

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Friday, October 13, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Alderete
Sharon Baughman
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Laura Cisneros rep by Dean Murphy
Ed Dylla
Elsa Davis
Victor Garcia
Ruth Garcia
Marcia Katz
Ida Kenny
Ernie Lopez
Yvonne Lozano
Tito Villalobos Moreno
Donald Moye
Winn Murnin
Sterling Neuman
Nancy Rheams
Alicia Rodriguez
John Sampson
Rev. Gene Sheppard
J. Elaine Talarski
George A. Walton, Jr
Dorothy Jo Weiss
Mary Will
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alex Davila
Honorable Ruth Jones McClendon
Victoria Palm
Steve Saldana

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Sterling Neuman – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sterling Neuman.
2. Roll Call – In the absence of Ms. Elsa Davis, Secretary, Ms. Hernandez called the roll as reflected above.
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2006 – Upon correction to reflect two changes to the Membership status, a motion was made by Ida Kenny to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Rheams 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 reported on the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Bills as evidenced by the handout provided. Further, Ms. Zernial provided an overview on specific changes to the Older Americans Act and their impact on AAA services. A copy of the material Side-by-Side Comparison of House and Senate Older Americans Act Reauthorization Bills has been filed with the official minutes.
6. Chairperson’s Report – Mr. Sterling Neuman asked Ms. Rheams to make an announcement on one of the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee members. Ms. Rheams proceeded to inform that the Northside ISD Board of Trustees named one of the district’s newest elementary schools after Dr. Winn Murnin. It was noted that her career exemplified the “true Northside spirit”, taking into account her 29-year elementary, middle and high school teacher and principal. Dr. Murnin was also

named the first female assistant superintendent in Northside ISD. The school dedication will be held on October 21, 2006, 2:00 p.m.

At this time, Mr. Neuman asked Ms. Smith to provide an overview on the status of the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Ms. Smith informed that the main focus was on the name, and the name chosen was the Alamo Service Connection. A vision statement was also drafted - Easy, Friendly, Helpful access to services for older adults, people with disabilities and their families in Bexar County. Also, still in discussion is the phone system and have been in contact with United Way and 211 as well as with AACOG technical staff.

7. Special Reports – Ms. Regina A. Delgado, Program Manager with American Cancer Society provided an overview of the American Cancer Society Patient Services Programs. She provided handouts on the programs offering support to those facing a cancer diagnosis and their families. For more information, please contact Ms. Delgado at 595-0222.

8. Subcommittee Status Reports

- A. Access & Assistance – Mr. George Walton provided an update regarding several programs previously discussed such as the Medicare Part D, Star Plus program, the Food Stamp program, and the scheduling of Sensitivity Training.

- B. Allocations and Monitoring – Mr. Ed Dylla in the absence of Mr. Lopez presented the report. He stated that the proposed FY07 Planning Budget reflected a difference of \$184,355 from the FY06 final budget. The difference is stipulated in the Direct Services, i.e. Medication Management, Personal Assistance, Residential Repair and Homemaker. Two new services have been added to the direct services, Homemaker Voucher that will allow someone to hire their own personal caregiver and Physical Fitness that will focus on prevention having an AoA Evidenced Prevention component. Upon consideration, motion was then seconded by Ms. Garcia and passed. Abstentions noted were Ms. Baughman and Ms. Lozano.

Mr. Dylla then presented the request to revise Christian Senior Services' FY07 Unit Rate to their FY06 level of 3.96 due to DADS reduced number of Title XX meals by 37,000. Upon consideration, the motion was then seconded by Mr. Walton and passed. Motion carried. Abstentions noted were: Ms. Baughman and Ms. Lozano.

- C. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Nancy Rheams presented the FY07 Proposed Vendors for approval as submitted. Ms. Weiss informed that there have been problems with several Physicians accessing Lartex Medical and Access Quality Therapy Services. At this time, a motion was made by Ms. Lozano to hold off approving Lartex and Access Quality Therapy Services pending further review by AAA staff to be presented at our next BSAC meeting. Motion was then seconded by Mr. Lopez and passed. One abstention was noted: Ms. Kenny.

BSAC members then voted on the remaining Proposed Vendors for FY07. There were no abstentions and the motion passed.

Ms. Rheams further presented information on the upcoming National Family Caregiver Month activities.

Mr. Neuman requested that the BSAC be provided a report as to the success of the mentioned activities, stating who attended the activities, the type of information presented and the impact on AAA requested services.

D. Information and Special Events – Ms. Sharon Baughman reported that the subcommittee meeting was cancelled because Ms. Burma Hyde was not able to attend the meeting; therefore there is no report.

E. Long Term Care – Ms. Yvonne Lozano reported that the subcommittee met and in attendance were several visitors; Ms. Susan Lodge and Mr. Mark Milton who are interested in reference to LTC goals, specifically to replicate what Ms. Clinco’s Caregiver’s Alliance Support. Further information on the Caregiver’s Alliance will be forthcoming.

F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative Subcommittee – Ms. Lucille Wohlfarth presented the report in the absence of Mr. Saldana.

Ms. Wohlfarth informed the subcommittee is recommending the following for proposed membership: Milo Hoenscheid, Dean Murphy, Barry Muth, Marilyn Stubblefield and Jimmy Toubin for a three year term. The following BSAC members have also reapplied: Mary Will and Lucille Wohlfarth. Ms. Brenda Dever-Armstrong was recommended for Alternate Membership Status. Upon consideration, BSAC members approved the membership as presented. Motion passed.

The subcommittee further is posting the Officers for FY07: Chairman: Mary Will; Vice Chairman: Nancy Rheams; and Secretary: George Walton. The Chairman then asked for any nominations from the floor. At this time, there were no further nominations.

Upon consideration, BSAC members approved the report as presented and will approve the FY07 Officers at the November meeting.

9. Informational Items – The next Bexar Senior Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 10:00 am.

Ms. Murden asked for volunteers to review the Katrina Request for Proposals on October 26, 2006 – 1:00 pm and distribute those funds. The following BSAC members agreed to serve: Dorothy Weiss; Yvonne Lozano, Tito Moreno and Elaine Talarski.

Ms. Smith informed that Medicare Part D material will be covered on October 18th, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the ACOG Offices.

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

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