

Minutes  
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee  
Friday, March 9, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sharon Baughman  
Julia Castellano-Hoyt  
Alex Davila  
Dean Murphy  
Ed Dylla  
Ruth Garcia  
Milo Hoenscheid  
Hon. Ruth Jones McClendon rep by Sandra Sapenter  
Ida Kenny  
Tito Villalobos Moreno  
Dean Murphy  
Barry Muth  
Sterling Neuman  
Nancy Rheams  
Alicia Rodriguez represented by Ms. Patti Gunter  
Steve Saldana  
Rev. Gene Sheppard  
Marolyn Stubblefield  
J. Elaine Talarski  
Dorothy Jo Weiss rep by Michele Leverant  
Mary Will

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Victor Garcia  
Marcia Katz  
Ernie Lopez  
Donald Moye  
Winn Murnin  
Jimmy Toubin  
George Walton  
Dorothy Jo Weiss  
Lucille Wohlfarth

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Tiffany Pickens  
Homer Lear

1. Call to Order – Ms. Mary Will called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – In the absence of Mr. George Walton, Ms. Elena Hernandez called the roll as reflected above.
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of January 2007 – Upon consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Saldana to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Palm and passed.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) – Ms. Tiffany Pickens informed BSAC members that AACOG was accepting nominations for the 2007 Regional Awards and mentioned if anyone had any nominations, please forward to the AACOG office.

Mr. Homer Lear, Chair, Board of Directors of the National Silver Haired Congress, distributed a copy of the top five resolutions.

5. Director's Report – In the absence Ms. Carol Zernial, Ms. Deborah Billa, Alamo Area Agency on Aging Director briefed BSAC members on the upcoming Texas Conference on Aging to be held in Dallas, Texas. Ms. Billa also briefed on several senate and house bills.
6. Presentations by: Ms. Marlene Richter with Care Improvement Plus informed BSAC members on a new Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan that focused on the unique needs of Texas's chronically ill Medicare Beneficiaries. This plan provides benefits for those living with diabetes, heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and/or end stage renal disease. For more information, please contact Ms. Richter at 587-2111.

Mr. John Laine with Texas Ramp Project informed BSAC members that the Kiwanis Club of Richardson, began building access ramps for residents of Dallas and its suburbs more than 20 years ago and is now being

spread throughout Texas. Wheelchair ramps are being built for persons with severe health issues allowing them to get out of their homes. It is 100% volunteer staffed, relying on individual donations and corporate partners to provide the funding, building materials, and facilities for their work.

7. Subcommittee Status Reports

- A. Access & Assistance – Mr. Dean Murphy reported on the upcoming Public Hearings that will be conducted in an effort to provide Input into the 2008 – 2010 Area Plan.

Mr. Murphy further requested permission to take the 2008-2010 Area Plan directly to the AACOG Board of Directors in April. Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Marolyn Stubblefield. Motion passed.

- B. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Ed Dylla asked for ratification of the TRACS review applications as presented on Attachment C. Upon consideration, a motion was seconded by Ms. Arnold. Motion passed.
- C. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Ruth Garcia stated that the next meeting will be held on March 21, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.
- D. Information and Special Events – Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt reported that there were approximately 3,000 seniors present at the Senior Day at the Capitol, further providing information on the upcoming Older Americans Month Events.
- E. Nominations, Bylaws and Legislative Subcommittee – Mr. Steve Saldana asked for approval of the following: Benni T. Dean Alternate for Mary Will; and Barb Dampman Alternate for Steve Saldana. Upon consideration, motion passed.
- F. Long Term Care – Information was presented regarding the upcoming Direct Care Worker Collaborative Meeting scheduled for April 12, 2007.

9. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.