

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, August 13, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Alderete
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Laura Cisneros
Barb Dampman
Alex Davila
Elsa Davis
Ruth Gomez
Suzanne Huber
Jan Jarosek
Ida Kenny
Yvonne Lozano
Lewis Marshall
Tito Moreno
Sterling Neuman
Alicia Rodriguez
Steve Saldana
John Sampson
Rev. Gene Sheppard
Lily Porter-Tarrillion
Jimmy Toubin
Mary Will

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sue Ackerman
Everett Turner
Lucille Wohlfarth

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Johnnie Davis
Ernie Lopez
Bill Heinemann
Spencer Brown
Pete Irwin
Barbara Arnold

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 June 11, 2004 – Upon consideration motion was made by Mr. Marshall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Will and passed.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None
5. Director's Report – Ms. Debbie Billa presented her Director's report and briefed on the following:
 - Attendance at N4a Conference
 - Reauthorization of Older American's Act up for reauthorization in 2005
 - Whitehouse Conference on Aging to be held October 23-26, 2005
 - Staff assisting with planning of the 2005 Texas Conference on Aging "Blazing the Trail to Aging Well" to be held April 24-27, 2005 in San Antonio
 - At the State Level, HHSC's RFP's are posted
 - At the Local Level, AAA is preparing the FY2005 Budgets

6. Chairperson's Report – Mr. Jimmy Toubin urged BSAC members that now is the time to communicate with the State Legislators as filing of Bills commences in early November.
7. Subcommittee Status Reports
 - A. Access & Assistance – Ms. Yvonne Lozano
 1. Ratify submission of a Letter of Intent to apply for funding through the Access to Benefits Coalition (ABC), the National Council on Aging, Inc. to provide outreach, education, and assistance with enrollment in Medicare's new prescription drug program with an emphasis on low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Letter of intent was due on July 2, 2004. Action: Favorable
 2. Ratify the submission of an application to the Texas Department on Aging for additional funding in the amount of \$15,211 from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Action: Favorable
 3. Ratify approval to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for funding through the Administration on Aging whose focus is on outreach, education, and enrollment among underserved populations for the Medicare-approved Drug Discount Card. Action: Favorable
 4. Ratify a grant proposal submitted to the Access to Benefits Coalition (ABC), National Council on Aging, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 to provide outreach, education, and assistance with enrollment in Medicare's new prescription drug program with an emphasis on low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Action: Favorable
 5. Ratify a grant proposal submitted to the Administration on Aging in the amount of \$50,000 whose focus is on outreach, education, and enrollment among underserved populations for the Medicare-approved Drug Discount Card. Action: Favorable
 - B. Ad-Hoc Committee Report – Long Term Care – Mr. Steve Saldana provided an update on Strategic Plan on the Health Care Staffing Crisis and informed that their next meeting would be on September 7.
 - C. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Sterling Neuman presented the following:
 1. Approval of FY 2005 Subcontractors Recommendation: Favorable – The following abstained: Ms. Baughman, CSS; Ms. Cisneros, COSA; Ms. Gomez, SAHA; Ms. Dampman, Catholic Charities.
 2. City of San Antonio Comprehensive Nutrition Program Request to receive San Antonio Housing Authority's allocation of FY05 funds. The City of San Antonio will use these funds to provide congregate meals in eight low-income senior apartment buildings. Recommendation: Favorable – The following abstained: Ms. Cisneros, COSA and Ms. Gomez, SAHA.
 - D. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Nancy Rheams
 1. FY 2004 Family Caregiver Support Program Budget Revision – Recommendation: Favorable – The following member abstained: Mr. Saldana, Catholic Charities.
 2. FY 2005 Access and Family Caregiver Support Program Vendors – Recommendation: Favorable - The following abstained: Mr. Moreno; Mr. Saldana; Ms. Huber

D. Information and Special Events – No Report

E. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative – Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt provided an update on the 8/3/2004 TDoA Stakeholder’s Meeting held in Austin. BSAC members were provided with the Department of Aging and Disability Services’ Organizational Chart. Discussion ensued regarding the streamline of the DADS Assessment Form 2060. No action required at this time.

10. Informational Items – Upcoming community events were presented and flyers distributed.

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