

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, May 12, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharon Baughman
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Laura Cisneros
Elsa Davis
Ed Dylla
Ruth Garcia
Marcia Katz
Ida Kenny
Ernie Lopez
Tito Villalobos Moreno
Winn Murnin
Sterling Neuman
Victoria Palm
Nancy Rheams
Steve Saldana
Rev. Gene Sheppard
J. Elaine Talarski
Mary Will
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Alderete
Alex Davila
Victor Garcia
Honorable Ruth Jones McClendon
Yvonne Lozano
Don Moye
Alicia Rodriguez
John Sampson
Dorothy Jo Weiss

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Sterling Neuman called the meeting to order.
 2. Roll Call – Ms. Elsa Davis called the roll as reflected above.
 3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2006 – Upon consideration, a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.
 4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None
 5. Director’s Report – Ms. Carol Zernial, Bexar Area Agency on Aging Director presented information on the Older American’s Act Reauthorization listed below:
 - Enrollment for Title V program is still 55 and it is being proposed to raise it to age 60
 - Mandatory cost-sharing has been dropped in favor of voluntary cost-sharing and are recommending 200% of poverty. The concern on this is that this is the first reference to any kind of income criteria in the Older Americans Act
 - There is a proposal to require meal providers to do multi-vitamins and if this language is included, a push is being done so that it does not count as part of a meal or come out of a meal appropriation, that there be further appropriations for the multi-vitamin.
 - Allow older caregivers of adult children with disabilities to be served under the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
 - Adds the “Choices for Independence”
 - Expands and strengthens the elder justice title of the Act and better defines a more complete definition of self-neglect.
- Ms. Zernial further provided information on the HHSC Call Centers that have been delayed indefinitely. Reminded BSAC members that there will be two events held this afternoon, Texercise Walk and the Ice Cream Social and invited everyone to attend.
6. Chairperson’s Report – Mr. Sterling Neuman informed BSAC members of Ms. Alicia Rodriguez’ recent loss of both her brother and nephew. A condolence card was distributed for everyone to sign.

He further reported on his attendance at the Joint Conference on Aging held in El Paso indicating that the presentations were very interesting.

7. Special Reports

- A. Ms. Sharon Baughman reported that the Special Events Subcommittee had selected the Older American of the Year, and this year, a couple, Mr. and Mrs. George (Doris) Griffin were selected. They are to receive the plaque this afternoon at the Ice Cream Social.
- B. Mr. Steve Saldana invited BSAC members to “The Booming Dynamics of Aging” - White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Local Implementation Strategies Forum that will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2006 from 9:30 am. – 12:00 pm., at the Catholic Charities office. Strategy Workgroups are currently being set up to continue the work that was started at the WHCoA and asked BSAC members to identify their specific workgroup and fax the registration back to the AAA office so that the workgroups may be set up for the May 25th forum.
- C. Ms. Frances Ehrlich, Focus on Seniors, San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind briefed BSAC members on their services.

8. Subcommittee Status Reports

- A. Access & Assistance – Mr. George Walton presented the following
 - 1. Authorization to submit CMS Grant in the amount of \$45,211 through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (Attachment A) – Upon consideration, motion was seconded by Ms. Ida Kenny. Motion carried.
 - 2. Medicare Part D Update – Ms. Tina Smith informed that the deadline is still May 15th, and there is a potential of waiving the penalty; however, as of this date, the penalty will be waived for those who are eligible for that assistance.
- B. Allocations and Monitoring – No Report
- C. Family Caregiver Support Program – No report.
- D. Information and Special Events – Ms. Sharon Baughman urged BSAC members to attend the Texercise Walk and Ice Cream Social to be held this afternoon at the Witte Museum. An update was provided regarding the recent Proclamations read by the City and County. Ms. Baughman and Ms. Zernial thanked Ms. Burma Hyde for all her efforts with respect to the Texercise Walk and Ice Cream Social event.
- E. Long Term Care – Ms. Vickie Palm reported that on May 18, 2006, the Solutions for Long Term Care Workforce Symposium will be held at Incarnate Word Extended Care Facility and the guest speaker will be Ms. Judith Clinco. She has done extensive work in Arizona on the long term care industry and look forward to her presentation. Ms. Zernial encouraged BSAC members to attend.
- F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative Subcommittee – Mr. Steve Saldana read the proposed revisions directing BSAC members to their copies. Mr. Saldana stated that proposed changes are reflected in “bold” and read the respective changes related to Article I, Article III; Article IV; Article VII and the deletion of an extra paragraph under C. Membership stating “There shall be a Parliamentarian” The Bexar Senior Advisory Committee will vote on these recommendations during the June BSAC meeting.

Mr. Saldana further presented the Home Delivered Meals Position Statement recommending that the rate ceiling for common providers be lifted and with this recommendation, more state funds

are requested to supplement the program so that the total number of individuals receiving the service are not reduced. Motion passed. There were no abstentions noted.

9. Informational Items – Ms. Laura Cisneros invited BSAC members to their annual COSA Festival scheduled for Friday, May 19th at Rosedale Park.
10. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.