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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
State Capitol Round House – Committee Room #305
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
9:30 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 18, 2012

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services Advisory Board of Directors was called to order by Andres Romero, Chairperson at 9:30 a.m. on this date at the State Capitol Round House, Committee Room #305, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson
Dennis Gonzales
Rosemarie Trujillo, Secretary
Bernardo C de Baca

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elaina K. Gonzalez, excused
Doug Schocke, excused
Ken Scott, passed away

STAFF PRESENT

Lugi Gonzales, Division of Senior Services
Carlos Sandoval, Division of Senior Services Meals on Wheels Program
Ron Vialpando, Division of Senior Services Director
Thomas Vigil, Division of Senior Services Nutrition Program

OTHERS PRESENT

Representative Jim Trujillo
Representative Luciano (Lucky) Varela
Regis Pecos, for Speaker of the House Ben Lujan Sr.
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

Chairperson Romero introduced new Board Member, Mr. Dennis Gonzales.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Giron moved to approve the agenda as published. Ms. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 21, 2011

Ms. Giron moved to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2011 meeting as submitted. Ms. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DSS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vialpando introduced Carlos Sandoval, the Supervisor of the Meals on Wheels Program and Thomas Vigil, Supervisor of the Nutrition Program.

Mr. Vialpando reported that Board Member, Ken Scott passed away earlier this month. Mr. Scott was involved with the Division of Senior Services for many years and will be dearly missed.

Mr. Vialpando noted that Mr. Scott spearheaded and coordinated the event where Clara Apodaca, former First Lady of New Mexico, will speak to Santa Fe seniors in honor of the great civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. She will share her life story and discuss some of the challenges she faced in getting where she is today. Ms. Apodaca will be at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center on January 26th. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Ms. Apodaca will speak at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to the public. Senator Nancy Rodriguez will also be in attendance. Mr. Vialpando invited the Board Members to attend the event.

Ms. Giron suggested that the Board honor Ken Scott at the event and have some kind of memorial on his behalf.

Chairperson Romero agreed to draft a memorial that could be read at the event and be given to Mr. Scott's family.

a) Introduction of Legislators and Dignitaries

The Legislators and Dignitaries were introduced.

a) Mayoral Approval Appointments & Terms

[A list of the Board Members for the DSS Advisory Board of Directors for 2012 was distributed in the Members' packets.]

The Mayoral appointments/installations will be made at the next meeting.

Chairperson Romero noted that there will be staggered terms and a drawing will be held to determine who gets 1 or 2-year terms.

b) Appointments of Board Members at Large

The appointments/installations of the Board Members at Large will be made at next month's meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE LEGISLATORS

Mr. Regis Pecos said he was present on behalf of House Speaker Ben Lujan Sr. who was unable to make it today. He said in the House Speaker's Opening Statement yesterday, he spoke about the need for the Legislature to focus on the elderly, working families and the children. He placed the elderly as one of the top three priorities for this Legislative Session.

Mr. Pecos said Representative Trujillo will share the efforts regarding their support of the senior citizen programs. He said this Region is blessed to have representatives that work on their behalf.

Mr. Pecos said Speaker Ben Lujan Sr. would like to express his gratitude to the Senior Services Board Members and asked that they continue to do their great work. He thanked the Board for extending the invitation to the meeting today.

Mr. Vialpando wanted Mr. Pecos to relay the Board's appreciation to Speaker Lujan for everything that he does for the senior citizens and the City of Santa Fe.

Representative Jim Trujillo said during the Special Session, through the efforts of Representative Salazar, along with the Santa Fe delegation, they were able to appropriate over \$2 million across the State for code compliance at senior centers and vehicle replacement.

Representative Trujillo mentioned the Bill that Carlos Cisneros introduced. Senate Bill 66 would authorize the issuance and sale of capital projects general obligation bonds to make capital expenditures for senior citizen facility improvements, and acquisitions. The proposed property tax general obligation bond will go before the voters in November. This could result in \$4 million for senior services.

Representative Lucky Varela said he would like to talk about where they are moving in terms of the elderly. He noted that the Legislature has put in a request for additional dollars for the Department of Aging and Long Term Care.

Representative Varela noted that they are also looking at the Children, Youth and Families Department. Their concern has been the neglect and abuse of the elderly and the children. The Legislature would like to see how they can strengthen and enforce the laws to prevent neglect or abuse of the elderly and children.

Representative Varela said the other issue is long term care. He explained that they are experiencing a population where people are living longer and we need to provide medical and healthcare to this population. He said there seems to be interest in researching Alzheimer's and he is hoping that the Legislators, along with the Governor, can get together in terms of providing services for the elderly, the children, youth and families. There is also the issue of grandparents taking care of grandchildren and they are hoping to support the grandparents.

Mr. Vialpando thanked Representative Varela for everything he does for the senior services program.

Ms. Giron said grandparents who are taking care of their grandchildren are not covered by insurance and this could be a project that the Board could discuss or work on. (This was discussed further under New Business.)

Mr. Vialpando referred to the e-mail from Jenny Martinez of the Alliance for Area Agencies on Aging. (Please see Exhibit A for the details.) Ms. Martinez invited the senior citizens to Senior Day at the Legislature on January 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Vialpando said they could provide transportation to the Roundhouse, if necessary.

Ms. Martinez also invited the senior citizens to the Senate hearing on the NMALTSB bill in Room 322 at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19th. There are funds in this bill for the Aging Network. The Alliance for Area Agencies on Aging has participated in two budget hearings with the Department and this will be the Senate hearing. So far, the Governor has requested \$1.8 million for the aging network and the Legislative Finance Committee has requested \$1.3 million of which \$850,000 will go directly to the Aging Network. Representative Salazar will present a bill in the House for over \$3 million and Senator Linda Lopez has presented Senate Bill 34 for \$2.3 million in the Senate. The Board Members and senior citizens were encouraged to attend the hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Volunteer Program Committee

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

Nutrition Committee

Ms. Giron asked if there was anybody on the waiting list for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Sandoval said no.

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

In-Home Support Committee

Ms. Giron moved to accept the In-Home Support Committee monthly reports as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RSVP Committee

Ms. Giron moved to accept the RSVP 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 Committee

Chairperson Romero asked if there is a Fiesta Committee.

Mr. Vialpando said this should read Fiesta Council.

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

Senior Olympics Committee

Mr. C de Baca 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. Giron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Vialpando said this is the fourth year of the 4-Year Plan with the Area Agency on Aging and a Request for Proposal has to be issued to secure funding for the Title 3 programs for the next four years. There is a mandate to have a public hearing that is announced and documented. This is tentatively scheduled for February 24th at 9:30 a.m. at the MEG Center. The intent of the public hearing is to give an overview to the

senior citizens on the Senior Services program and to get public input. The Board Members are required to attend. Mr. Vialpando noted that they will need a Stenographer to record and document the public hearing. He said the DSS also has to submit a comprehensive budget proposal to the AAA. The DSS will also ask the Mayor to endorse a Resolution supporting this. Mr. Vialpando said he should have a PowerPoint presentation for the Board to review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Nominating Committee Appointments

Mr. Vialpando said according to the Board By-Laws and Resolution, there will be a nominating committee that will nominate people to serve as Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair will appoint the Secretary.

Chairperson Romero asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Bernardo C de Baca, Mary Louise Giron and Dennis Gonzales volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. An invitation to the new Board Members will also be sent out and a meeting will be scheduled at a later time.

Ms. Giron requested that the Board Members' phone numbers be added on the Board Member list.

b. Grandparents raising grandchildren without health insurance

Ms. Giron said grandparents are raising grandchildren and most of the grandchildren do not have health insurance. She would like the Board to discuss asking the Legislators to look at implementing a program to provide insurance for grandchildren.

Chairperson Romero appointed an ad-hoc committee to work on this. Ms. Giron will be the Chair of the committee and she will draft a letter to present to the Board that will be given to the Representatives.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Sandoval reported that the Meals on Wheels Program is on track as far as serving clientele. Again, there is no waiting list.

Mr. Sandoval noted that a driver has been added, and as a result, they were able to expand the area they serve.

Ms. Lugi Gonzales distributed a handout on the trip to the Rio Grande Nature Center that is scheduled for January 27, 2012. The bus will leave the MEG Center at 9:00 a.m. and the cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes lunch at Sadies. Interested people can contact Don Bell at 982-2707 or Christine Sanchez at 955-4715.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for February 15, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

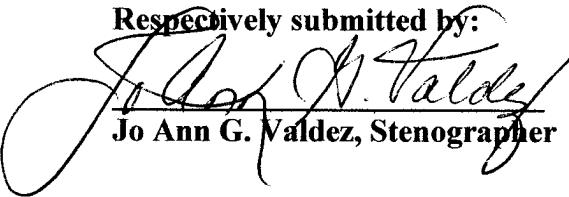
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Giron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Trujillo, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:

Andres Romero, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer