

Minutes
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Retreat
Thursday, March 14, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
Al J. Notzon III Board Room
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

CATEGORY	MEMBERS		ALTERNATES		AAA STAFF PRESENT
Atascosa Co.	Arthur Troell				Gloria Vasquez, Director
	Patsy Troell				Heather Armstrong
Bandera Co.	Art Crawford				Teresa Banda
Comal Co.	Darin Zumwalt	E			Gloria Givilancz
	Nancy Stout				Enrique Guerrero
Frio Co.	Ted Nieto	X			Philip Jones
Gillespie Co.	Denise Usener, Chair	X			Gabrielle Reboloso, Intern
Guadalupe Co.	Richard Hetzel	X			Renee Richardson
Karnes Co.	v a c a n t				Trina Salazar
Kendall Co.	Monica Zuniga, Secretary	X			Dianne Teran
	Kelli Lehman				Paula Wanken
Kerr Co.	Julie Robinson				AACOG STAFF PRESENT
McMullen Co.	Jayne Varga, Vice Chair	X			Diane Rath
Medina Co.	David Coble	X			Stella Garcia
	Sonya Toalson	E			Elanie Medina
Wilson Co.	Veronica Arriaga	X	Kathy Brown		GUEST(S) PRESENT
	Nicole Demmer	X			
At-Large Rep.	Olivia Burdick		Nicole Chapman		
At-Large Rep.	Bobby Deike	X	Carol Delgado		
At-Large Rep.	Sandra Faust	X			
Provider	Heather Finergthy	X			
Provider	Ginny Funk	X	Maxine Vieyra		
At-Large Rep.	Mary Garr	E	Laura Mata-Delgado		
Provider	Alan Garza		Joey Rogers		
At-Large Rep.	Darryl Greer	E			
At-Large Rep.	Valerie Houston				
At-Large Rep.	Sarah Lozano	E			
At-Large Rep.	Nicolina Ortiz				
At-Large Rep.	Lisa Senteno	X	Denise Gonzales		
Provider	Brenda Thompson	X			

X = present E = excused (members only)

1. Meeting Called to Order by Denise Usener, Chair.
2. Roll Call called by Paula Wanken, Recording Secretary; a quorum was established.
3. Public Comment – none.
4. Presentation: Elanie Medina from AACOG’s Weatherization Assistance Program, gave a presentation on services available through the program.

5. Approval of the Minutes from November 8, 2018 and January 10, 2019 minutes – Jayne Varga made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written, seconded by David Coble; motion carried.
6. Chair’s Report – Denise Usener, Chair, did not have a report.
7. Director’s Report – Gloria Vasquez, Director of Alamo & Bexar AAAs, reported on the following:
 - A. Staff Updates - Sandra Aviles will be conducting a session for Caregiver TeleConnect, on March 28, in Spanish.
 - B. Benefits Enrollment Center – Grand Opening will be Friday, March 15 at 10:00 A.M.
 - C. Texas Silver-Haired Legislature – additional representation is needed for the rural AACOG region. Anyone interested should contact Paula Wanken for information on filing for candidacy.
 - D. KLOVE Radio Interview – Philip Jones, Trina Cortez, and a client caregiver were interviewed for KLOVE Radio, to talk about services available in the AACOG region.
 - E. TXServes – application for General Assistance Grant funding from Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), has been submitted and the presentation in Austin was in February. Announcement about a decision should be coming in May. This grant would fund the TXServes Coordination Center. The current funding for TXServes ends June 2019. TVC funding, if awarded, would start in June.
 - F. Older Americans Act – this Act is up for reauthorization. Everyone is encouraged to personally take steps to support it.
8. Subcommittee Reports:
 - A. Alamo Service Connection (ASC) Steering Committee – Martha Schoenewe, Chair, reported on the goals for 2019, including updating marketing materials and disseminating rebranding. Each participant at the Steering Committee meeting pledged their commitment to being engaged in the process. The group will also be determining membership makeup beyond those participating from the Alamo and Bexar Senior Advisory Committees.
 - B. Allocations – David Coble, Chair, stated there had not been a meeting, so no report.
 - C. Information, Special Events – Brenda Thompson, Co-Chair, reported on the planned activities for May in celebration of Older Americans Month, as well as possible “Elder Fraud” summits in Frio and Kerr Counties.

D. Member Development and Advocacy – Lisa Senteno, Chair, presented the following nominations for consideration:

Member:

- Margaret Ryan – Karnes County Appointee

Alternate Member:

- Martha Schoenewe – Alternate to Heather Finerghy

There being no opposition, the nominations were approved to be forwarded to the ACOG Board for approval.

9. Alamo AAA Staff Reports.

A. ADRC. Enrique Guerrero, ADRC Coordinator, reported on the RFA that was released by HHSC to fund ADRC activities for the next three years, with the option for two one-year extensions. This is the first time the funding has been sought in a competitive process. Two proposals will be submitted—one for Bexar County and one for the Alamo AAA service area.

B. BENEFITS COUNSELING. Teresa Banda, Benefits Counseling Coordinator, reported on the activities of the Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) as being an extension and enhancement of what the Benefits Counselors already do. Staff will be available for walk-ins to the BEC, but are also taking their services to the community. The BEC isn't just one office space. One-on-one appointments can be made in locations in the community. If there is a location or gathering that would be ideal for a presentation, contact Teresa Banda.

Terry also cautioned members to be on the lookout for frauds and scams related to Medicare. If something is questionable, contact Teresa Banda or Sheena Smith, ACOG's Senior Medicare Patrol outreach specialist.

C. CARE SERVICES. Renee Richardson, Care Services Coordinator, reported that staff are working to close out the second quarter and are looking for additional referrals for services in the rural counties. Additional outreach ideas are being considered to help get more referrals.

D. CAREGIVER SERVICES. Dianne Teran, Caregiver Services Coordinator, reported on a new workshop being offered called "Dealing with Dementia". It is a four-hour workshop rather than something that is covered in multiple weeks. This is designed to help caregivers who struggle to make the multi-week commitment. This program is through a grant which covered the cost of certification for the trainers as well as the materials for the

workshop attendees. More information will be coming regarding dates/times/locations for this workshop.

March 29 is the Education Summit on Alzheimer's. Everyone is encouraged to attend as this annual event is always very well-received.

School supplies for the Older Relative Caregiver (ORC) program are still available even though the school year is well under way. Many times children need more of an item, or perhaps an older relative is new to their role and are needing these supplies midyear. If anyone has contacts of those in need, please contact Dianne Teran.

Health and Wellness: Kimberly Beasley is looking for opportunities to schedule presentations in the rural communities who want more information about the programs available through AACOG's Health and Wellness program. Anyone who knows of a group that is interested, or a lead on a location, should contact Kimberly.

Dianne also introduced Gabrielle Reboloso, an MSW intern from UT Arlington.

E. LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN: Heather Armstrong, Managing Local Ombudsman, gave a shout out to the many volunteers who support the Ombudsman program and encouraged everyone to attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to be held April 10.

10. Update on Provider Staff Changes, Etc. – ASAC Members: none.
11. Conferences/Training Reports – ASAC Members: none.
12. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 9, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M., at AACOG in the Al J. Notzon III Boardroom.
13. There being no further business, Bobby Deike made a motion for adjournment, seconded by David Coble; meeting was adjourned.