

**MINUTES**  
**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, April 9, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Julia Castellano-Hoyt  
Laura Cisneros  
Alex Davila  
Elsa Davis  
Victor Garcia  
Suzanne Huber  
Jan Jarosek  
Marcia Katz  
Ida Kenny  
Lewis Marshall  
Winn Murnin  
Sterling Neuman  
Nancy Rheams  
Alicia Rodriguez  
Steve Saldana  
John Sampson  
Lily Porter-Tarrillion

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chris Alderete  
Barb Dampman  
Ruth Gomez  
Maria Hernandez  
Hon. Ruth Jones McClendon  
Yvonne Lozano  
Tito V. Moreno  
Rev. Gene Sheppard  
Jimmy Toubin  
Everett Turner  
Lucille Wolhlfarth

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Sharon Baughman

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Mr. Homer Lear

1. **Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Sterling Neuman.**
2. **Roll Call – Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ms. Alicia Rodriguez.**
3. **Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2004 – Upon correction under Item E. 1. to reflect the Senior Breakfast....May 6, 2004, a Motion was made by Mr. Marshall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson and passed.**
4. **Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None**
5. **Staff Report – Ms. Carol Zernial, Bexar AAA presented her Director’s report on issues regarding the local, state and national level. No action required.**
6. **Chairperson’s Report – Mr. Neuman introduced Mr. Homer Lear. Mr. Lear presented an overview on the process concerning Resolutions. He also advised that the manner in which Resolutions are adopted is held in a very Democratic method. There are 117 members of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature and there are 285 participating in the National Silver Haired Congress from all the states across the country. Also, there are various committees, Legislative Action Committee, Legislative Issues Committee and then each body the Silver Senate and the Silver House will vote on these resolutions coming out of the Legislative Action Committee. Once they are voted on and passed, then it becomes a Resolution. In either case the House or the Senate that fails to pass, then there are no amendments and it does not go any further. After they have been passed, then they are voted on as to their priority, hand carried over to the Whitehouse and also members of Congress. Should anyone feel uncomfortable or dissatisfied with any of the Resolutions, Mr. Lear strongly suggested that they write to their own particular state representative or state senator, or congressional member and state that the National Silver**

Haired Congress or the Texas Silver Haired Legislature have passed a Resolution on the particular subject and indicate their disagreement with the issue.

Mr. Lear then directed BSAC members to his letter sent to The Honorable Nelson Wolfe regarding the Proposition in which the seniors and the disabled will have a cap on their personal property tax as a result of the Legislature passing HJR16 stating their position.

**7. Subcommittee Status Reports**

**A. Access & Assistance – In the absence of Ms. Yvonne Lozano, Mr. John Sampson presented to the following:**

- 1. Authorization to submit an application to the Texas Department on Aging for a Residential Repair Grant in the amount of \$15,000 with a 25% match. After careful consideration, the motion was seconded by Ms. Laura Cisneros and passed.**
- 2. Authorization to submit an application to the Texas Department on Aging for an Assistive Technology Grant in the amount of \$15,000 with a 25% match. After careful consideration, the motion was seconded by Ms. Laura Cisneros and passed.**

**B. Ad-Hoc Long Term Care Services – Mr. Steve Saldana informed that they had met and went through a list of priority that they believe will be used as topics of discussion in the coming months. They will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am and vary the location based on the Agenda. The group plans to develop a position paper that will state this as an important factor for the Legislature to consider. Mr. Saldana further stated that this Ad-hoc Subcommittee be developed into a Standing Committee due to the issues presented.**

**C. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Sterling Neuman presented the following:**

- 1. Approval of NSIP Allocation formerly USDA Funds – Upon consideration, Mr. John Sampson moved for approval. Motion passed. The following abstentions were noted: Ms. Laura Cisneros, City of San Antonio, and Ms. Sharon Baughman, Christian Senior Services.**
- 2. Approval of Medication Management Vendor – Upon consideration, Ms. Suzanne Huber moved for approval. Motion passed.**

**D. Family Caregiver Support Program – No Report.**

**E. Information and Special Events – Ms. Sharon Baughman presented Older Americans Month activities taking place during the month of May. No action required.**

**F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative – Ms. Julia Castellano-Hoyt presented the following:**

- 1. Alternate Membership: Ms. Allisa R. Butler, MSN, RN; Ms. Pat Hoenscheid; Ms. Ruth Garcia; and Ms. Ruth Leopard. Upon consideration, motion was made by Ms. Baughman to approve the names as presented. Motion passed.**
- 2. Vote on Proposed BSAC Bylaw revision: Article V – Subcommittees – E. Family Caregiver Support - Upon consideration, motion was made Mr. Marshall to approve the Bylaw revision. Motion passed.**
- 3. Medicaid Estate Recovery – A brief overview was presented regarding the estate recovery program that is an attempt to recover part or all of the costs associated with providing long-term care services through Medicaid.**

**10. Informational Items - Informational items were presented. No action required.**

**11. Adjournment – There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**