

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Alderete
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Laura Cisneros
Barb Dampman
Alex Davila
Elsa Davis
Jan Jarosek
Ida Kenny
Yvonne Lozano
Tito Moreno
Winn Murnin
Sterling Neuman
Nancy Rheams
Alicia Rodriguez
Steve Saldana
John Sampson
Rev. Gene Sheppard
Lily Porter-Tarrillion
Jimmy Toubin
Everett Turner
Mary Will
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sue Ackerman
Victor Garcia
Ruth Gomez
Maria Hernandez
Marcia Katz
Lewis Marshall

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Suzanne Huber
Bill Heinemann

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 the roll.
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of August 13, 2004 – Upon consideration, motion was made by Reverend Sheppard to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Saldana and passed.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None
5. Director's Report – Ms. Debbie Billa reported on the San Antonio Metro Health District Flue and Pneumonia Clinics set throughout the City. A comprehensive listing will be sent to the BSAC members. Discussion ensued. No action required.
6. Chairperson's Report – Mr. Jimmy Toubin encouraged everyone to vote and make themselves heard regarding senior issues.
7. Subcommittee Status Reports
 - A. Access & Assistance – Ms. Yvonne Lozano asked for consideration regarding the following:

1. Authorization to submit a proposal to the Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services to leverage additional funds for Residential Repair and Home Modification in the amount of \$25,785 with a 25% match. Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Lucille Wohlfarth and passed.
2. Access to Benefits Coalition Update – Funding has been received to ensure that low-income Medicare beneficiaries have access to available benefits. The focus is to provide outreach, education and assistance with enrollment in Medicare’s new prescription drug program as well as other programs for which the beneficiary may be eligible.
3. Southwest Home for the Holidays Update - Southwest Airlines has been awarding airline tickets to area senior citizens to visit family and friends and be reunited with them during the holiday season. Applications will be available through the Area Agency on Aging and applications will be reviewed for selection.
4. TRACS Review: TX-R-20040715-0003-50: University of the Incarnate Word - \$145,605 from the Department of Health & Human Services – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson and passed.

B. Ad-Hoc Committee Report – Long Term Care – Mr. Steve Saldana provided a brief update on the Long Term Care Symposium scheduled January 2005. Discussion on the sponsorship levels will be discussed at their October 5, 2004 meeting.

C. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Sterling Neuman asked for consideration and approval on the following:

1. FY2005 Provisional Budget – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Alderete to approve the 2005 Provisional Budget as presented. A copy of the budget as presented has been filed with the official minutes. The following abstained: Mr. Sampson, Mr. Saldana, Ms. Dampman, Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Moreno, and Ms. Rheams.
2. Approval to transfer up to \$75,00 from FY04 Title IIIB Supportive Services to Title IIIC Nutrition Services. Item was considered with FY2005 Provisional Budget and passed with previously cited abstentions.
3. Approval to transfer up to \$100,000 from FY04 Administrative funds to Title IIIC Nutrition Services. Item was considered with FY2005 Provisional Budget and passed with previously cited abstentions.
4. Approval to purchase additional Q Continuum software licenses and maintenance fees for FY05 in an amount not to exceed \$24,990. Upon consideration, Ms. Alderete seconded; motion was passed.
5. Update on Subcontractor Monitoring was presented. No action required.

D. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Nancy Rheams asked for consideration and approval on the following:

1. Approval of FY 2005 Provisional Budget – Considered and approved under Item # C.1. with noted abstentions.
2. Approval of FY2005 Access and Family Caregiver Support Program Vendors. Upon consideration, Ms. Kenny seconded and passed. The following abstentions were noted: Ms. Cisneros, Ms. Rheams, Mr. Saldana and Ms. Dampman.
3. Extension of the Caregiver Program Development grant to Catholic Charities for one additional year in the amount of \$72,000. Upon consideration, motion seconded by

Ms. Jarosek and passed. The following abstained: Ms. Cisneros; Mr. Saldana; Ms. Dampman; and Ms. Rheams.

E. Information and Special Events – Ms. Jan Jarosek in the absence of Ms. Baughman presented an update on: Senior Day 2005 At the Capitol which will be held on February 8, 2005 and their goal is to have at least 30 buses to transport seniors to the event. Also the subcommittee will look at what bills will be presented during that time. No action required at this time. Mr. Toubin stated that he will have water donated for this event.

F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative – No Report

8. Informational Items – Mr. Toubin informed that Mr. Bob Ross had recently passed and asked for a moment of silent prayer. He further urged BSAC members to contact representatives to see that the freeze on Homeowner Taxes be passed.

Mr. Neuman advised that there are two public access TV channels that can be used to advertise Bexar AAA senior programs as well as contacting the Express-News.

Ms. Dampman reported on the success of “Backpacks” recently sent to military personnel in Iraq.

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