

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
January 14, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrice Doerries, Vice Chairperson
Denise Usener, Secretary
Coral Adema
Jim Allen
Regina Applewhite
Veronica Arriaga
Judge Diana Bautista
Jean Callaway
Ginny Funk
Linda Gonzales
Doris Haecker
Ben Herr
Lisa Loya
Genevieve Manley
Marlene Richter
Lucille Rochs
Opal Word

ALTERNATES PRESENT

None

GUESTS

Mrs. Gloria Arriaga, AACOG Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Lopez, Chairperson
Christine Cervera
Brenda Engelmann
Darlene Evans
Kelley Gallant
Carolyn Goodall
Angela Fiedler
Robert Fitzgerald, MD
Judge Carlos Garcia
JoAnn McFarland
Richard Muzquiz
Sara Pichardo
Raymond "Ram" Ramirez
Luvenia Sherman-Brown
Pam Thatcher
Tina Woods
Darin Zumwalt

STAFF PRESENT

Gloria Vasquez
Julie Sakelakos
Dan Goetz
Linnie Martin
Maria Wilson

1. Patrice Doerries, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by Denise Usener, Secretary, and a quorum was established.
3. There were no citizens to be heard.
4. Lucille Rochs moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2010. Marlene Richter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Swearing in of 2010 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Officers and Members by Gloria Arriaga, AACOG Executive Director.

Gloria Arriaga asked for a moment of silence in memory of AACOG staff member, Elena Hernandez's son, Tito Moreno, a strong senior advocate and member of BSAC and previous Alamo AAA Director, Debbie Billa's mother.

Ms. Arriaga conducted the swearing in of Jim Allen of The Rainbow Senior Center and Foundation as a new member and then administered the oath of office to Patrice Doerries as Vice Chair and Denise Usener as Secretary.

6. Gloria Vasquez, Alamo AAA Director reported that there is a new website www.mylifemyhealth.info which was launched by Alamo & Bexar AAA's to provide seniors with information and resources for health and wellness. This website also provides information regarding classes they may attend such as Chronic Disease Self Management Program and A Matter of Balance. She requests that everyone share this website with seniors in their areas. Gloria stated that the Rural Senior Transportation Subcommittee meeting will be meeting after this meeting to see how we can provide better transportation to our seniors. She then discussed the Senior Day at the Capital which will be held on February 8th.
7. Discussion on Issues relating to Nutrition Centers
The nutrition providers shared several ideas that they discussed in their Providers Meeting earlier in the day.
8. 2011 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Orientation

Gloria Vasquez, Alamo Area Aging Director gave an introduction and overview of how we came into being from 1965 when AOA was enacted, some history on the Texas Area Agencies on Aging, and handed out the Staff Organizational Chart.

Dan Goetz, Access & Assistance Lead Specialist, made a presentation on IR&A, Benefit Counseling and Neighbor Helping Neighbor programs and handed out a sheet on some details.

Linnie Martin, Alamo Aging Rural Managing Local Ombudsman, made a presentation on the Ombudsman program and handed out their new brochure. She stated that there is a DADS website that lists ratings on Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities in Texas.

Maria Wilson, Geriatric Care Specialist, gave her presentation on Care Coordination, personal Assistance, Homemaker, Emergency Response Systems and Residential repairs services.

Julie Sakelakos, Administrative Specialist, gave a presentation on the Nutrition and Transportation programs.

Jim Rowland, Health & Wellness Specialist, was not able to attend this meeting but a written report was distributed.

9. Gloria Vasquez announced that all ASAC Members are invited to our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, April 14th at the Oak Hills Country Club.

Ginny Funk announced upcoming Alzheimer's activities. She also expressed her appreciation of the Master Singers on their recent program, Alzheimer's stories.

Veronica Arriaga sadly announced that the Memorial Service for Tito Moreno will be held on January 22nd at 11:00 am at All Saints Church, 8231 Callahan and that in lieu of flowers call (210) 949-1303.

10. Lucille Rochs moved to adjourn the meeting. Coral Adema seconded the motion. The next meeting date: Friday, March 11, 2011.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.