

Minutes
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
8700 Tesoro Drive, Ste. 100
San Antonio, TX 78217-6221

MEMBERS

ALTERNATES

BAAA STAFF PRESENT

Jo B. Alexander	X	Misty Suarez	
Sheila Clark	X	Don Gabriel	
Barb Dampman	X		
Brenda Dever-Armstrong	X	Michael Goldberg	
Raul Espinosa		Beth Douglas	
Heather Finerghty	X	Jim Snyder	X
Paul Furukawa	X	Elaine Talarski	
Shirley Gaede	X	Pamela Lloyd	
Gregory Garcia			
Chave Gonzaba		Ashley George	
Doris Griffin	E	Dawn Hamilton	X
Nancy O. Hardin	E	Carol Bertsch	
Alisa Hartfield-Cordero	E	Bennetta Crawford	X
Cynthia Hazel	X		
Philip Jackson	X	Edwina Glick	X
Laurin Jimenez	X	Dorothy Jo Weiss	
Chris Johnson	X	Janice Penner	
Jim Jonson	X	Meg Barron	
Kathleen Jordan	X	Cindy Alleman	X
M.H. Levine	X		
E. Jene Liaci	X		
Ryan McGuire	X	Jill Piazza	
Yolanda Perez	X	Jessica Dovalina	
Brenda Schmachtenberger	X	Phillip Walker	
Gay Lynn Schwenk	X	Lizette Davis	
Marion Thomas	E	Cynthia Romo	X
Yolanda Velez	E	Gloria DeLaCruz-Sandoval	X
Barbara Witte-Howell	E	Edmund Keely	X

Annie Erickson
Terry Banda
Robert Gamboa
Tina Higdon
Laura Ledesma
George Losoya
Trina Salazar
Vonna Smith
Dianne Teran
Paula Wanken

AACOG STAFF PRESENT

Stella Garcia
Tiffany Harris

GUESTS PRESENT

L.O.; SA Oasis
Guadalupe Valdes

X = present E = excused (members only)

1. Meeting Called to Order by Jo B. Alexander, Chair.
2. Roll Call by Sheila Clark, Secretary – a quorum was established.
3. Public Comment – Brenda Dever-Armstrong gave a brief report on Honor Flight San Antonio’s upcoming flight in May, and the Gala to be held on March 17, 2018, at Morgan’s Wonderland. Anyone interested in sponsorship or tickets to attend can contact her for more information.

4. Presentations – Ed Keely introduced Yolanda Perez, Human Services Administrator, Senior Services Division for the City of San Antonio.

Yolanda gave an overview of the services provided by the Senior Services Division, highlighting the city's multi-purpose senior centers. More information can be found on the city's website, including the video shown during the presentation.

5. Consider and Act Upon Approval of the Minutes for December 8, 2017 – Chris Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Brenda Dever-Armstrong; motion carried.

6. Chair's Report – Jo B. Alexander, Chair, thanked Yolanda for the informative presentation on the City's services, and shared some additional information about her experiences visiting the senior center in District 10. She also encouraged all members of BSAC to take the opportunity to stop by one or more of the centers to be more familiar with what is offered.

7. Director's Report – Annie Erickson, Director, Alamo and Bexar AAA, reported the following:

- A. TXServes – Interviews are underway for additional staff for Phase II expansion into the seven counties surrounding Bexar, in the Metropolitan Service Area.

- B. Ombudsman Programs – State monitoring will be taking place February 12-15 for both Alamo and Bexar Ombudsman programs.

- C. Consumer Database – The State Office on Aging announced that the software used statewide to track consumer data and services will be going through a conversion process. The hope is that a single platform will be able to replace the multiple points of entry currently being used to capture all information.

- D. Nutrition Services – A situation impacting several counties outside of Bexar may be of interest to those in Bexar County who also have clients outside of Bexar. A vendor contracting with AACOG to provide home-delivered and congregate meals has terminated their contract effective February 23. AACOG staff received notification in late January; discussions are underway to identify both stop-gap and permanent solutions to continue service to impacted seniors.

- E. Benefits Counseling – AACOG will host a two-day HICAP training March 12-13, for Benefits Counseling certification. Anyone interested in attending—whether to become certified or not—should contact Terry Banda for more information.

F. Alzheimer’s Summit – March 2nd the Alzheimer’s Summit will be held at the Oblate School of Theology. This will be a free event, but requires registration; CEUs are available for a fee. Dianne Teran has a copy of the flyer which Paula Wanken will be emailing to BSAC.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Access and Assistance – Cynthia Romo reported on behalf of Marion Thomas, Chair, that planning continues for the 2018 Elder Fraud Summit.

B. Allocations and Monitoring – Jim Jonson presented a proposed list of additional ACOG Contractors and Rates for FY18, as follows:

Contractor Name	Service	Proposed Rate	Unit Description
En Su Casa Caregivers	CG Respite Care In Home	\$10.00	One Hour
En Su Casa Caregivers	Homemaker	\$16.00	One Hour
En Su Casa Caregivers	Personal Assistance	\$16.00	One Hour
R & R Home Caregivers	CG Respite Care In Home	\$15.30	One Hour
R & R Home Caregivers	Homemaker	\$15.30	One Hour
R & R Home Caregivers	Personal Assistance	\$15.30	One Hour
Epic Medical Solutions	Health Maintenance	Up to \$3,000	One Contact
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$24.00 Landline	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$27.00 Cellular	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$34.00 Mobile w/GPS	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	\$27.00 Mobile w/o GPS	One Month
Associated Home Services, Inc.	Emergency Response	Lockbox – no charge	One Time

There was no discussion and the motion from subcommittee was approved unanimously with Brenda Schmachtenberger, Heather Finerghy, Yolanda Perez and Gloria DeLaCruz-Sandoval abstaining.

C. Family Caregiver Support – Ryan McGuire, Chair, reported on the plans for the Community Workshop featuring Naomi Feil, to be held on May 24, at San Antonio College. A “save the date” flyer has been created and will be sent out. Coalition members Helen Flores and Tina Smith will be attending the American Society on Aging Conference in San Francisco.

D. Health Care Consortium – Tina Higdon, Staff Liaison, reported that their next meeting was coming up and that they’re looking for more members. Anyone interested in joining this subcommittee to work on the new focus on family councils in long term care communities should contact Tina.

E. Information, Special Events – Cynthia Romo reported that plans are underway for Older Americans Month activities in May, as well as the expected repeat of 2017’s “Age Out Loud: Untold Stories” event.

- F. Member Development and Advocacy – Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair, reported on progress for filling speaker presentation slots for the remainder of 2018, thanking the subcommittee for their work on this task. She also thanked Ed Keely for the recommendation of Yolanda Perez who filled in at the last minute, for the unexpected vacancy for February.

An alternate nominee was presented for consideration:

1) Portia Parker, (Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley) to serve as alternate to Cynthia Hazel.

There being no opposition, the nomination was passed unanimously, for being forwarded to the ACOG Board of Directors for review and approval.

9. Alamo Service Connection (ASC) Steering Committee – Paul Furukawa, Chair, reported on the addition of new members to their group, each bringing a unique perspective and contribution. ASC staff has been providing training for service-enhance communities to support independent living. With the shift of duties and functions of the ASC, the Steering Committee will be providing support and input during the evaluation and rebranding of ASC.
10. Items to be placed on future agenda should be forwarded to Paula Wanken.
11. Next Meeting Date – Friday, March 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
12. There being no further business, Jene Liaci made a motion for adjournment, seconded by MH Levine; the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.