

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, August 14, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Al J. Notzon III Board Room
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

Members Present

Chris Alderete
Sharon Baughman
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Elsa Davis
Ed Dylla
Ruth Garcia
Victor Garcia
Pattie Gunter
Milo Hoenscheid
Laurin Lee Jimenez, Co-Chair
Ruth Lofgren
Ernie Lopez
Donald Moye
Dean Murphy
Nancy Rheams
J. Elaine Talarski
Valerie Taylor
Dorothy Jo Weiss
Lucille Wohlfarth

Members Absent

Jana Cragg
Barb Dampman
Brenda Dever-Armstrong
Yolanda Dickson
Ruth Jones-McClendon
Ida Kenny, Emeritus
Barry Muth
Sterling Neuman
Victoria Palm
Marolyn Stubblefield
Jimmy Toubin
George A. Walton, Chair

Staff Members Present

Nick Monreal
Martha Ramirez
Martha Spinks
Tim Treviño
Paula Wanken

Alternates Present

Sue Bell

1. Meeting Called to Order by Laurin Lee Jimenez – Co-Chair.
2. Roll Call by Ruth Garcia – Secretary. A quorum was established. Martha Spinks introduced two new staff members: Tim Treviño, AACOG's Public Relations Director; and Paula Wanken, Administrative Assistant for the Bexar Area Agency on Aging (Bexar AAA).
3. There were no citizens to be heard.
4. The Minutes of June 12, 2009 were reviewed. Sue Bell stated that she was left off the list of Alternates in attendance. Upon review and consideration, Chris Alderete made a motion for approval with the correction; Ed Dylla seconded; the motion carried.
5. Chairperson's Report – None Reported.

6. Director's Report – Martha Spinks, Bexar AAA Director, reported on the following:
 - Livable Communities Grant of \$2,500.
 - Regional Transportation Coordination workshop on August 20, 2009 – invitation flyer distributed.
 - August 7, 2009 Bexar AAA was visited by Charles Brown, OMB; Derek Lee, Administration on Aging; Betty Ford, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services; and Garry Jessup, Texas Department of Health and Human Services, to observe active evidence-based programs and the Alamo Service Connection.
 - BSAC Membership Function/Involvement—duties and responsibilities of members need to be defined; possible BSAC “retreat”; half-day gathering to discuss the function of the advisory committee.

7. Subcommittee Reports:
 - Family Caregiver Support – Chair Nancy Rheams highlighted from the written report the division of the subcommittee into two focus areas: Access and Awareness.
 - Long Term Care Services – Vice-Chair Donald Moye read the Health Care Consortium Meeting Report.

8. Alamo Service Connection (ASC) Steering Committee – Martha Ramirez, Access & Assistance Coordinator, reported:
 - ASC has shown increased services in the number of calls received as well as the number of registered website sessions.
 - ASC received recognition for “excellence in information and referrals for seniors through innovative technology” at the SAILS 19th Annual Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Celebration.
 - “Do You Have a Cool Neighbor?” Campaign – placards and thermometers were designed and ordered to distribute to seniors; and educational information sessions about heat-related illness were presented by Dr. Dunn from University Health System.

Discussion took place regarding ways to get the word out to seniors about the importance of proper cooling and care.

9. Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2009, 10 a.m.

10. Adjournment. There being no further business, Julia Castellano-Hoyt made a motion for adjournment, Sharon Baughman seconded; the motion carried.