

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
September 11, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Coral Adema
Veronica Arriaga, Secretary
Brenda Engelmann
Darlene Evans
Robert Lopez
Genevieve Manley
Nicola Ortiz
Marlene Richter
Lisa Senteno
Pamela Sonnen
Denise Usener, Chairperson
Tina Woods
Darin Zumwalt

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Sara Pichardo

STAFF PRESENT

Dan Goetz
Linnie Martin
Jim Rowland
Rose Ryan
Trish Slaton
Maria Wilson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Christina Avena
Kelley Gallant
Windy Hahn
Kristen Johle
Kip Legler
Denise Miner-Williams
Pam Thatcher

MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Applewhite
Ginny Funk
Linda Quick
William Moseley

1. Denise Usener, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by Secretary Veronica Arriaga. Quorum was reached.
3. Citizens to be heard:
Tiffany Harris advised that the Regional Awards Nominations are being accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015.

George Losoya, Bexar Aging, advised the ADRC was awarded 5 years funding for various programs for seniors and that there will be an emphasis on working with Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) to achieve the goals. .

4. Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2015. Darlene Evans made a Motion to accept the minutes. Marlene Richter seconded the Motion, and the Motion carried.
5. Director's Report: Ms. Ryan informed the ASAC Committee of the recent grant awards from DADS to AACOG for a 4 year plus one 4 year option (8 years) to continue programs for seniors such as Benefits Counseling, Care Coordination, Ombudsman program and many others. These grants represent \$81M to Alamo & Bexar AAA's. She also mentioned open enrollment for Medicare begins October 15th and that Outreach Meetings were being scheduled in the rural communities. She reminded the committee of the availability of rides for Veterans through the "Alamo Call-a-ride 4 Vets" program, which ends December 31, 2015, and AACOG has applied for a continuance grant.
6. Presentation by Stephanie Hoffman, Texas Regional Director, Music & Memory: Ms. Hoffman provided an over view of the "Music and Memory" Program which has achieved great success in restoring memories in dementia patients through the use of music familiar to them. She provided a video, a few examples and statistics to encourage all ASAC Member to participate and help her in spreading the word about the program. (See attached flyer.)
7. Provider FY2016 Contracts Status – Robert Gamboa:
Mr. Gamboa reviewed the 2016 Choice Vendor List; and question was raised by Secretary Veronica Arriaga on rates from 2015 to be used as a comparison. Ms. Ryan requested a vote; however, the Chairperson mentioned that vendors were unable to vote on matters of this nature and that due to this there would probably not be enough members present for a quorum. The Secretary took a count of the ASAC members and there was not enough for a Quorum. At this time it was requested by the Chairperson that the list be emailed to the entire committee and voted on electronically.

8. **Conferences/Training Reports by ASAC Members:**
Linnie Martin advised that Jeanette Blankenship will be honored, posthumously, at the 65th annual Texas Healthcare Association Conference on September 22, 2015 in Grapevine, Texas. She was chosen for this award from the entire state of Texas nominees for her work in the Ombudsman programs.

9. **Update ASAC Members on Provider Staff Changes:**
Joan Fisher was introduced as the new Director of Medina County Nutrition Center by Ms. Ryan.

10. **Staff Reports: Accepted by Consent Agenda (see attached reports following Minutes).**

Maria Wilson, Care Coordination and Caregiver Support

Linda Martin, Ombudsman Program

Dan Goetz, Access and Assistance

Jim Rowland, Health and Wellness Programs

11. **Next Meeting Date- October 9, 2015**

12. A motion to adjourn was entered by Marlene Richter and was seconded by Darlene Evans. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 2:20 p.m.