

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 9, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Alderete
Sharon Baughman represented by Carol Lozano
Julia Castellano-Hoyt
Laura Cisneros represented by Dean Murphy
Alex Davila
Elsa Davis
Ed Dylla
Victor Garcia
Ruth Garcia
Hon. Ruth Jones McClendon rep by Sandra Sapenter
Ida Kenny
Ernie Lopez represented by Cynthia Hinojosa
Yvonne Lozano represented by Laurin Lee Jimenez
Tito Villalobos Moreno
Donald Moye
Winn Murnin
Sterling Neuman
Victoria Palm
Nancy Rheams
Alicia Rodriguez
Steve Saldana
John Sampson represented by Barry Muth
Rev. Gene Sheppard
J. Elaine Talarski
Mary Will
Lucille Wohlfarth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Katz
George A. Walton
Dorothy Jo Weiss

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Sterling Neuman called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – Roll call was taken as reflected above.
3. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2006 – Upon consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Palm to approve the minutes as presented, and seconded by Ms. Wohlfarth. Motion carried.
4. Citizens to be Heard (Limit to Three Minutes) - None
5. Director's Report – Ms. Carol Zernial, Bexar Area Agency on Aging Director – Ms. Zernial informed that the Whitehouse Conference on Aging Report is now available on the AoA website and may be downloaded for review. She further indicated she would be attending a DAD forum in Austin. No action required at this time.
6. Chairperson's Report – Mr. Sterling Neuman informed that a mechanism has been set up, the Human Service Fund designed to cover unmet needs and to partner with other agencies. There will be three members from the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee and two from the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee to be able to solicit from other foundations. As information develops, the BSAC will be informed. Mr. Neuman thanked Mr. Notzon as well as the Area Development Corporation Board for their efforts in this endeavor.
7. Special Reports – None at this time.

8. Subcommittee Status Reports

A. Access & Assistance – Ms. Tina Smith provided an update on the progress of the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

B. Allocations and Monitoring – No Meeting

C. Family Caregiver Support Program – Ms. Nancy Rheams presented the FY2007 proposed vendors, and upon consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Alderete to approve the vendors as listed. Motion passed.

D. Information and Special Events – Ms. Zernial informed that the subcommittee met on October 27 at the Texas Farm to Table and are planning the Pony Express event to include a Texercise walk on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Volunteers and participants are needed. Further, on February 13, 2007, the City of San Antonio will be organizing buses from their senior nutrition sites to attend the Senior Day at the Capitol. Finally, the Ice Cream Social is being planned to celebrate Older Americans Month in May and information will be provided once details are available.

E. Long Term Care – Ms. Victoria Palm provided information concerning the Bexar Direct Caregiver Collaborative model replicated, based on Ms. Judith Clinco's Caregiver model. Ms. Palm informed that under this model, stakeholders would include any organization with direct caregivers such as home health agencies, assisted living, nursing homes, hospitals, institutions of higher learning, workforce development agencies, consumers, service providers in the aging and disabilities arena. Further, Ms. Palm stated that the Education component would be the adoption of a training program that addresses strategies to professionalize and stabilize the existing workforce, and increase the number of trained workers in the community. Also, development of continuing education and supportive environment that encourages professionals to move up in the career field.

F. Nominations/Bylaws and Legislative Subcommittee – Mr. Steve Saldana asked for consideration and approval on the following:

1. Slate of Officers for FY07: Chairperson: Mary Will; Vice Chairperson: Nancy Rheams; and Secretary: George Walton. Upon consideration, Ms. Palm seconded the motion, and it passed.
2. Three Year Membership: Mr. Saldana stated that Mr. Victor Garcia had submitted his application for membership; upon consideration, Ms. Kenny seconded, and will be submitted to the AACOG Board for final approval.
3. Update on Legislative Information – Mr. Saldana briefly mentioned that the subcommittee will continue to discuss and prepare a one page legislative summary on 4 or 5 legislative issues in preparation for the 2007 Senior Day at the Capitol.

9. Informational Items: DECEMBER MEETING AND HOLIDAY EVENT

10:00 A.M., Friday, December 1st

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