



Agenda

DATE 10/29/14 TIME 8:00

PREPARED BY Luzi Gonzales

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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center

1121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, NM

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

9:30 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 15, 2014
- VI. DSS DIRECTORS REPORT – Ron J. Vialpando, Director
 - A. Program Units of Service
 - B. Mock Hearing Update
 - C. Introduction of New Employee – Carmelita Ortega
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs
 - B. RSVP
 - C. In-Home Support Program
 - D. Transportation/Nutrition Programs
 - E. Senior Olympics
- VIII. UNFINISHED OTHER BUSINESS - None
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Member Appointments
- X. COMMENTS FROM FLOOR
- XI. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2014

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 19, 2014

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services Advisory Board of Directors was called to order by Andres Romero, Chairman at 9:30 a.m. on this date at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center, 1121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Rosemary Trujillo, Secretary
Gilbert Alarid
Bernardo C de Baca
Toni Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Elaina K. Gonzalez
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez
Doug Schocke

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson, excused

STAFF PRESENT

Lugi Gonzales, Division of Senior Services Manager
Dan Mitchell, Division of Senior Services, Special Projects Administrator
Carmelita Ortega, Division of Senior Services Respite
Theresa Trujillo, Division of Senior Services In-Home Support Services Supervisor
Ron Vialpando, Division of Senior Services Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Schocke and was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2014

Ms. Lucero moved to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting as submitted. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Program Units of Service

Mr. Vialpando gave an update on the Program's Units of Services as follows:

- The Division of Senior Services is showing an overage, based on projections, in congregate meals by 175 units of services and an overage of 3,192 in Home-Delivered meals.
- The Division of Senior Services is showing an overage of 374 units for transportation services.
- The Division of Senior Services is showing a shortage in respite units by 249 units. The vacancy in respite was recently filled and the new employee was introduced later in the meeting. There was a shortfall of 40 units for homemaker services. A homemaker was hired recently.

b. Mock Hearing Update

Mr. Vialpando said the AAA Mock Hearing was held recently. Some Legislators and a Board Member from AAA attended the Mock Hearing. 32 Counties presented their Legislative Requests for 2015 to the panel. The requests were analyzed and the panel decided what was ranked critical and high, and what will be presented to the Legislature. The City of Santa Fe DSS put together a request in the amount of \$248,709 for operations for 2015 of which \$192,085 was ranked as critical or high. Projects that have been rated critical or high will be considered during the 2015 NM Legislative Session.

Mr. Vialpando noted that the DSS asked for funding for a health specialist-a part-time employee that would oversee the fitness programs within the Division of Senior Services. The DSS also requested funding for a part-time cook for the Villa Consuelo Senior Center. The DSS looked at increasing the hours for the Meals on Wheels assessment person to cover the mandates. The DSS requested additional funding for inflationary costs for fuel and food costs for the programs and for an additional homemaker position.

Mr. Vialpando offered to keep the Board updated as this moves forward.

c) Introduction of New Employee – Carmelita Ortega

Mr. Vialpando introduced and welcomed the new Respite employee, Carmelita Ortega.

Ms. Ortega gave a brief history of her background noting that she was born and raised in Santa Fe. She noted that she has at least 10 years of healthcare experience and she is excited about working with the seniors.

Ms. Trujillo said the In-Home Support Services program is fully staffed with 14 employees.

Ms. Trujillo noted that they had a very successful Caregiver Support meeting yesterday with 29 people in attendance and 14 of them were the caregivers. She mentioned that November is National Family Caregiver Month, as well as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. She said a presentation was made by Annabelle Montoya of the Alzheimer's Association on communications and behavior, which was very educational.

Ms. Trujillo mentioned that they have teamed up with Home Instead Senior Care again this year in their "Be a Santa to a Senior Program". Christmas trees with needy individuals will be put up at CHRISTUS St. Vincent Hospital and both Wal-Marts. 284 names were submitted. The annual gift wrapping party will be Thursday, December 18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The written Committee Reports were submitted, distributed and reviewed.
{Please see Exhibit "A" for the specifics.}

Foster Grandparent /Senior Companion Programs Committee

Ms. Gallegos moved to accept the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as part of the record with the Minutes. Mr. Schocke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RSVP Committee

Mr. Gonzales moved to accept the RSVP Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

In-Home Support Committee

Ms. Lucero moved to accept the In-Home Support Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Mr. C de Baca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Transportation and Nutrition Committee

Mr. Schocke noted that he was told by a senior citizen that they could not take a computer that they picked up from him in the van. He said he assumed that this was a mistake.

Mr. Vialpando said there is a policy on the weight limit of 50 pounds so this must be an error. He offered to talk to staff and address this with them. He will ask them to use their best judgment on the weight limit.

Ms. Sanchez moved to accept the Transportation and Nutrition Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Gallegos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Senior Olympic Committee

Ms. Trujillo moved to accept the Senior Olympics Committee monthly report as submitted and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

a. Update on construction projects

Chairman Romero asked for an update on the construction projects.

Mr. Mitchell said he believes the construction projects are on track but he will have to double check with Ron Vialpando. (Mr. Vialpando left the meeting for a few minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS

a. Member (s) Appointments

Copies of the Member list were distributed. Please see Exhibit "B" for the specifics.

Mr. Vialpando noted that the following Board Members' terms will be expiring:

Elena Gonzalez, Mayoral appointment
Mary Louis Giron, Member Elected at Large
Gilbert J. Alarid, Mayoral appointment
Dennis Gonzales, Member Elected at Large
Corrine Sanchez, Member Elected at Large

Mr. Vialpando said he and Chairman Romero met briefly this morning regarding the terms of the Board Members and they decided that they will be recommending to the Mayor that he reappoint the members that are Mayoral appointments; and reappoint the Members that are slotted as Elected-at-Large for another two years, if they are willing to serve another term. All Board Members whose terms will be expiring were in agreement to serve another term.

Mr. Schocke moved to retain the above Board Members. Mr. C de Baca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Vialpando noted that the Mayoral reappointments will have to be approved by City Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

a. Letter from Congressman Ray Lujan

Ms. Gallegos noted that she wrote to Congressman Ray Lujan regarding the proposed changes to Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security and she received his response. Copies of the letter from Congressman Ray Lujan were distributed.

Ms. Gallegos read the letter. Please see Exhibit "C" for the specifics.

b. Complaints about Virginia Soto

Mr. Schocke mentioned that Ms. Soto stopped a gentleman from going into the Computer Room at the Luisa Senior Center. He noted that several senior citizens complained to him about the abusive behavior of Ms. Soto.

In response, Chairman Romero requested that the complaints be submitted in writing and the complaints will be forwarded to the Mayor, the City Manager and Isaac Pino. He noted that this Board is only an Advisory Board and cannot take any action.

Mr. Vialpando said he will also meet with Virginia Soto to address the complaints.

c. Hearing at the Legislature

Chairman Romero announced that there will be a hearing at the Legislature, Room 307 tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. regarding the funding for the senior programs throughout the state. All Board Members were invited to attend.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Gonzales made a motion to move the December Board Meeting to Thursday, December 18, 2014. Ms. Lucero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next meeting was scheduled for **Thursday**, December 18, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

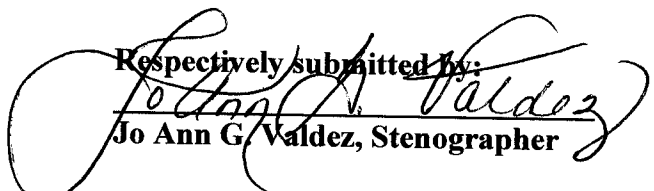
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:



Andres Romero, Chairman

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

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EXHIBIT

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Date: November 14, 2014

To: Senior Services Board of Directors

From: Melanie Montoya, Volunteer Programs Administrator

Re: Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

The following are some program highlights:

- The job posting for the RSVP Community Relations Administrator has been posted by the City. It was posted on November 13th and will close on December 1st. It will take approximately one more month to fill the position after that.
- The quarterly hours for the first quarter were as follows: 19,946 hours reported, which is a quarterly average.
- Staff is in the process of doing a few huge mailings to volunteers. We are mailing out new calendars and small recognition gifts that were previously promised to volunteers.
- We are in desperate need of volunteers, preferably robust, to assist with the distribution of the ECHO commodities once a month. The volunteers deliver approximately 25 heavy bags of food to frail seniors, one day out of the month. They must be able to lift the bags and deal with the different weather conditions. The food bags are loaded into a city van (which they drive) and delivered in a 4 hour time period. Referrals can be made to Marisa Romero in the RSVP office.

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Melanie at 955-4761. Thank you.

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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DATE: November 14, 2014

TO: Advisory Board Members

FROM: In-Home Support Services Committee
Theresa P. Trujillo, IHSS Supervisor T.T.

SUBJECT: Committee Status Report

October units of service are as follows:

- Homemaker – 880 hours to 107 seniors
- Respite – 855.5 hours to 38 caregivers
- Equipment - 36 units
- Nutritional Supplements –124 6-packs (31 cases)

Units of service were over by 100 regarding Homemaker hours and short by 10.5 for Respite hours for October totaling 89.5 hours short for In-Home Support. Year to date, we are **short** in Homemaker hours by 40 hours and **short** in Respite hours by 249 hours for a total of (289) units. IHSS providers took off a total of 276 hours in October. Additionally, Columbus Day was a holiday additional 104 hours off totaling 380 hours off in October for the section.

Carmelita Ortega began work on Monday, October 20.

We will be having a Caregiver Support Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm. November is National Family Caregiver Month as well as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

✓ We have again teamed up with Home Instead Senior Care in their "Be a Santa to a Senior Program". Christmas trees with needy Senior's names will be put up at St. Vincent Hospital and both Wal-Marts. Our annual gift wrapping party will be on Thursday, December 18.


If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Date: November 19, 2014

To: DSS Advisory Board Members

From:  Thomas Vigil, DSS Program Administrator

Subject: Transportation/Nutrition Committee Monthly Report

Transportation Monthly Report

- In Oct 2014, DSS staff provided a total of 3,600 rides to seniors.

Nutrition Monthly Report

- In October 2014, DSS provided 5,292 meals-on-wheels to DSS clients.
- In October 2014, DSS provided 16,429 congregate meals.

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Date: November 17, 2014

To: Board of Directors

Fr: Cristina Villa, DSS Program Coordinator



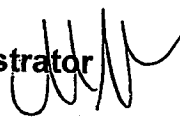
Subj: Senior Olympics

The Senior Olympics Committee met on Wednesday, October 12th at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center Board Room. First and foremost, BRUCE TOBIN, our beloved member of the Senior Olympic Committee passed away in his sleep. We were all in shock. The State 3 on 3 basketball tournament was held the first week on November. State Games for 2013 will be in Roswell Jun 3-6. The reason it is so early because of National Senior Games in July. Our local games will take place from March 3rd through April 10th. Results are due to the State office on April 15th. Jay is currently working on a website for Santa Fe Senior Olympics for recruiting new participants.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Tomasita's restaurant.

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Date: November 14, 2014
To: Senior Services Board of Directors
From: Melanie Montoya, Volunteer Programs Administrator 
Re: Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion (FGP/SCP) Programs

The following are some program highlights:

- Staff has recruited a new volunteer in the Senior Companion Program. She will be trained next week and will begin volunteering with clients in the next couple of weeks.
- Quarterly hours were as follows for the first quarter July-September:

FGP – 5,417
SCP – 8,068

The majority of Foster Grandparents were out of the school during July and August (summer break). Their hours will double next quarter because they have all been placed in volunteer positions.

- Staff is looking for a project or idea to do for the January "Make a Difference Day". Our funding source asks us to do a project. Last year, we had a successful school supply drive for the Adelante Program and the year before, we had a variety of senior guests speak about civil rights issues they have encountered. Any ideas should be forwarded to Melanie.

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Melanie at 955-4761. Thank you.

**DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014**



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Doug Schocke
210 La Cruz Road
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2014 – 2015

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2014 – 2015

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2014



Tonie Gallegos
6779 Camino Rojo
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Dear Tonie,

Thank you for contacting my office in Washington, D.C. Discussing critical issues with my constituents is very important to me.

Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are vital and important programs that have provided millions of Americans with crucial benefits for retirement, health care, and more. Everybody who has worked hard during their life deserves to spend their later years in dignity and financial security, and these programs contribute to that goal.

Currently, several ideas are being proposed to reform Social Security including reducing benefits, raising the age of retirement, or raising the payroll tax cap for Social Security. I am firmly opposed to policies that would cut or diminish Social Security benefits for those who count on this critical program. While I believe that we must take action to reduce the deficit and we should consider a broad array of options, cutting Social Security benefits is not one of them. There are better ways to achieve fiscal responsibility than by enacting policy changes which would deprive our seniors of financial security for which they have already paid. These cuts – including so-called “Chained CPI,” a method of reducing cost-of-living increases for Social Security payments – are fundamentally unfair, and I have opposed them.

I am also deeply concerned with proposals to cut Medicare benefits to seniors by raising the age for Medicare eligibility, as well as with efforts to turn Medicare into a voucher system. I believe there are commonsense steps we can take to strengthen Medicare and place it on a firmer financial footing, but cutting benefits is not the right way to do it. The best way to achieve health care savings for the federal government is to address the causes of the rapid rise in health care costs. This was one of the reasons why I voted for the Affordable Care Act. As part of the Affordable Care Act, Congress cut \$716 billion in waste, fraud, and overpayments from Medicare, and reinvested that money in the program, extending its solvency by eight years.

Further, I have opposed radical attempts by House Republicans to make cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, including Rep. Paul Ryan's budget proposals. Congress should continue to look for ways to further strengthen these programs without

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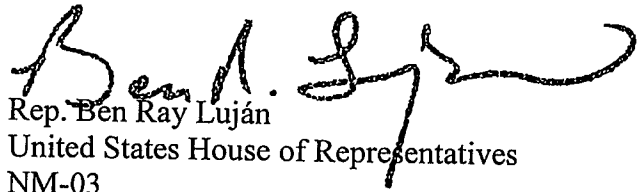
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asking for unfair sacrifices from seniors. Time and again, I have voted against efforts to undermine the guaranteed benefit that Medicare and Social Security provide the American people because I believe these programs represent a promise to our seniors that we must not break. Please know that as Congress considers proposals to reduce the debt and deficit, I will continue to fight to keep Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid strong while keeping your concerns and opinions in mind.

Once again, thank you for expressing your opinion on this matter. Please feel free to contact any of my office if I can assist you in any way. I am very interested in your opinions and your concerns. To find more information regarding current legislation, services I can offer, ways my office can be helpful to you, or to sign up for my e-newsletter to get regular updates from my office, please visit my website at: <http://lujan.house.gov>.

Sincerely,



Rep. Ben Ray Luján
United States House of Representatives
NM-03

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