

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, March 12, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elsa Davis
Victor Garcia
Lucille Wolhlfarth

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Barbara Arnold
Sharon Baughman
Lucinda Cruz
Bill Heinemann
Ernie Lopez

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

1. **Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Toubin.**
2. **Roll Call – Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ms. Alicia Rodriguez and a quorum was established.**
3. **Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of February 13, 2004 – Upon consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Lewis M. Marshall and passed.**
4. **Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None**
5. **Staff Report – Carol Zernial, Bexar Area Agency on Aging Director presented her Director’s report on the local, state and national level. She further distributed a copy of the National Silver Haired Congress Seventh Session, referencing the Resolutions in Priority Order. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding one of the Top Five Resolutions, “Preserve English as the Official Language in the US.”**

After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Moreno that we express to the AACOG Board of Directors that BSAC members are very concerned with the position that the National Silver Haired Legislature has taken regarding the minority language issue and let the Board go ahead and communicate with Mr. Homer Lear. Motion was seconded and passed. It was noted that there was one abstention.

Mr. Toubin asked that BSAC members who wished to comment on this issue submit via email their concerns in to Ms. Zernial.

6. Chairperson's Report

- Texas Conference on Aging (TCOA) Drawing – Ms. Emma Bedoy was selected and in the event she would not be able to attend, Mr. Sterling Neuman was selected as the Alternate recipient.

7. Subcommittee Status Reports

A. Access & Assistance – Ms. Yvonne Lozano reported that there are 586 persons on the wait list; subcommittee is to revisit initial screening tool and also develop a relationship with Lowe's and Home Depot. Ms. Lozano further informed that subcommittee will look at the possibility of having a foundation for not for profit and possibly have fundraisers. Ms. Kenny suggested calling the Home Builder's Association.

B. Ad-Hoc Long Term Care Services – Mr. Steve Saldana reported that he was elected Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Long Term Care Services subcommittee and their meetings will be held at 8:00 am the first Tuesday of each month. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Nick Monreal for the excellent presentation material. The Ad-Hoc subcommittee will review and establish priorities as they pertain to long-term care services.

C. Allocations and Monitoring

- 1. Approval of Revised FY04 Budget – Mr. Sterling Neuman presented the revised FY04 Budget. After consideration, a Motion was made to approve the budget as presented and passed. The following abstentions were noted: Ms. Dampman, Ms. Baughman, Ms. Cisneros and Mr. Saldana.**

D. Family Caregiver Support Program

- 1. Consider proposed FY04 Vendors – Ms. Barbara Arnold presented the proposed FY04 Vendors in the absence of Ms. Nancy Rheams. Upon consideration, BSAC members approved the vendors as presented.**
- 2. Approval of Revised FY04 Budget – Ms. Barbara Arnold presented the revised FY2004 Budget. After consideration, BSAC members approved the revised FY04 Budget recommendations.**

E. Information and Special Events

- 1. Update on Older Americans Month Activities – Ms. Sharon Baughman provided an overview on the Senior Breakfast that will take place on May 7, 2004 at the Spanish Governor's Palace. She further mentioned that this year's honoree will be Ms. Lila Cockrell and the subcommittee would like to present her with a gift. In order to accomplish this, and as was discussed at the February meeting, BSAC members were asked for optional donations. Also mentioned was the Ombudsman, Benefits Counselors Recognition to be held on May 13, 2004.**

F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative

- 1. Proposed BSAC Bylaw revision: *Article V – Subcommittees – E. Family Caregiver Support* – Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt presented the proposed bylaw revision for consideration and this will be voted on at the April BSAC meeting. Ms. Hoyt further mentioned that they have not received the final report on the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program and will keep everyone one informed as material becomes available.**

G. Texas Silver Haired Election Steering Subcommittee – Ms. Hoyt reported that since there is no opposition to any of the TSHL positions, the Steering Subcommittee will dispense with the TSHL election and declare Candidates elected per State Election Code. Information will be posted on the AACOG website.

10. Informational Items – Mr. Toubin asked BSAC members to get individuals to contact their representatives regarding the Medicaid/Medicare issue.

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