

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
March 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrice Doerries, Vice Chairperson
Denise Usener, Secretary
Coral Adema
Regina Applewhite
Veronica Arriaga
Judge Diana Bautista
Brenda Engelmann
Angela Fiedler
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald
Ginny Funk
Kelley Gallant
Doris Haecker
Sandra Langston
Lisa Loya
Genevieve Manley
Marlene Richter
Lucille Rochs
Tina Woods
Opal Word
Darin Zumwalt

ALTERNATES PRESENT

None

GUESTS

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Lopez, Chairperson
Billie Bell
Christine Cervera
Darlene Evans
Judge Carlos Garcia
Carolyn Goodall
John Green
Ben Herr
JoAnn McFarland
Richard Muzquiz
Raymond "Ram" Ramirez
Pam Thatcher
Raymond White

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Billa
Julie Sakelakos
Evangeline Diaz
Henri Eaton
Dan Goetz
Linnie Martin
Daisy Milner
Nelda Rodriguez
Jim Rowland
Trish Slaton
Candy Walsh
Maria Wilson

1. Patrice Doerries, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:20 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 January 8, 2010. Dr. Bob Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Debbie Billa gave the Directors Report by stating that on March 21, 2010, Patrice Doerries will be honored for all her work. There is a great website at mmlearn.com. She congratulated Rainbow Senior Center who has changed their

name to Kronkosky Place, who had their pre open house on March 5th, and will be having their building dedication and ribbon cutting on Thursday, May 13th. Debbie announced that she would be retiring from Alamo Aging on March 30th.

6. Staff Reports

Maria Wilson thanked all the ASAC members for their help with the Focus Groups for the 2011-2013 Area Plan. She also discussed the quarterly report for Care Coordination.

Linnie Martin discussed the quarterly report for the Ombudsman program. She reported that the focus group in Kerrville went very well and was in the process of planning the rest of her counties focus groups. Linnie noted that Jeanette Blankenship, one of our ombudsman, was voted the Long Term Care Awards for her work with the nursing homes. This is made very special because the residents of the nursing homes are the ones who voted for her. There were questions regarding the types of complaints that Linnie encounters and also about the article regarding nursing homes in San Antonio.

Dan Goetz spoke about the call center status and gave his Benefit Counselors quarterly report. He is in the process of doing a grant request. Neighbor Helping Neighbor the program funded by the Baptist Health Foundation is getting started in Wilson County. Dan will also be having a focus group in Wilson County in April at the Workforce Center in Floresville.

Jim Rowland thanked everyone for the warm reception he is receiving when contacting the senior centers regarding the wellness programs that we have available.

7. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit the funding application for the 2010-2011 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) grant to the Department of Aging and Disability Services in the amount of \$70,248.

Veronica Arriaga made the motion to authorize the Executive Director to submit the application to the Department of Aging and Disability Services for the CMS Grant in the amount of \$70,248. Marlene Richter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Consider and act upon memberships for the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee.

Dr. Bob Fitzgerald made the motion to accept the memberships of Doris Haecker, County Representative for Comal County, and Tiffany Rives, representative for the Alzheimer's Association, to replace Ginny Funk. Darrin Zumwalt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Discussion Item: Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act process.
Debbie discussed the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and what it would mean.
10. Discussion Item: Area Plan Focus Groups/Activities.
Debbie stated that we really need everyone's support by letting us know who to invite to our focus groups that will be held in each of our 11 counties.
11. Information from the Committee
Ginny Funk announced that a policy change had finally occurred with Social Security has dropped the two-year wait list for Alzheimer's patients. The Alzheimer's Association will be holding a Professional Symposium on May 26th in Bexar County and a Family Symposium on June 19th.

Marlene Richter reminded everyone that May is Older American's Month and there will be a celebration on May 21 at the McKenna Center in Comal County.
12. Next Meeting Date: Friday, May 14, 2010
13. Lucille Rochs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginny Funk seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.