

Minutes
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
January 10, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Coral Adema
Regina Applewhite
Veronica Arriaga, Secretary
Christine Avena
Judge Diana Bautista
Jean Callaway
Brenda Engelman
Ginny Funk
Kelley Gallant
Kip Legler
Linda Quick
Lisa Senteno
Pamela Sonnen
Pam Thatcher
Denise Usener, Chairperson
Tina Woods
Darin Zumwalt

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Karen Bailey
Jeanne Beavers
Darlene Hope-Jackson
Sara Pichardo

ALTERNATES ABSENT

Beverly Lutz

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Patrice Doerries
Genevieve Manley
Marlene Richter, Vice Chair
Nicola Ortiz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darlene Evans
Denise Miner-Williams
Robert Lopez
William Moseley

STAFF PRESENT

Linnie Martin
Jim Rowland
Trish Slaton
Gloria Vasquez
Maria Wilson

1. Denise Usener, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken by Veronica Arriaga, Secretary. Quorum was reached.
3. There were no citizens to be heard.
4. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2013. Kelly Gallant made a motion to accept the minutes and Brenda Engleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Swearing in of the 2014 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Officers and Members

After a few words of welcome and a short review of 2013 Governmental events that impacted our nation, AACOG's Executive Director Dean Danos, swore in the new members and committee officers for 2014.

6. Director's Report-Gloria Vasquez

- Gloria stated that on Sept. 30, 2013 Sens. Bernie Sanders, Tom Harkin, and Lamar Alexander introduced the Older Americans Act Reauthorization 2013, a bipartisan bill that would reauthorize the Older Americans Act which provides federal funding for programs that support seniors across the country. Bipartisan legislation has passed the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to reauthorize the Older Americans Act in the 113th Congress. This legislation now awaits further consideration by the full Senate.
- The Older Americans Month theme for May 2014 has been announced. This year the focus is on injury prevention with the theme "**Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow.**"
- Gloria stated that there is a **New Resource: Mentalhealth.gov**. The Administration recently launched www.mentalhealth.gov, a new website featuring easy-to-understand information about basic signs of mental health problems, how to talk about mental health, and how to find help.
- Senate launches new anti-fraud hotline and website. If you suspect a senior has been a victim of a scam or fraud, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging has set up a new toll-free hotline to help at 1-855-303-9470 or via the committee website. The committee's investigators have experience in fraud concerning retirement savings, identity theft, phone scams, Medicare, Social Security, and other consumer issues.

7. Committee Reports-Provided by any member who recently attended training or a conference.

Kelley Gallant stated that the National Conference on Aging will be held in Dallas, Texas in July 2014.

8. Consider and acted upon approval of Alamo Area Agency on Aging vendor applications for FY14-15.

Gallant Tina Woods entered a motion to accept the Vendor applications. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Program Orientation and Overview-ASAC notebook updates were handed out to

members and Gloria Vasquez provided an orientation to Alamo Aging services.

10. Alamo Senior Advisory Committee—Chair Denise Usener led the orientation for

ASAC members:

- The role of Members was discussed
- Committee Bylaws
- Committee Memberships
- Meeting Dates

11. Adjournment @ 2:00 p.m.

Funk. A motion to adjourn was entered by Tina Woods and seconded by Ginny
Motion carried.

12. Next Meeting Date- **March 14, 2014**