

**Minutes**  
**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, September 12, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Al J. Notzon III Board Room**  
**8700 Tesoro Drive**  
**San Antonio, TX 78217-6228**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Alderete  
Sharon Baughman  
Jana Cragg  
Ruth N. Garcia  
Patti Gunter  
Milo Hoenscheid  
Laurin Lee Jimenez  
Marcia Katz  
Ernie Lopez  
Tito Villalobos  
Donald B. Moye  
Steve Saldana  
J. Elaine Talariski  
George Walton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Alex Davila  
Elsa Davis  
Ed Dylla  
Victor Garcia  
Ruth Jones-McClendon  
Ida Kenny  
Dean Murphy  
Barry Muth (Excused)  
Victoria Palm  
Marolyn Stubblefield (Excused)  
Jimmy Toubin  
Dorothy Jo Weiss  
Mary Will (Excused)  
Lucille Wolfarth

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Julia Castellano-Hoyt (for Marolyn Stubblefield)  
Brenda Dever-Armstrong (for Lucille Wohlfarth)  
Yolanda Dickson (for Alex Davila)  
Alice Kennedy (for Elsa Davis)  
Sue Ellen Lewis (for Ida Kenny)

1. Call to Order – Mr. George Walton
2. Roll Call – Ms. Ruth Garcia
3. Consider and act upon approval of the minutes of August 8, 2008.
4. There were no citizens to be heard.
5. Chairperson's Report – No report given.

6. Director's Report – Ms. Carol Zernial, Bexar Area Agency on Aging Director
  - Carol Zernial noted that the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the Elder Justice Act—a bill to monitor and make recommendations regarding the many facets of elder abuse and includes direct funding to Adult Protective Services and other resources to fight elder abuse.
  - The Texas Association of Agencies on Aging testified before the senate on Health and Human Services Commission about our health and falls prevention coalition. During year one, we have trained approximately 1100 seniors at \$85 a person and received \$300,000 for year two of this training. There is no charge to the senior for this training.
  - The Forensics of Elder Domestic Violence Conference will be held September 19, 2008 at a cost of \$35 per person.
7. Vincent Davis, Senior Beat Reporter for Express News, informed the audience that he has been covering senior news for about a month and encouraged them to contact him if they have stories of interest or other information regarding seniors and he will get the message out. His phone number is 250-3218. He also requested we put him on our mailing list.
8. Charles Vaughn, Sr. Vice President of Telecommunications for KLRN Public Television, reminded us that the digital television transition is scheduled for February and offered to provide “train-the-trainer” workshops to groups to help ease the transition. He also stated a two-hour town meeting on health care issues including obesity and health insurance would be held before a live studio audience at KLRN next week.
9. Steve Saldana gave an update on Hurricane Ike evacuees in shelters here. Most people are mobile. They register at Port San Antonio and are assigned to a shelter. Approximately 1000 evacuees are being accommodated at this time.
10. Subcommittee Reports
  - A. **Allocations and Monitoring** – Gale Murden presented the FY 09 Planning Budget and noted it was over \$460,000 more than FY 08 with the majority going to nutrition programs. She also presented the Proposed FY 09 Contractor Rates for approval and noted these rates were contingent on approval from DADs. Upon consideration, both the FY 09 Planning Budget and FY 09 Contractor Rates were approved by the BSAC with Steve Saldana and Sharon Baughman abstaining.

- B. **Family Caregiver Support Program** – Ruth Garcia presented the FY 09 Proposed Vendors and upon consideration, they were approved by the BSAC with Chris Alderete abstaining. She also sought approval of the Caregiver FY 09 Planning Budget. Upon consideration, the BSAC approved the Caregiver FY 09 Budget with Steve Saldana and Sharon Baughman abstaining.
- C. **Information and Special Events** – No Report
- D. **Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative** – Julia Castellano-Hoyt recommended the ratification of new BSAC members Valerie Taylor and Brenda Dever-Armstrong. Upon consideration, the BSAC gave its approval of the ratification.
- E. **Long Term Care** – Don Moye stated the committee met with the consortium and a synopsis of that meeting will be given at the next BSAC meeting. Project Quest is deeply involved with having the CNA program put on the demand list.
- F. **Alamo Service Connection** – Martha Ramirez noted the grant for this project ends this month. They will be receiving \$60,000 from DADs to be used exclusively for marketing and technology. The ASC has two volunteers, Sue Ellen Lewis who will write the constant contact email and a gentleman who will write grants—both at no charge. Benefits Counseling training will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, a strategic planning session for the Alamo Service Connection will be held October 7<sup>th</sup>. The BSAC is encouraged to attend.

11. Meeting Adjourned.

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