

**Minutes**  
**Alamo Area Council of Governments**  
**Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**November 14, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Coral Adema  
Christine Avena  
Judge Diana Bautista  
Jean Callaway  
Brenda Engelmann  
Ginny Funk  
Kelley Gallant  
Kristen Johle  
Kip Legler  
Robert Lopez  
Genevieve Manley  
Denise Miner-Williams  
Marlene Richter  
Lisa Senteno  
Pamela Sonnen  
Denise Usener, Chairperson  
Darin Zumwalt

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Karen Bailey  
Sonia Gomez  
Darlene Hope-Jackson  
Sara Pichardo

**ALTERNATES ABSENT**

Beverly Lutz

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Regina Applewhite  
Genevieve Manley  
Veronica Arriaga, Secretary  
Tina Woods

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Darlene Evans  
William Moseley  
Nicolina Ortiz  
Linda Quick  
Pam Thatcher

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linnie Martin  
Jim Rowland  
Trish Slaton  
Rose Ryan  
Maria Wilson

1. Denise Usener, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by Marlene Richter. Quorum was reached.
3. There was one citizen to be heard.
4. Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2014. Denise-Miner Williams made a Motion to accept the minutes with a correction to the following: "George Losoya,

Interim Manager of Alamo Service Connection (ASC), shared that the program has officially extended IR&A services to all twelve rural counties along with Bexar County”, and Kip Legler seconded the Motion. The Motion carried.

#### 5. Interim Director’s Report

- Maria Wilson congratulated the Alamo Aging Ombudsman staff and volunteers for meeting all their Performance Measures and received an “in substantial compliance” comment during our recent Monitoring visit. Our Ombudsman staff, Linnie, Henri, Jeanette and Heather’s hard work is greatly appreciated.
- Maria stated that more than 65 million Americans, 29% of the population, care for someone who is chronically ill, disabled or aged. Family Caregivers provide \$375 billion a year in services, almost twice the amount actually spent on the combined cost of home care and nursing home care (\$158 billion). 78% of adults living the community in need of long term care depend on family and friends as their only source of help.
- Maria shared that DADS Assistant Commissioner, Elisa Garza’s, visit on November 3, 2014, was scheduled to focus on the ADRC and how it works with AAA’s, including Alamo Aging. The discussion was broad and we had an opportunity to ask about other issues. It was a positive visit for both the Alamo and Bexar Aging Programs.
- Maria stated that during the visit with Assistant Commissioner Garza the Interim Executive Director, Tim Trevino, announced that the anticipated announcement of a new Alamo Aging Director would be made in a few weeks, as well as an anticipated December announcement of our new AACOG Executive Director. Since that time, Rose Ryan was announced as Alamo Aging Director, and Maria introduced her the ASAC members.
- Maria also shared that Texas State University is offering an online 33 hour post-graduate degree, as well as a Master of Science degree with a Major in Dementia and Aging Studies. She provided handouts to the attendees.
- Maria stated that Dan Goetz has brought into the meeting the 2014-2015 “Guide to Helpful Resources and Information” booklets to share with everyone. If anyone would like more copies, please see Dan Goetz after the meeting.

6. Training/Conference Recap-Provided by any member who recently attended training or a conference.

Ginny Funk stated the November is National Alzheimer's Month and that a candlelight service will be held at Incarnate Word Chapel on Tuesday evening, November 18, 2014, and all were invited to attend.

7. Staff Reports:

Maria Wilson, Care Coordination and Caregiver Support, stated that electric room size heaters have been given out to those in our counties who are without heat. If anyone knows of folks in that situation in their respective counties, to please have them call and request a heater, 25 heaters are available at present.

Linda Martin, Ombudsman Program, stated that the Monitoring went really well and she is proud of all the positive comments on the program she received from the State, and that she is especially proud of the Ombudsman team.

Dan Goetz, Access and Assistance, stated that Open Enrollment ends December 7<sup>th</sup>, and that there are ongoing Benefits Counseling events being held in the counties to assist the public.

Jim Rowland, Health and Wellness Programs, stated that he recently attended the Senior Volleyball Tournament held by the Senior Wellness Coalition. Great fun was had by all.

8. Adjournment at 1:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn was entered by Kristen Johle and was seconded by Brenda Engleman. Motion passed.
9. Next Meeting Date- **January 9, 2015**