District 1; Barbara Effenberger for District 2; and JoAnn McFarland for District 3. A motion was made by Lucille Rochs to certify the above listed TSHL candidates. Robert Weinberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Ginny Funk from the Alzheimer's Association announced that Louie Alvarado has left due to funding issues. There will be an Alzheimers Conference in Kerrville on March 29 and one in Seguin on April 6. Please contact Helen Flores with any questions.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the AACOG Boardroom.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ginny Funk adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Ginny Funk, Vice Chairperson

Date