



5. Consider and Act Upon Approval of the Minutes for August 14, 2020 – Doris Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Brenda Dever-Armstrong; motion carried.
6. Chair's Report – Brenda Schmachtenberger, Chair, gave a brief update on the services offered through OASIS and the impact of COVID 19 restrictions on the re-opening of their onsite programming. Brenda also commended all those who have been working to find new ways within restrictions who have provided services to older adults for the past several months of restrictions and isolation.
7. Director's Report – Gloria Vasquez, Aging and Veterans Programs Director, reported the following:
  - A. AACOG's Caregiver program will be receiving an Innovations in Aging Award by n4a (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) for their partnership with SA Threads in providing back-to-school support for Older Relative Caregivers. The award will be announced during the n4a 2020 Virtual Conference on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - B. Alamo Service Connection has continued to see an increased call volume. The peak during COVID has been approximately 1,900 calls/week (up from 300-400/week).
  - C. September is National Senior Center Month—which, during COVID, looks much different than in past years. Many centers have gone from onsite congregate meals to creatively providing meals through a combination of delivery and/or curbside pickup.
  - D. September 22-28 is Falls Prevention Awareness Week – everyone (not just older adults) should be aware of the long-term ramifications of a fall. This week is set aside to help raise awareness of ways to prevent falls—everyone is encouraged to look around their homes/environment to identify trip hazards.
8. Subcommittee Reports:
  - A. Access and Assistance – no report.
  - B. Alamo Service Connection Steering Committee – no report.
  - C. Allocations and Monitoring – no report.
  - D. Family Caregiver Support – Ryan McGuire, Chair, reported on the updates provided at their last meeting, by Ginny Funk at

Alzheimer's Association, and ACOG's Cyndee Pierce on CARES Act Funding and the additional services being offered as a result.

- E. Information, Special Events – Cynthia Romo, Chair, reported on the “drive by” event being planned for older adults on October 27 at the West End Multi-Service Center, while still adhering to safety protocols. Flyers will be distributed at the food pickup prior to the event, and will include a “kit” to prepare for the event.
  - F. Long Term Care Services – no report.
  - G. Member Development and Advocacy – Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair, reported that Lila Aguirre had submitted a nomination for an alternate: Fernanda Cardenas. The nomination was already reviewed by subcommittee and presented for a vote. There being no discussion, the motion from subcommittee was approved unanimously.
  - H. Senior Demonstration Program Advisory Committee (ad hoc) – Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair, reported that new companions and volunteers are coming into the program which has continued through COVID months (following CDC guidelines) and has been of great benefit to both the volunteers and companions.
- 9. City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs Update – Lila Aguirre gave a report on the resolutions that have been part of the commission's work.
  - 10. SALSA – Jane Paccione, Managing Director for SALSA (Successfully Aging and Living in San Antonio) gave an update on the Caregiver Toolkit that has been developed. It is now available online as well as in hard copy. There will be a Spanish translation available in the future.
  - 11. Items to be placed on future agenda should be forwarded to Paula Riggs.
  - 12. Next Meeting Date – Friday, October 9, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
  - 13. There being no further business, Jo B. Alexander made a motion for adjournment, Brenda Dever-Armstrong seconded by; the meeting was adjourned.