

**Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
Area Agency on Aging
Older Americans Advisory Council**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Los Griegos Health and Social Service Center**

Members Present	Members Absent	AAA Staff
Stitelman, Leonard, Chair	Cooper, Nancy	Placencio, Danny
Geberl, Joseph	Herman, Carla	Alvarado, Brian
Wood, Conway	Wilson, Maxine	Werley, Michelle
Gallegos, Gloria	Glen, Joie	Sickles, David
Vice, Blue		
Donk, A. Philip		
Guest: Wohl, Tracy; Lopez, Matthew		

1. Call to Order

The OAAC meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Introductions

Introductions were conducted by those present. Tracy Wohl and Matthew Lopez were present from Senior Service Bureau of the New Mexico Aging and Long Terms Services Department (ALTSD).

3. Approval of Agenda

Conway Wood made a motion to approve the January 8, 2013 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Joseph Geberl and unanimously carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Blue Vice asked that the minutes be amended to acknowledge and thank Craig Callahan, Manager, of the South Valley Senior Center for graciously conducting a facility tour for the Advisory Council. Joseph Geberl made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2012 with the amended noted. The motion was seconded by Philip Donk and unanimously carried.

5. Legislative Session

Danny Placencio explained that the A4AAA is a collaboration of all the service providers throughout the State who receives funding from ALTSD. This alliance puts forth a unified voice throughout the legislative process.

Danny distributed draft materials for effective advocacy for the 2013 Legislative Session produced by the Alliance for Area Agencies on Aging (A4AAA). The materials covered advocating guidelines, explained how the Legislature works, how to testify before a Legislative Committee, and important contact numbers. The A4AAA 2013 Legislative Request and Priorities were not available, therefore, not yet incorporated into the handout.

The Alliance is asking for about \$2.5 million to restore funding, which would include PSA 1's request of \$700,000. The ALTSD was initially going to submit a flat-line budget of \$80 million, but decided to seek an additional \$1.7 million for health promotion and other service priorities.

These additional funds would allow the AAA to fund more evidence based enhanced fitness classes at the meal-sites and senior centers.

Senior Day at the Legislature is January 24, 2013. The AAA will provide transportation to Santa Fe for Advisory Council members to attend Senior Day. We will leave by van from Los Griegos at 8:15 a.m.

Danny expressed the need for Advisory Council members to reach out to their Legislatures.

It is important for the alliance to demonstrate that program costs are increasing and the senior population is growing. Danny stated that our local priorities are in-home services and nutrition. ALTSD has recognized the need for healthy aging and is encouraging enhanced fitness programs. The AAA will continue to support and encourage such initiatives.

Conway Wood expressed the need for a part-time employee for the Paradise Hills meal-site. It is Department of Senior Affairs' (DSA) responsibility to provide adequate staffing.

Joseph Geberl advocated for proper vehicles to be purchased by DSA.

Danny Placencio stated that when consideration is given to consolidating some of the smaller meal-sites we must be mindful of the Older Americans Act's position to bring services to the seniors and not the seniors to the services.

6. Old/New Business

Philip Donk acknowledged the AAA staff for providing new member orientation.

Danny stated that a financial report will be provided at the next meeting. Proposal will be solicited for Homemaker and Respite services next year.

Danny will check with the County on the furniture order for Paradise Hills. Danny explained that once capitol funds are awarded a contract is executed between the State and the Provider. The monies do not go through the AAA.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2013 at the Los Griegos Health and Social Service Center (12th and Candelaria).

8. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Prepared by: _____