

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
September 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Coral Adema
Regina Applewhite
Veronica Arriaga
Judge Diana Bautista
Jean Callaway
Brenda Engelman
Darlene Evans
Ginny Funk
Kelly Gallant
Doris Haecker
Robert Lopez
Linda Quick
Lisa Senteno
Pam Thatcher
Denise Usener, Vice Chairperson
Tina Woods
Darin Zumwalt

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Sara Picardo
Christina Avena

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Patrice Doerries, Chairperson
Denise Miner-Williams
Nicola Ortiz
Marlene Richter

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Fitzgerald, MD
Genevieve Manley
Joe Granados

STAFF PRESENT

Linnie Martin
Jim Rowland
Trish Slaton
Maria Wilson
Gloria Vasquez

ALTERNATES ABSENT

Beverly Lutz

1. Denise Usener, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by Denise Usener, Vice Chair, a quorum was reached.
3. There were no citizens to be heard, however Tiffany Harris, AACOG Public Relations Coordinator spoke about the Regional Award nominations, which are due October 7, 2013, forms were passed out. She also introduced Zola Amarsanaa, Public Relations Specialist from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Zola gave a brief report on her experiences in her field work in Mongolia.

4. Approval of Minutes for July 12, 2013.

Darlene Evans entered a motion to approve and Robert Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report-Gloria Vasquez
 - Gloria Vasquez stated that the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) is conducting the Eight National Survey of Older American Act Participants. This is a national

sample survey of programs in aging funded by Title III of the Older Americans Act. The purpose of the survey is to provide AoA with an effective method for collection data on Title III programs. The results of this survey help the AoA meet its accountability requirements to the President.

- 312 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) have been randomly selected to participate in this study. Westat is the research firm conducting this study and will compile confidential and anonymous random telephone results from consumers during the past year. The services being asked about are Case Management, Congregate and Home Delivered Meals, Family Caregiver Support, Homemaker, and Transportation. No identifying information on individuals, agencies or providers will be gathered.
- Alamo Aging is participating in a national self assessment survey with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4a). Valuable information about the aging network has been collected for the last 6 years. N4a will continue to build upon this information and gain knowledge about the important programs and policies local agencies have established in our communities. The information has and will continue to be instrumental at the nation and state levels to educate policymakers on the breadth and growing capacity of the network.

6. Committee Reports:

- A. Allocations-Kelly Gallant reported that 2 grants have been submitted. The CHIMES grant is in partnership with Tarrant County and helps in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. All ages in the 12 rural counties will receive education, enrollment assistance and outreach in a 10 month period. The second grant is for rural veterans assistance. It is a \$2 million grant to provide resource information for military personnel who are transitioning to civilian life in rural areas.
- B. Outreach-Linda Quick, Chairman, encouraged ASAC members to promote activities and information about Alamo AAA in their respective communities. Most current activity is Medicare Open Enrollment. Suzanne Ruff, of the Alamo AAA staff, will be in the communities to answer questions about Medicare.
- C. Nominations- Lisa Senteno-reported that the Nominations Committee met and has recommended the following slate of FY ASAC officers:
 - Chair: Denise Userner
 - Vice Chair: Marlene Richter
 - Secretary: Veronica ArriagaFormal action will be requested at the November 8th ASAC meeting.

7. Consider and act upon ratification of a grant application submitted, in partnership with United Way of Tarrant County (UMTC) and the AACOG

Area Agencies on
and State Partnership
HEB, etc.

Aging to Support Navigators in Federally Facilitated
Exchanges. Navigators will be in libraries, Wal-Mart,

Arriaga Darlene Evans entered a motion to accept the ratification and Veronica
seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Consider and act on approval of
- Pamela Sonnen, new at-large ASAC member.
 - Kip Legler, Texas Silver Haired Legislature
 - Josie Herrera, Wilson County

Judge Diana Bautista entered a motion to approve and Linda Quick seconded
the motion. Motion carried.

9. Consider and act on approval of Alamo Area Agency on Aging vendor
applications for FY14-15.

seconded Judge Diana Bautista entered a motion to approve and Linda Quick
the motion. Motion carried.

10. Consider and act upon the AACOG Area Agencies on Aging request to authorize
the Executive Director to submit an application for a grant from The
Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans and their families who
are transitioning from military to civilian life in rural or underserved
communities.

Kelley Gallant entered a motion to approve and Ginny Funk seconded the
motion. Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve was entered by Darlene Evans and seconded by Doris
Haecker. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment – 1:56 p.m.

Reminder: We will celebrate the Harvest with a noon luncheon at our November
ASAC meeting. Flyer with details is attached.

Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2013.

Reminder we will have a Thanksgiving meal at noon that day and also pictures will
be taken. A sign-up sheet at the back table is available to indicate what dish you
will bring to the luncheon.