

Minutes
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
8700 Tesoro Drive, Ste. 100
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

CATEGORY	MEMBERS		ALTERNATES	
Atascosa Co.	Arthur Troell	E		
	Patsy Troell	X		
Bandera Co.	Art Crawford	X		
Comal Co.	Darin Zumwalt	X		
Comal Co.	Nancy Stout	X		
Frio Co.	Ted Nieto	X		
Gillespie Co.	Denise Usener, Chair	X		
Guadalupe Co.	v a c a n t			
Karnes Co.	v a c a n t			
Kendall Co.	Monica Zuniga, Secretary	X		
Kerr Co	Kristen Johle	E		
	Julie Robinson	E		
McMullen Co.	Jayne Varga, Vice Chair	X		
Medina Co.	David Coble	X		
	Sonya Toalson			
Wilson Co.	Veronica Arriaga	X		
Vendor	Bobby Deike	X	Heather Allen	
Vendor	Alan Garza	E		
Vendor	Darryl Greer	X		
Vendor	Tina Woods	E		
At-Large Rep.	Olivia Burdick	E	Nicole Chapman	X
At-Large Rep.	Ginny Funk	X		
At-Large Rep.	Andrea Jenkins	X		
At-Large Rep.	Valerie Houston	E		
At-Large Rep.	Nicolina Ortiz			
At-Large Rep.	Sarah Lozano	X		
At-Large Rep	Lisa Senteno	X		

**AAA STAFF
PRESENT**

Annie Erickson, Director
Heather Armstrong
Sandra Aviles
Teresa Banda
Robert Gamboa
Daniel Goetz
Frances Hernandez
Philip Jones
Laura Ledesma
George Losoya
Jennifer Murgage
Bel Murguia
Elia Pardo
Claudia Rabago
Laura Ramos
Trina Salazar
Dianne Teran
Mary Tom
Paula Wanken
Maria Wilson

AACOG STAFF PRESENT

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GUEST(S) PRESENT

Guadalupe Valdes

X = present E = excused (members only)

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by Denise Usener, Chair.
2. Roll Call by Jayne Varga, Vice Chair – quorum was established.
3. Public Comment – none.
4. Presentation: Guadalupe Valdes, Area Director, US Department of Agriculture Rural Development, provided an overview of housing programs and assistance available through USDA.

5. Consider and Act upon Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2017 minutes – David Coble made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Sara Lozano; motion carried.
6. Chair's Report – Denise Usener, Chair, reported May being Older Americans Month. This year's theme is "Engage at Every Age" and provided a handout of suggested activities to get seniors involved—not just for May, but for ongoing activity.
7. Director's Report – Annie Erickson, Director Alamo & Bexar reported the following:
 - A. Staff Changes:
 - 1.) Robert Gamboa is moving from AAA Contract Manager, to the Accounting department. While he will not be working in the Aging program, he will still be working for the Aging program. With this change, the AAA Managers (Philip Jones and Trina Salazar) will be taking more of the budgeting duties.
 - 2.) Cindy Robles has resigned her position as Caregiver Support Specialist; Dianne Teran will be interviewing candidates to fill that position in the Caregiver Services program.
 - B. Nutrition Program – The contract with Community Council of South Central Texas (CCSCT) ended on February 23, 2018, which created a potential gap in both home-delivered and congregate nutrition services, in several counties. Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation (CCSCF) and Meals on Wheels San Antonio were able to step into that gap and cover many of the seniors who would have been impacted. Additional congregate meal sites are needed in Wilson County (specifically, Floresville), Atascosa County and Frio County.
 - C. Alzheimer's Summit – the summit funded by AACOG ADRC respite dollars was a huge success. The event was well-attended. Kudos to Alzheimer's Association staff who assisted AACOG staff to put together such a well-regarded event.
 - D. Benefits Counseling Training – there will be training held onsite at AACOG for anyone who wants more information about benefits counseling; this free event is open to anyone, not just those seeking certification as a benefits counselor.
 - E. AACOG's 50th Anniversary – there was a community celebration held March 1st, and AACOG staff is planning celebratory activities throughout the year.
 - F. Software Conversion – the State HHSC office is in the process of implementing a new software platform for tracking statewide client information. George Losoya, ADRC Coordinator at AACOG, has been asked to serve on the advisory team as they seek to implement cross-functionality between AAAs and ADRCs, to better capture and share data from the first point of entry/phone call.

G. AAA Consolidation / Best Practices – with the change in reporting structure as the two AAAs realign for streamlining and efficiencies, the oversight duties of the Advisory Committees is also being streamlined. Paula Wanken has provided oversight of all Bexar Senior Advisory Committee activity for nearly nine years. She will now also be providing oversight for Alamo Senior Advisory Committee. Anyone with questions or needing assistance with ASAC information should contact Paula going forward.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Allocations – David Coble, presented the subcommittee’s recommendation to approve the list of proposed contractors and rates to be sent forward for Board of Director approval to be added to the FY18 Contractors Choice List. There being no discussion, a vote was taken, and the following contractors and rates were approved:

B.

Contractor Name	Service	Proposed Rate	Unit Description
En Su Casa Caregivers	CG Respite Care In Home	\$10.00	One Hour
En Su Casa Caregivers	Homemaker	\$16.00	One Hour
En Su Casa Caregivers	Personal Assistance	\$16.00	One Hour
R & R Home Caregivers	CG Respite Care In Home	\$15.30	One Hour
R & R Home Caregivers	Homemaker	\$15.30	One Hour
R & R Home Caregivers	Personal Assistance	\$15.30	One Hour
Epic Medical Solutions	Health Maintenance	Up to \$3,000	One Contact
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$24.00 – Landline	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$27.00 – Cellular	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$34.00 – Mobile w/GPS	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$27.00 – Mobile w/o GPS	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	Lockbox – no charge	One Time
Home Instead Senior Care	CG Respite Care In Home	\$21.15	One Hour
Home Instead Senior Care	Homemaker	\$21.15	One Hour
Home Instead Senior Care	Personal Assistance	\$21.15	One Hour
Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation	CG Respite Care Institutional	\$7.25	One Hour
Christian Senior Services	Congregate Meals	\$7.16	One Meal
Christian Senior Services	Home Delivered Meals	\$7.16	One Meal

C. Nominations – Lisa Senteno, Chair, gave an update on the process of creating an “informational packet” that can be provided to ASAC members to use as a recruitment tool when speaking with potential new ASAC members or alternates.

- D. Outreach – Sara Lozano, Chair, gave an update on plans for “day summits” to be held in 2018, in Atascosa, Kerr, Comal and Frio Counties. The plan is to have presentations scheduled during the summits, along with opportunities to visit vendor tables. The committee will be seeking and appreciates all assistance provided in support of these events, including sponsorships, donations toward snacks and/or door prizes, and advertising.
9. Alamo AAA Staff Reports.
- A. Daniel Goetz, Benefits Counseling Specialist, reported that Elia Pardo visited 40 different sites during Medicare Open Enrollment. Additionally, he provided an overview of the structure of Information Referral and Assistance, Access and Intake, and Benefits Counseling under the new AAA consolidation structure.
- B. Maria Wilson, Care Specialist II, reported on the increase of “income support” requests seeking utility assistance. She also highlighted the upcoming “Grandparent/Older Relative Caregiver raising Children” back-to-school program, for which funds are very limited. Anyone interested in donating (monetarily or school supplies) should contact Maria.
- C. Trina Salazar, AAA Manager, reported on the Health and Wellness programs, emphasizing a need for additional locations in Atascosa, Frio and Karnes Counties. If anyone is interested in hosting a class to contact Dianne Teran or Kim Beasley.
- D. Heather Armstrong, Managing Local Ombudsman, shared the need for additional Certified Ombudsman Volunteers. If anyone knows of any interested persons, have them contact Heather Armstrong.
10. Update on Provider Staff Changes – ASAC Members: none.
11. Roundtable Discussion – ASAC Members – Members had an opportunity to highlight any issues, topics and items for discussion.
- CCSCT – Bobby Deike reported that they will be conducting a three-year community needs assessment and will be hosting focus groups. For more information, contact Bobby Deike.
 - Alzheimer’s Association – Ginny Funk reported on their largest-ever symposium, thanking Dianne Teran for the support, and George Losoya, for the funding that made it possible to offer the event free of charge.
12. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 10, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M., at AACOG in the Al J.Notzon III Boardroom.
13. There being no further business, Sara Lozano made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Patsy Troell; meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.