

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, March 11, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharon Baughman
Chris Alderete
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Laura Cisneros rep by Lynette Rodriguez
Alex Davila rep by Pat Hoenscheid
Elsa Davis
Ed Dylla
Victor Garcia
Irene Rodriguez
Suzanne Huber
Marcia Katz rep by Spencer Brown
Ida Kenny
Ernie Lopez
Yvonne M. Lozano
Tito Villalobos Moreno
Winn Murnin
Sterling Neuman
Nancy Rheams rep by Barbara Arnold
Alicia Rodriguez
Steve Saldana rep by Les Herrera
Nancy Rheams
Alicia Rodriguez
Rev. Gene Sheppard
Mary Will rep by Ruth Garcia
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maria Hernandez
Jan Jarosek
John Sampson
Lily Porter-Tarrillion
Jimmy Toubin
Everett Turner

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Sterling Neuman.
2. Roll Call – Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ms. Elsa Davis, as reflected above.
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of January 14, 2005 – Upon consideration, motion was made by Ms. Alderete to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Wohlfarth. Motion carried.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None
5. Director's Report – In the absence of Ms. Billa who was attending a conference, Ms. Smith presented her report indicated the upcoming WhiteHouse Conference on Aging, and also, that there will be several paid registrations to be offered to BSAC members for attendance at the 2005 Texas Conference on Aging to be held in San Antonio.
6. Chairperson's Report – Mr. Neuman reported that a Public Outreach committee has been formed and thanked Ms. Yvonne Lozano for agreeing to Chair the committee.
7. TRACS Review: SAI #:TX-R-20050304-0005-18 Applicant: Catholic Charities Diocese San Antonio Project Title: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Funding Source: Corporation for National and Community Service Funding Amount: \$364,710.00 – Upon consideration, motion was made by Ms. Davis to provide favorable review and that it be forwarded to the

AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion was seconded by Ms. Wohlfarth and passed. One abstention was noted, Ms. Lesvia Herrera, Catholic Charities, Inc.

8. Subcommittee Status Reports

A. Access & Assistance – Mr. Moreno briefed on the Medicare Part D issue. Discussion ensued with no action required at this time.

B. Ad-Hoc Long Term Care Services – In the absence of Mr. Saldana, Mr. Monreal presented the report. Mr. Monreal thanked all of the members who assisted in the Long Term Care Symposium and making it a success. Of the 250 signed participants, a total of 175 were present, and the remaining lunch boxes were provided to Christian Senior Services Meals on Wheels. The input and evaluations received were very positive. Mr. Monreal informed that as a result of this, Workforce has invited staff to put together a workshop at their annual fall conference in Austin.

C. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Lopez reported the committee had no report, however thanked staff for the excellent orientation provided.

D. Family Caregiver Support Program – Information was provided regarding the upcoming caregiver training. No action required.

At this time, the Chairman asked Ms. Garay, AAA Caregiver Specialist to present statistics regarding how many persons are being affected through the Caregiver Support program.

Ms. Garay stated that they have partnered with the school districts and there are eight support groups within some of the school districts. As of the last census, there are over 19,000 grandparents who are raising children in our community. Because of the amendment of the Older American's Act and the National Family Caregiver Support Program, 10% of our funds goes to caregivers who are raising children. Of course, the criteria they have is that they have to be 60 years or older. Ms. Garay further explained that there are about 49% of our grandparents who are raising grandchildren are under the age of 60

E. Information and Special Events – Ms. Baughman informed that the committee will meet on 3/17/2005 – at 11:30 at Incarnate Word Retirement Center.

F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative - Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt reported on the following:

1. Membership – There are still members who have not named their Alternate and asked that they please provide one. Also, several of the subcommittees do not have very many members and also asked for their consideration.
2. Bylaws Revision – BSAC members were provided with a copy of the proposed bylaw revisions (copy filed with the original minutes). Ms. Castellano-Hoyt proceeded to read the proposed changes and they will be voted on at the next BSAC meeting on April 8, 2005.

Ms. Castellano-Hoyt informed that the committee will meet to go over the proposed changes on 3/31/05.

10. Informational Items – Ms. Tiffany Pickents reported on the upcoming AACOG 2005 Regional Awards for Regional Citizen, Corporate Citizen, Community Project, and Governmental Regional Project of the Year, with nominations due to the AACOG office on 5/2/05.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.