NEWS RELEASE – MEETING AGENDA

TO: Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging

FROM: Toni P. Roberts, Aging Services Director, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley

DATE: September 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Meeting Agenda

The regular meeting of the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, TX.

AGENDA

1. Determination of a quorum and call to order Maggie Farrington, Chair

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome guests

4. Approval of minutes from July 27, 2016 meeting (minutes to be handed out at meeting)

5. Texas Silver Haired Legislature Report (TSHL)

6. Aging Director’s Report: Toni P. Roberts - Changes to Vendor Agreement process, Updates on Nutrition and Transportation programs for FY 17, Texas Department of Transportation 5310 funds, review of rural outreach activities completed in June and July, update on recruitment via COG Executive Committee

**Members, if you have any additional questions/topics that you would like me to cover, please give me a call or email me by Monday, September 26th, so that I can be prepared to present on your topic.

7. Area Agency on Aging staff: Introduce all staff and provide review of their programs. Special presentation to be given by the Benefits Counseling program regarding the upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment.

8. Other Business/Announcements

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 - Concho Valley Regional Training Center
The Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) met on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, Texas.

**Members present were:**
Jim Brisbin
Mary Cortinas
Lynn English
Beth Grounds
Mary Kay Henson
Louise Jacobsen
Patsy Kellogg
Wayne Merrill
Cheryl Norvell
Deborah Palmer
Mary Roden
Brigitte Rogers
Dolores Schwertner

**Staff present were:**
Toni P. Roberts
Felicia Lindsey
Nolen Mears
Tracy Ogle
BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER
Vice-Chairman, Dolores Schwertner, announced the presence of a quorum and called the regular meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) to order at 10:10 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Wayne Merrill gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Schwertner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME GUESTS
No guests present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of the June 2, 2016 RACOA meeting were reviewed and approved.

TEXAS SILVER HAIR LEGISLATURE (TSHL) REPORT
Wayne Merrill provided update on TSHL Executive Board meeting. Several positions are open; goal is to increase number of participants. New Comptroller for TSHL was elected. Her name is Rhonda Rogers from East Texas region.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT / SENIOR COMPANION (FGP/SCP)
DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Director Nolen Mears provided an update on FGP/SCP. The FGP/SCP grant year closed at the end of June. SCP target was 48-50 and final was 48.9. FGP was slightly short of target. Target was 76.5 and final was 73.5; however this was better than previous years. Director Mears provided a brief explanation on services in Sonora. The SCP has two volunteers who have been serving Sonora for the past several years. Director Mears advised the RACOA that this would be the last meeting in which FGP and SCP would be participating. The programs will create their own Advisory Committee that will better serve the needs of the programs; target schools and other community partners that can best serve to meet the needs of FGP and SCP.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Director Toni Roberts informed the Committee that the FY 2015 Closeout process has been completed. Notification of approval was received from DADS in the first week of June. Aside from some data entry cleanup and technical issues, there were no major corrections that were needed. Director Roberts provided an explanation on the measures, specifically related to the Care Coordination program: Homemaker, Personal Assistance, Homemaker Voucher.

Committee member, Lynn English, brought up concerns of the lack of representation from surrounding counties. Brief discussion was held regarding how to increase membership from the counties that do not have current representation. The Aging Director will take the request to the CVCOG Executive Committee to seek representation from counties who have a current vacancy.

Director Roberts explained a partnership between the AAACV and Esperanza Clinic that will take place over July and August in which both agencies will travel together to various counties to provide outreach and awareness on their respective programs. The AAACV and Esperanza Clinic work closely together in regard to calls received from individuals trying to better understand their services. Since individuals call both agencies with questions related to Medicare, Medicaid and the health insurance marketplace, are referrals are often made between the two agencies, this created a great opportunity to enrich the partnership while providing assistance to the rural communities that both agencies serve.

Updates were provided as to changes to the Nutrition program. This year the Rate Setting process
with the providers was done differently than in previous years. AAACV staff worked with the Nutrition providers on-site to provide assistance in completing their Rate Setting workbooks. Explanation was provided on some changes that AAACV staff will be working on with the Nutrition providers in the coming year.

Approval was received from the Texas Department of Transportation in which the AAACV will receive funding for FY 2017 to provide more transportation services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities in our region. The preliminary amounts are $39,000 for Rural; $122,000 for Urban. AAACV has typically allotted $35,000, through DADS funds, for primarily rural transportation services.

A Caregiver Conference is scheduled for September 2016. A final flyer will be mailed out to all members once the official date has been secured.

**INPUT ON FUTURE RACOA MINUTES**
Director Roberts asked members for any suggestions on changes that they would like to see take place in future meetings. She also provided an update that in the coming months, Felicia Lindsey, will no longer be able to continue assisting with RACOA duties as much as she has over the past year. There were not any recommendations from members regarding changes to future meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Brigitte Rogers addressed some concerns that were occurring in Sonora with indigent health care.

Dolores Schwertner announced that Faith in Action through RSVP was selected for the Vision Award through the Department of Aging and Disability Services which will be received on September 21st.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. Duly adopted at a meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging this 27th day of July 2016. The next RACOA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016.