

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, June 11, 2004 – 10:00 a.m. – AACOG Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Cisneros
Barb Dampman
Alex Davila
Elsa Davis
Suzanne Huber
Jan Jarosek
Marcia Katz
Ida Kenny
Yvonne Lozano
Lewis Marshall
Tito Moreno
Sterling Neuman
Nancy Rheams
Alicia Rodriguez
Rev. Gene Sheppard
Jimmy Toubin
Mary Will
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Victor Garcia
Ruth Gomez
Lily Porter-Tarrillion
Everett Turner

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Sharon Baughman
Emmy Bedoy
Ernie Lopez
Bill Heinemann
Pete Irwin
Lesvia Herrera
Doug Frey

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Jimmy Toubin, Chairperson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – Ms. Alicia Rodriguez, Secretary called attendance.
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2004 – Upon a correction to the minutes to reflect Ms. Rodriguez, Alternate for Ms. Laura Cisneros as being in attendance, a motion was made to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) – None

Staff Report – At this time, Ms. Gloria Arriaga, AACOG Deputy Executive Director introduced Ms. Debbie Billa who was recently hired as the Director for the Bexar Area Agency on Aging. She further mentioned that Ms. Billa was previously employed with the Texas Department of Human Services for 30 years and her last position with them was as the Regional Director for Long Term Care Services.

Ms. Billa reported on the following:

- She will be on the panel together with Assistant Secretary for Aging, Josefina Carbonell at the upcoming LULAC Conference on July 8, 2004
- The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has published the fiscal years 2005-2009 HHS System Strategic Plan located on their website.
- Staff is conducting Benefit Counselor training for several staff members from the City of San Antonio.
- Ms. Billa will participate on a panel at the upcoming N4a Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Heinemann encouraged BSAC members to make comments concerning the Call Centers. Discussion ensued on this issue and required no action at this time.

5. Subcommittee Status Reports
 - A. Access & Assistance – No Report
 - B. Ad-Hoc Long Term Care Services – In the absence of Mr. Saldana, Mr. Nick Monreal presented an update on the status of the grant proposal submitted for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Aging Initiative

for training, innovation, outreach and education. He also mentioned that they are working on the development of a Strategic Plan on the Health Care Staffing Crisis.

C. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Neuman asked for consideration of the following:

1. FY05 Notification of Intent to Contract with existing Bexar AAA Subcontractors – Recommendation: Favorable Review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval.
2. Purchase of 4 Laptops for Bexar AAA staff in an amount not to exceed \$ 12,000 – Recommendation: Favorable Review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval.

D. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Rheams asked for consideration of the following:

1. FY04 Proposed Vendors – Recommendation: Favorable Review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval.
2. Release FY05 Request for Vendors – Recommendation: Favorable Review and that it be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors for final approval.

E. Information and Special Events – No Report

F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative – No Report

10. Informational Items – The TRIAD will be holding their conference on July 14, 2004 at the AlamoDome.

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