

MINUTES
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, May 14, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Alderete
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Barb Dampman
Alex Davila
Elsa Davis
Victor Garcia
Ruth Gomez
Suzanne Huber
Jan Jarosek
Marcia Katz
Ida Kenny
Lewis Marshall
Tito Moreno
Sterling Neuman
Nancy Rheams
Alicia Rodriguez
Steve Saldana
John Sampson
Rev. Gene Sheppard
Lily Porter-Tarrillion
Jimmy Toubin
Mary Will
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maria Hernandez
Yvonne Lozano
Everett Turner

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Sharon Baughman
Bill Heinemann
Pete Irwin
Lynnette Rodriguez

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Homer Lear
Abigail Kampmann, Attorney
HEB Representative

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jimmy Toubin, Chairperson.
2. Roll Call – Roll call was taken by Ms. Alicia Rodriguez, Secretary
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2004 – Upon consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Lewis Marshall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Saldana and passed.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) – Mr. Homer Lear expressed on behalf of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature their appreciation for the support provided to them by Ms. Carol Zernial, further stating that her expertise will certainly be missed.

Ms. Abigail Kampmann informed that there would be a Free Wills Clinic for those who qualify every second Wednesday at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2507 N.W. 36th St. from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In order to be evaluated for assistance, please call #408-2546.

Ms. Catherine a representative with H.E.B. stated that their Medicare Prescription benefit enrollment started this month and there is no enrollment fee. This card is available to anyone who is currently enrolled with Medicare and not receiving benefits from the state funded Medicaid program.

5. Staff Report – Ms. Carol Zernial, Bexar AAAA presented her Director's report on issues regarding the local, state and national level. Ms. Zernial further thanked all of the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee for their support during her term as Director and that she will certainly miss everyone.
6. Chairperson's Report – Mr. Jimmy Toubin thanked Ms. Zernial for her guidance and leadership during the last few years. He further presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee.
7. Subcommittee Status Reports

- A. Access & Assistance – Ms. Yvonne Lozano presented the following:
1. Proposed FY04 Medication Management Vendor – Wise Use: Seniors Prescription – After consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Castellano-Hoyt to recommend favorable review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried.
 2. TRACS Review: SAI #: TX-R-20040504-0003-50 APPLICANT: Southwest Texas Network, Inc. FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,352,388 FUNDING SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson to recommend favorable review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried.
- B. Ad-Hoc Long Term Care Services – Mr. Steve Saldana presented the following:
1. Approval to explore funding opportunity from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Aging Initiative for training, innovation, outreach and education in an effort to protect the environmental health of older adults in an amount up to \$25,000.00 – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Alderete to recommend favorable review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried.
- C. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Sterling Neuman presented the following:
1. Subcontractor Capital Equipment Requests (Attachment A) - Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Huber to recommend approval as presented and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried. The following abstained: Ms. Dampman, Mr. Saldana, Catholic Charities; Ms. Baughman, Christian Senior Services (C.S.S.) and Ms. Rodriguez, City of San Antonio (COSA).
 2. Subcontractors' Request
 - a. Alamo Hearing Impaired Senior Citizens Center – Reassignment of transportation funds to Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. effective immediately. Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Mr. Saldana to recommend approval and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried.
 - b. San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) – Termination of contract due to partnership with City of San Antonio Nutrition Program effective August 31, 2004. Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Dampman to recommend approval and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried. The following abstained: Ms. Gomez, SAHA; Ms. Rodriguez, COSA.
 3. Distribution of FY04 Carryover Funds – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Rev. Sheppard to recommend approval and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried. The following abstained: Ms. Baughman, CSS; Ms. Rodriguez, COSA; and Ms. Dampman, Mr. Saldana, Catholic Charities.
 4. Ratify AACOG Board approval to subcontract with the Texas Diabetes Institute as the evaluator for the Administration on Aging Grant. Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Mr. Saldana to ratify the AACOG's Board approval. Ms. Rodriguez, COSA abstained.
- D. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Nancy Rheams presented the following:
1. FY04 Carryover Funds – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Mr. Moreno to recommend approval and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried. The following abstained: Ms. Dampman, Mr. Saldana, Catholic Charities; Ms. Huber, Community CareNet; and Ms. Baughman, CSS.
 2. Approval to purchase school supplies in an amount not to exceed \$24,990.00 – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Mr. Moreno to recommend approval and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval. Motion carried.
- E. Information and Special Events – Ms. Sharon Baughman provided an update on the recent Older American's Month "Aging Well, Living Well" Breakfast held at the Spanish Governors Palace and expressed a special thanks to Ms. Alderete, The Medical Team; Ms. Cisneros, COSA; Ms. Davis, CTSA/KEDA – A Plus Family Care; Ms. Jarosek, Incarnate Word Retirement Community as well as the Special Events Committee Members for their contributions to the success.
- F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative – Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt asked Mr. Heinemann to express our thanks to State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon for her work and comments concerning the Medicaid Estate Recovery. Ms. Castellano-Hoyt further mentioned that there will be a hearing on May 27th in Austin in which Representative Jones-McClendon will testify and will update BSAC members on the progress.
10. Informational Items – Mr. Al Notzon, AACOG Executive Director expressed his sincere appreciation and thanks to Ms. Carol Zernial who will be the Director of the Tarrant County AAA. Mr. Notzon further informed that throughout her tenure, he has received very positive comments regarding Ms. Zernial, at the State and Local level. She will certainly be missed.
11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At this time, BSAC members joined for Carol Zernial's "Farewell" Reception.