

**Agenda**  
**Alamo Area Council of Governments**  
**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, June 10, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**  
**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101**  
**San Antonio, TX 78217**

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Public Comments  
*This time is for anyone to comment to the Advisory Committee on issues and items of concern. There will be no deliberation or action on these comments. Time allowed is at the discretion of the Chairman, with three (3) minutes being customary.*
4. Presentation: Reframing Aging (Part 2), Jane Paccione, Managing Director of Collective Impact San Antonio Area Foundation.
5. Consider and act upon approval of the May 13, 2022 minutes.
6. Chairperson's Report - Ryan McGuire, Chair.
7. Director's Report - Jo Ann Tobias-Molina, Aging Programs Director.
8. Staff Report - Kelley Gallant, Senior Volunteer Program Coordinator.
9. Subcommittee Reports.
  - A. Access and Assistance - Brenda Schmachtenberger, Chair.
  - B. Alamo Service Connection Steering Committee - Marycela Barron, Chair.
  - C. Allocations and Monitoring - Jim Jonson, Chair.
  - D. Family Caregiver Support - Ashley Weirich, Chair.
  - E. Information, Special Events - Cynthia Romo, Chair.
  - F. Long Term Care Services - Beth Nixon, Chair.
  - G. Member Development and Advocacy - Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair.
10. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports.
  - A. Senior Companion Program Advisory Committee - Jill Piazzi, Chair.
11. Community Report: Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Update - Doris Griffin and Barbara Aydlett.
12. Announcements.
13. Items to be placed on next meeting's agenda.

14. Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. (\*\*REMINDER: No meeting in July)
15. Adjournment.

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**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee**

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**Meeting Date:** 06/10/2022

**Title:** May 2022 BSAC Minutes

**Presented by:** Paula Riggs, Support Services Coordinator

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**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Consider and act upon approval of the May 13, 2022 minutes.

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**Attachments**

BSAC Minutes - May 2022

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**Minutes**  
**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, May 13, 2022**  
**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 110**  
**San Antonio, TX 78217**

**MEMBERS**

**ALTERNATES**

Jo B. Alexander	E	Cindy Alleman	
Barbara Aydlett	X		
Marycela Barron	X	Ileana Martinez	
Brett Bonney			
Fernanda Cardenas	X		
Alexa Castaneda			
Brenda Dever-Armstrong	E	Misty Dunn-Suarez	
Shirley Gaede	X	Pamela Lloyd	
Edwina Glick	E	Viri Rivera	
Darryl Greer	X		
Doris Griffin	X	Dawn Hamilton	
Alisa Hartfield-Cordero	X	Bennetta Crawford	
Laurin Lee Jimenez	X		
Chris Johnson	X	Janice Penner	
Larry Johnson	E		
Jim Jonson	X	Nancy O. Hardin	
Ryan McGuire	X		
Senator Jose Menendez	E	Maria Lopez	X
Beth Nixon	X	Elaine Talarski	X
Jane Paccione	X		
Yolanda Perez	X	Jessica Dovalina	
Jill Piazzi	X		
Cynthia Romo	E	Gloria Sandoval	X
Brenda Schmachtenberger	X	Paul Furukawa	
Dianne Teran	E		
Marion Thomas	E		
Jerry Tyson	X	Philip Jackson	
Cathy Valdez	E	Kate Phipps	
Ashley Weirich			

**AAA STAFF PRESENT**

Jo Ann Tobias-Molina, Director	X
Trina Cortez, Assistant Director	X
Tony Martinez, AAA Manager	X
Ashli Andrade	X
Heather Armstrong	
Sonya Barrera-Medrano	X
Cindy Boyum	X
Michael Darilek	
Juan Flores	X
Kelley Gallant	
Gloria Givilancz	X
Darlene Hope-Jackson	
Cyndee Pierce	X
Paula Riggs	X

**AACOG STAFF PRESENT**

Rick Bluntzer	

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Sara Davis	
Vinsen Faris, MOWSA	

X = present in person  
E = excused (members only)

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll Call by Laurin Lee Jimenez, Secretary – quorum was established.
3. Public Comment – none.
4. Presentation – Jane Paccione, Managing Director of Collective Impact San Antonio Area Foundation, presented Part One of Reframing Aging. The Reframing Aging Initiative is a long-term social change

endeavor designed to improve the public's understanding of what aging means and the many ways that older people contribute to society. This greater understanding will counter ageism and guide the nation's approach to ensuring supportive policies and programs for all. Part Two will be presented in June.

5. Consider and Act Upon Approval of the Minutes for April 8, 2022 – Yolanda Perez made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Brenda Schmachtenberger; motion carried.
6. Chair's Report – Ryan McGuire expressed his appreciation for the commitment of the members of the group, pointing out that the presentation being done by a member of BSAC, is indicative of the important work this group is doing in the community.
7. Director's Report – Jo Ann Tobias-Molina, Director, reported on the following:
  - A. June – Elder Abuse Awareness Month is recognized in June and as such, AACOG will be issuing a proclamation on May 25 at the Board of Directors meeting.
  - B. RFA for Provider Services - Applications are being accepted from vendors interested in providing client services for FY23.
8. Subcommittee Reports:
  - A. Access and Assistance – Brenda Schmachtenberger, Chair, reported on the continued planning for the four outreach events scheduled for the fall. They will be held in August, September, October and November. The dates are still being finalized with the respective site managers. These events will be part presentation, part “one-on-one” conversations at the various tables highlighting the AAA services available.
  - B. Alamo Service Connection Steering Committee – Marycela Barron, Chair, reported on the survey being developed to send to Steering Committee Members for input on priorities and vision. Next meeting is still to be determined.
  - C. Allocations and Monitoring – no report.
  - D. Family Caregiver Support – Cyndee Pierce reported on behalf of Ashley Weirich, Chair. Information was shared with the coalition about additional AAA services available through newly-added vendors/providers; an update was also given on the Older Relative Caregiver program's Back-to-School outreach. Cyndee also gave an update on the coalition's goals discussion. There will be

subcommittees formed to support the goals. The coalition will work toward participating in four education events throughout the year, one per quarter, with a focus on increasing family caregiver enrollment in the monthly e-blast.

- E. Information, Special Events – Sonya Barrera-Medrano, on behalf of Cynthia Romo, gave an update on plans for the Unsung Heroes event on May 26. They are also starting to work on plans for a second event (a “Senior Prom”) to be held in September.
- F. Long Term Care Services – Beth Nixon, Chair, reported that the subcommittee continues to work on identifying distribution points for flyers with information on volunteering for the Ombudsman program.
- G. Member Development and Advocacy – Chris Johnson, on behalf of Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Chair, thanked the committee for their input on speaker/presentation topics, noting that the remainder of the year has been filled. Paula Riggs presented an alternate member nomination for consideration:
  - Noralyn Ripps is a Commissioner on the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs. She has a Master of Science in Nursing from University of the Incarnate Word. She will serve as alternate to Chris Dawkins, the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs appointee.

There being no discussion, nomination was approved.

9. Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

- A. Senior Companion Program (SCP) Advisory Committee – Jill Piazza, Chair, reported. She welcomed Laurin Lee Jimenez to the committee and indicated Cindy Alleman had assisted with the creation of a flyer to support volunteer recruitment. They continue to work on volunteer recognition. Jill also mentioned that AACOG received an additional grant to start a Foster Grandparent Program in Bandera, Medina and Wilson Counties. This program (kicking off July 2022) will be focused on elementary children—especially those impacted by the pandemic. Volunteers for the program will need to be 55 or older, and meet income guidelines. For more information about that program, contact Kelley Gallant.

- 10. Community Report – Yolanda Perez, City of San Antonio, Human Services Administrator, gave a report on ARPA Investments in the City. She was available following the meeting for anyone to give input on spending priorities for the older adult population.

11. Announcements – Beth Nixon announced that she launched her new business, called Graceful Guidance, and will be doing residential placements and referrals.
12. Items to be placed on future agenda should be forwarded to Paula Riggs.
13. Next Meeting Date – Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
14. There being no further business Brenda Schmachtenberger motioned for adjournment, seconded by Chris Johnson; the meeting was adjourned.

**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee****9. D.****Meeting Date:** 06/10/2022**Title:** Family Caregiver Support Subcommittee Report**MEMBERSHIP:**

X	Ashley Weirich*, Chair		Alisa Hartfield-Cordero*		Ann Pruski		GUESTS
	Adrian Alanis		Cynthia Hazel*		Cindy Robles	X	Todd Phillips
X	Carol Bertsch		Lisa Hurst	X	Allie Rodriguez	X	Magoli Gamboa
	Hallye Bonorden		Sara Masoud		Tina Smith	X	Marissa Niemeyer
X	Brett Bonney-Meneses*, Co-Chair		Antonio Martinez		Vonna Smith	X	Michelle Higbee
X	Jennifer Brackett	X	Ryan McGuire*(ex officio)		Jennifer Sotello	X	Alex Ramos
	Lisa Buske	X	Debbie Mendez		Edward Tello	X	Jennifer Ibarra
	Dianna Chararria		Gloria Miranda	X	Dianne Teran*	X	Henry Naranjo
X	Shirley Crandall	X	Jennifer O'Brien		Nancy Jo Whittam	X	Jennifer Sovine
	Bennetta Crawford*	X	Jill Piazzi*			X	Richard Propes
X	Ginny Funk**		Esther Pipoly	X	Cyndee Pierce, AAA Staff Liaison	X	Marlies Garza

\* denotes BSAC Members/Alternates

\*\*denotes ASAC Members/Alternates

**2022 MISSION STATEMENT:**

The mission of the Alamo Caregiver Support Coalition is to improve the quality of life for caregivers and care recipients through advocacy, information, support, and access to resources.

**2022 PRIORITY GOAL:**

Increase Community Awareness of the Group through Member Involvement in Community Outreach Events, Presentations and Digital Marketing.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

AACOG Staff Update: Chore Maintenance has begun, currently only in Bexar and only for access clients for yard maintenance. Through the e-Blast list the Caregiver Support program continues to reach over 200 caregivers with community partner events as well as AACOG-AAA events. 197 of 330 slots for Back to School assistance in Bexar County have been filled and 45 of 100 slots in Alamo. Please continue to share information about this assistance with Older Relative Caregivers. AACOG-AAA will be working with Amerigroup to provide 200 filled backpacks to kinship families in the Alamo region later this summer.

Site Host, Health Texas' Dr. Clark: Health Texas is local, mostly in San Antonio, with additional clinics in Schertz, Boerne, and New Braunfels for a current total of 18. Health Texas has been serving the community for 27 years. They are assisting with changing people's lives with a focus of addressing the



social detriments to a healthy life. They are not an urgent care therefore, are not worried about volume and are able to take additional time with older adult patients. They assist patients to navigate both medical and social resources within the community, also assist with navigating the forms for Medicare / Medicaid they additionally provide patients with resources for legal assistance. Health Texas will take most kinds of insurance.

2022 Goals were further discussed, and it was determined that forming subcommittees may provide the support needed to accomplish them.

The Alamo Caregiver Coalition will participate in 3 additional educational events throughout the year, one per quarter. The first one was completed by participation at the Low Vision Expo reaching an audience of 368 registered attendees.

- The Coalition will collaborate an event at the end of the summer or early fall with the Alamo Family Coalition members. This event will focus on caregiver resources and may include a panel discussion of Subject Matter Experts from the Coalition membership.
- Through the events a focus on increasing family caregiver to add to the e-Blast sent monthly.

Coalition members discussed benefits of both virtual and in-person meetings. Coalition discussed sending out a survey or addressing this again at the next meeting.

Coalition members gave updates on the services they are providing.

Family Caregiver Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alamocaregiverssupport>.

**DECISIONS MADE:**

None

**ACTIONS NEEDED:**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 @ 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Location: TBD / Hybrid via Zoom Meeting Invite

**STAFF LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Cyndee Pierce, Caregiver Services Coordinator

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**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee**

**9. E.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/10/2022

**Title:** Information, Special Events Subcommittee Report

**MEMBERSHIP:**

X	Cynthia Romo*, Chair		Viri Rivera*
X	Gloria De La Cruz-Sandoval*		Maria Lopez*
X	Esmeralda Perez		Erika Salazar
X	Fernanda Cardenas*	X	Sonya Barrera-Medrano AAA Staff Liaison

\* denotes BSAC Members/Alternates

**2022-23 GOALS**

**Hosting two events**

- 1) Reprise of the "Unsung Heroes" Event - June 2022
- 2) Senior Prom - "Coming Out of COVID" - Sept 2022

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

Multiple Meetings held in May to finalize the Unsung Heroes Recognition Ceremony.

- The Recognition Ceremony date was changed to June 10, 2022 so nominees could be recognized by the BSAC Members immediately following the BSAC Meeting.

**DECISIONS MADE:**

- The date of the event was changed to June 10, 2022.
- Time: 11am immediately following the BSAC Meeting - AACOG Board Room.
- Invitations, Certificates, Programs and Venue were approved and prepared prior to the Event.
- 7 Honorees will be acknowledged:
- AAA's past Director, Gloria Vasquez
- Janie Ramirez, Southside Senior Lions Center
- Graciela Hernandez, West End Park Senior Center
- Rose Perez, District 5 Senior Center
- St. Gregory Line Dancers - Mary Stahl, Marty Coy, Bee Magallanes, Mary Lou Cruz

**ACTIONS NEEDED:**

n/a

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Next Meeting will be held June 22, 2022.

**STAFF LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**Bexar Senior Advisory Committee**

**9. F.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/10/2022

**Title:** Long Term Care Services 5/31/2022

**MEMBERSHIP:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Beth Nixon, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elaine Talarski
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Bonney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Boyum, Staff Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Coble, ASAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heather Armstrong ASAC, Staff Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Ryan McGuire, ex officio

**2022 GOALS:**

1. Volunteer Recruitment
2. Education on Ombudsman Program
3. Best Practices in Facilities

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

Brett Bonney, Cindy Boyum and ASAC's staff liaison, Heather Armstrong, met to discuss BSAC and ASAC combining their focus on ways to support the LTC Ombudsman program with additional volunteer recruitment efforts and opportunities.

BSAC and ASAC distributed flyers to the committee members for the upcoming ombudsman training to raise community interest and encourage participation and enrollment.

The subcommittee is continuing to send Ombudsman flyers to community partners. Beth Nixon has arranged a presentation to be done at the next TORCH (Texas Organization of Residential Care Homes) meeting in June - ombudsman staff will be presenting.

Anyone interested in joining the efforts of this subcommittee should contact Beth Nixon or Cindy Boyum.

**DECISIONS MADE:**

n/a

**ACTIONS NEEDED:**

n/a

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

TBD

**STAFF LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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