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**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

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

**May 13, 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, present	Cindy Wilson, absent	Joyce Cruz-ALT, present
Ginny Funk, present	Darlene Evans, present	Patricia Godkin, present
Carolyn Goodall, present	Kathryn Schmoekel, present	Beverly Lutz, present
John Halloran, present	Cheryl Bush, present	Carolyn Stauss, present
Genevieve Manley, present	Albert Tapia, present	Denise Usener, present
Tim Wauson, absent	Linda Gonzales-ALT, present	Pamela Vann, excused
Judge Diana Bautista, excused	Charles Donellan, excused	Tina Woods, excused
Raymond White, absent	Flora Gurt, absent	Glen Peterson, absent
Marie Dawson, present	Chris Mitchell, absent	Barbara Effenberger, present
Bonnie Flagg, present	Regina Applewhite, present	JoAnn McFarland, excused
Irma Gonzalez, excused	Becky Byerly, excused	Louis Vannatter, absent
Ysabela Pena, excused	Sherilynn Vineyard, excused	
Carol Smith, present	Robert Lopez, excused	

**Guests/Visitors**

Gloria Arriaga  
Laura Tuttle, Bandera  
Monica Bonilla, Catholic Charities  
Ester Geffre, Catholic Charities

**Staff**

Israel Zúñiga  
Julie Sakelakos  
Maria Wilson  
Suzanne Ruff

Pete Cantu  
Evangeline Avena  
Candy Walsh

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Carolyn Stauss welcomed members and guests. The committee would like to thank Kathryn Schmoekel, Barbara Effenberger and the Silver Center for hosting the ASAC meeting in April. Carolyn also announced that Pat Godkin would be resigning from the Silver Sage Center as of today and Laura Tuttle would be replacing her as director.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

**IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Darlene Evans moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2005 with the following corrections: Member-Pat Godkin was "excused" not "absent" for the April 8, 2005 meeting and under item II Barbara Effenberger is a member of the "Silver Center" not "Silver Sage Center." Cheryl Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**A. TEXAS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING SOLUTIONS FORUM**

The Texas White House Conference on Aging Solutions Forum is scheduled for July 29 from 9am – 12:30pm at the Capital Extension Auditorium. The website is [www.tshl.org](http://www.tshl.org) and Chris Kyker is the contact person.

**B. TEXAS CONFERENCE ON AGING (RESULTS OF CONFERENCE)**

There were over 400 attendees and this convention and the conference workshops were well received. The next conference will be in April 2006 in El Paso.

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Israel Zúñiga stated that his report was included in everyone's packet. He has completed the first three monitoring visits at the senior centers in Guadalupe and Comal Counties this month. The results have been favorable, there were no major findings.

There will be four Medicare Part D presentations scheduled for May 17, 18, 19, & 20 by Alamo AAA. Please refer to the red handout.

Israel reminded everyone that the Alamo & Bexar Aging Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at the Old San Francisco Steak House and all committee members have been invited and please RSVP as soon as possible.

AACOG will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2005 for Memorial Day.

## **B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda Gonzales stated that the bylaws committee, which consists of John Halloran, Israel Zuniga and herself, has met and is recommending the following changes:

- 1) The composition of members of the committee to be changed down to 30 (thirty) members.
- 2) Every County representative should have an alternate that will attend in his or her absence.
- 3) If a member misses more than 3 (three) meetings, in the calendar year, that this would be grounds for removal from the committee.
- 4) Delete Article 8 of the bylaws because it doesn't affect the committee any longer.

Israel is also working to make sure that ASAC's bylaws mirror Bexar Senior Advisory Committee's (BSAC) bylaws. None of the changes would take effect until they are reviewed by the full committee and would be effective next fiscal year. John Halloran stated that the ASAC committee has grown and we have not been complying with the bylaws. Linda also noted that in the bylaws there is a clause that states that at least 50% the committee shall be comprised of members 60 years or older, which is a requirement of the Older Americans Act.

There was a discussion on what an excused absence vs. an unexcused absence means. This too may need to be changed.

## **C. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LIAISON**

Beverly Lutz stated that Alamo Regional Transit (ART) has been marketing in all the counties but has been concentrating on Bandera County on how to use the system. In the City of Medina the churches have taken turns paying for rides in their area. Discussed other meetings ART has been attending. Announced that Anthony Hugo has been hired as the new transportation specialist.

**D. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATORS (TSHL)**

Barbara Effenberger, Texas Silver-Haired Legislator, stated that the TSHL has been discussing solutions to the problems that were brought to them. A White House Conference on Aging teleconference will be held on July 11, 2005 here in Bexar County for more responses. Barbara also stated that the Personal Needs has been stymied at the current time. She brought some TSHL Directories for the Committee.

**E. ALAMO AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM REPORTS**

**CAREGIVER/CARE COORDINATION  
OMBUDSMAN  
MEDICARE/MEDICAID**

The written reports are in your packets. No questions were asked of the staff.

**INFORMATION, REFERRAL AND ASSISTANCE**

Please note that IR&A has broken down their calls into the different counties.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COMAL COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S FOUNDATION FROM CONGREGATE TO HOME DELIVERED MEALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,454.**

Darlene Evens moved to approve the transfer of funds for Comal County Senior Citizen's Foundation from congregate to home delivered meals in the amount of \$27,454. Bonnie Flagg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. CONSIDER AND APPROVE SHERILYNN VINEYARD, DIRECTOR OF PLEASANTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE ALAMO SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Pat Godkin moved to approve Sherilynn Vineyard, Director of Pleasanton Senior Citizen's Association, as a member of the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee. Linda Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION ON MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

Israel Zuniga again reminded everyone about the upcoming luncheon at the Old San Francisco Steak House and asked for everyone to RSVP.

**B. CATHOLIC CHARITIES – GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES & MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

Monica Bonilla and Ester Geffre, Catholic Charities, gave a presentation on their Guardianship Services and Money Management Program. Information can also be obtained on the website [texasguardianship.org](http://texasguardianship.org).

Beverly Lutz asked everyone to keep Fran Taylor in their prayers.

Linda Gonzales, Adult Day Care Center is looking to increase their capacity for enrollment from 14-30 a day to 70.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be June 10, 2005 in the AACOG Boardroom.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Stauss adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

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Carolyn Stauss, Chairperson

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Date