

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Al J. Notzon III Board Room, Suite 100
8700 Tesoro Drive
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharon Baughman
Jana Cragg
Barb Dampman
Brenda Dever-Armstrong
Yolanda Dickson
Ed Dylla
Ruth N. Garcia
Patti Gunter
Laurin Lee Jimenez
Ruth Lofgren
Donald B. Moye
Dean Murphy
Sterling Neuman
Nancy Rheams
Marolyn Stubblefield
J. Elaine Talarski
Valerie Taylor
George Walton
Dorothy Jo Weiss
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Alderete (excused)
Julia Castellano-Hoyt (excused)
Elsa Davis
Victor Garcia
Milo Hoenscheid (excused)
Ruth Jones-McClendon
Ida Kenny
Ernie Lopez
Barry Muth
Victoria Palm
Jimmy Toubin

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Sue Bell
Charlotte Hall
Diane Jules (for Victor Garcia)
Alice Rose Kennedy (for Elsa Davis)
Sue Ellen Lewis

1. Call to Order – George Walton, Chairman
2. Roll Call – Ruth Garcia, Secretary
3. Citizens to be Heard – There were no citizens to be heard.
4. Consider and act upon approval of the minutes of February 13, 2009. Upon review and consideration, the minutes were accepted and approved.
5. Staff Presentation – Network of Care Legislative Advocacy Demonstration Martha Ramirez, Access and Assistance Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrated some of the capabilities of the Alamo Service Connection Network of Care website including its capability to link seniors and people with disabilities to law and advocacy.
6. Chairperson's Report – George Walton reminded and encouraged all BSAC members to sign up to work on a BSAC subcommittee.

7. Director's Report – Debbie Billa, Bexar Area Agency on Aging (BAAA) Interim Director, reported on the following:
 - Stimulus Funding
 - Older Americans Month
 - Introduction of New Staff Members
 - Current Legislative Issues
 - Volunteer Recognition Event
 - N4a Livable Communities

8. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. **Family Caregiver Support Committee – Nellie Garay**
 - The committee recommended approval of new and revised FY2009 vendors. It was motioned and seconded that AVIONN, WellMed Charitable Foundation and Young Women's Christian Association become new vendors for FY2009.
 - Nellie Garay will be working with Leeza's Place to provide and plan for continuum of care through the caregiver education and training program.
 - Several questions were asked regarding funding a for-profit agency and members expressed the need to have a policy in place to delineate the importance between for-profit and non-profit agencies. A committee was organized to develop this policy and present it to the BSAC for approval at the April 2009 meeting. Committee volunteers are Sharon Baughman, Steve Saldana, Nancy Rheams, Jana Cragg, Sterling Neuman and Martha Ramirez.

 - B. **Long Term Care Services – Don Moye** presented the report on the Health Care Consortium meeting of February 24, 2009. Notes from this meeting were attached to the agenda for March 13, 2009.

 - C. **Alamo Service Connection – Sterling Neuman/Sue Ellen Lewis**
 - Sterling Neuman presented an update on the ASC. He indicated that the Alamo Service Connection (ASC) Steering Committee will reconvene on April 7, 2009 and is looking for potential ASC partners and steering committee members.
 - The ASC is in its third and final year of funding and is exploring options to sustain itself.
 - On May 18, 2009 the ASC will host its first ASC Spring Event with the intention of educating the community about the ASC and encouraging sponsorship. Funds received as a result of the sponsorships will be accepted under the Alamo Area Development Corporation 501© under AACOG.
 - Sue Ellen Lewis reported on the success of the Email Blast and encouraged the BSAC members who have newsworthy information or who wish to be included in the receipt of the Email Blast to please contact Martha Ramirez or herself.

9. Next meeting is April 9, 2009.

10. Meeting Adjourned.

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