

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Lopez, Chairperson
Patrice Doerries, Vice Chairperson
Denise Usener, Secretary
Coral Adema
Jim Allen
Veronica Arriaga
Judge Diana Bautista
Jean Callaway
Kelley Gallant
Dr. Robert Fitzgerald
Ben Herr
Lisa Loya
Genevieve Manley
JoAnn McFarland
Marlene Richter
Lucille Rochs
Pam Thatcher
Raymond White
Darin Zumwalt

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Belinda Benavidez
Sara Pichardo
Irene Schultz

GUESTS

Mrs. Gloria Arriaga, AACOG Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Applewhite
Christine Cervera
Brenda Engelmann
Darlene Evans
Carolyn Goodall
Angela Fiedler
Ginny Funk
Judge Carlos Garcia
Doris Haecker
Richard Muzquiz
Raymond "Ram" Ramirez
Tina Woods
Opal Word

STAFF PRESENT

Gloria Vasquez
Julie Sakelakos
Dan Goetz
Linnie Martin
Jim Rowland
Trish Slaton
Maria Wilson

1. Robert Lopez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 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. Ben Herr moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2010. Lucille Rochs seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Gloria Vasquez touched on the following points that were explained in her report that was mailed: Medicare Open Enrollment is November 15 through December 31, 2010, call Alamo Aging at 1-866-231-4922 for more information; this month marks the 10th Anniversary of the National Family Caregiver Support which

supports family caregivers and they now have a new website, www.celebratingfamilycaregivers.org with good information; the 2011 Texas Conference on Aging will be held on June 12-15, 2011 at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Alamo AAA is helping with this conference.

6. Discussion; issues relating to nutrition center policies.

Robert Lopez discussed the Unit Rate Setting process that all the providers have to participate in with DADS and the AAA in order to set the rate that they are paid per unit. The process is very tedious and time consuming and the results, at least for the home delivered meals are the same across all providers. Judge Bautista suggested that they make suggestions on how to make this process easier.

7. Consider and act upon approving new and continuing vendors for the Alamo Area Agency on Aging for FY2011.

Veronica Arriaga made the motion to approve the additional vendors for FY2011. Judge Diana Bautista seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Recognition of Raymond White's service as Bandera County representative to ASAC.

Gloria Vasquez recognized Raymond White with a certificate for his long and endearing service to the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee.

9. Consider and act upon 2011 officers and member for the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee.

Chair: Robert Lopez, Vice Chair: Patrice Doerries and Secretary: Denise Usener.

Jo Ann McFarland made the motion to approve the officers for ASAC. Judge Diana Bautista seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider and act upon 2011 alternate member, Roy Munoz, for Ben Herr to the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee.

Judge Diana Bautista made the motion to approve Roy Munoz as an alternate for Ben Herr to ASAC. Patrice Doerries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Senior Day at the Capital Update by Veronica Arriaga

Veronica Arriaga stated that a meeting will be held after the ASAC meeting to discuss getting other counties involved. Everyone is invited to attend. Senior Day at the Capital is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8th.

11. Staff Reports

Maria Wilson thanked staff for their help with the new data system and Marie Brown who has helps her with identifying low income senior Hispanic consumers in Comfort and Boerne. Maria asked for help from the committee on identifying pockets of low income seniors in each county. She reported that they are now Caregiver Resource centers in each of the 11 counties. The staff will be visiting Nursing Homes and assist with Spanish speaking needs. Robert Lopez asked about the possibility of Caregiver Resource Center in the new Senior Center in Schertz which will be having a grand opening on January 14th.

Linnie Martin went over her report that was handed out. Highlights were working on a gardening project within an Alzheimer's unit in a nursing home in Comal County, researching taping a video for recruiting Volunteer Ombudsman for the State of Texas, and attendance at the 35th National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care Conference in Orlando where she made many valuable contacts.

Dan Goetz asked ASAC about what the specifics they were looking for from the IR&A staff. It was noted that they would like to see number of calls that came in to the call center per county, how many of those consumers were served and in what services.

Jim Rowland gave a report on Chronic Disease Self Management Program. He also just finished a class for 14 new coaches for A Matter of Balance.

12. Next Meeting Date: Friday, January 14, 2011.

13. Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.