

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, February 8, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
Al J. Notzon III Board Room
8700 Tesoro Drive
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

1. Call to Order – Ms. Mary Will
2. Roll Call – Ms. Ruth Garcia; Alex Davila needed to be added to the membership list.
3. Ms. Laura Althof of Social Services talked about the online services available in their offices that can substantially reduce the wait time for some services for the many people who receive benefits. Some concerns were expressed about a backup system, and the representative assured them that their office in Baltimore provided this support.
4. Consider and act upon approval of the minutes of January 11, 2008. Upon consideration, a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.
5. Chairperson's Report – Ms. Mary Will announced the chairpersons for the subcommittees and advised the members that everyone had been assigned to a committee. Members who would rather work on another committee were advised to contact that chairperson.

- Access & Assistance, George Walton
- Allocations, Ed Dylla
- Family Caregiver, Ruth Garcia
- Information & Special Events, Chris Alderete
- Long Term Care, Victoria Palm
- Nominations & Bylaws /Legislative, Sharon Baughman

Tito Moreno is the parliamentarian.

Ms. Will reminded everyone to turn in his or her conflict of interest form.

6. Director's Report – Ms. Carol Zernial, Bexar Area Agency on Aging Director
 - Gloria Nesby (362-5273) is the new liaison for the BSAC.
 - BAAA has been selected as one of two AAAs to pilot a Medicare reimbursement program that will be funded by AoA. If it works we will have a new revenue source for our programs.
 - ASC grand opening/rollout February 28, 2008
 - Requested and received authorization to join T4A grant application for the Department of State Services RFP to provide evidence-based physical activity programs and the Chronic Disease Self Management Program to persons with arthritis

- Requested and received approval for the AACOG Executive Director to apply for SFY 2008-2009 Housing Bond Residential Repair grant program from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services in the amount of \$14,285.00 each for both the Bexar and Alamo Area Agencies on Aging
7. Martha Ramirez gave an informational overview of the ASC and its partners and how together we will provide “easy, friendly, helpful access to services for older adults, people with disabilities and their families in Bexar County.” Sterling Neuman stressed the positives of the ASC and how it differs from 211. He also talked about the advantages of the web site and how providers can input information about their product or service directly onto the site.
 8. Subcommittee Status Reports
 - A. Access & Assistance
 - B. Allocations and Monitoring
 - C. Family Caregiver Support
 - D. Information and Special Events
 - E. Long Term Care
 - F. Texas Silver Haired Election Steering Committee-Carol Zernial defined the TSHL and explained the role of the nominations committee. The committee will meet March 14 to determine if we want absentee voting. Potential candidate orientation date will be set.
 9. Informational Items
 10. Adjournment

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