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## 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: July 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Meeting Agenda

The regular meeting of the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging will be held 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, TX.

### AGENDA

1. Determination of a quorum and call to order Dolores Schwertner, Vice-Chair
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome guests
4. Approval of minutes from June 2, 2016 meeting
5. Texas Silver Haired Legislature Report (TSHL)
6. FGP/SCP Report: Nolen Mears - final RACOA meeting that FGP/SCP will be participating in.
7. Aging Director's Report: Toni P. Roberts - Update on FY 15 Closeout; Outreach/awareness in rural counties - partnership with Esperanza Clinic and how it ties in to Area Plan, CMS, MIPPA narratives; Nutrition program updates; Transportation program updates; Changes to Caregiver Coordination program; Working Budget update.
8. Input on future RACOA meetings from members: any suggestions on ways to improve the meetings, specific topics to cover in future meetings, possible changes to future meetings due to change in staff responsibilities: minutes, setting up of room, mail out of agenda.
9. Other Business/Announcements
10. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 28, 2016 - Concho Valley Regional Training Center**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING**  
**June 2, 2016**

The Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) met on Thursday, June 2, 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:**

Vicki Bledsoe  
Jim Brisbin  
Mary Cortinas  
Lynn English  
Maggie Farrington  
Beth Grounds  
Margie Hernandez  
Louise Jacobsen  
Patsy Kellogg  
Wayne Merrill  
Cheryl Norvell  
Mary Roden  
Brigitte Rogers  
Dolores Schwertner

**Staff present were:**

John Austin Stokes  
Toni P. Roberts  
Felicitee Jones  
Karen Cline  
Amanda Seden  
Yolanda Torres  
Felicia Lindsey

**Guests included:**

Erin Kelly – Baptist Retirement Community  
Sherry Hubbard – Junction / TSHL  
Kendra Neumann – Volunteer Ombudsman  
Phillip Givens – Volunteer Ombudsman  
Ashley Spratley – CVCOG Regional Services Staff  
Vicente Huerta – Concho Valley Transit District General Manager  
Sandy Walker - Arbor Terrace

## **BUSINESS**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Maggie Farrington, announced the presence of a quorum and called the regular meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mary Roden gave the invocation and Chairman Farrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **WELCOME GUESTS**

Several guests were welcomed. Among those guests were Erin Kelly with Baptist Retirement; Sherry Hubbard, from Junction, member of the TSHL; Kendra Neumann & Phillip Givens, both Volunteer Ombudsmen; Ashley Spratley with CVCOG's Regional Services Department; Vicente Huerta, General Manager of CVTD; and Sandy Walker.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 23, 2016 RACOA meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS**

Erin Kelly, Baptist Retirement Community; Delaine Fuchs, Kindred at Home Hospice (formerly Gentiva Hospice); and Dana Sercos, Concho Valley Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

### **VOTE TO APPROVE NEW MEMBER**

The committee unanimously voted to approve Erin Kelly as a new RACOA member. Ms. Kelly gave a brief summary of her background. This vote will be taken to the CVCOG Executive Committee for final board approval.

### **TEXAS SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE (TSHL) REPORT**

Brigitte Rogers stated that she didn't have much information to share as she did not attend the most recent meeting.

Guest Sherry Hubbard, who was in attendance at the last TSHL meeting, shared information on the prioritization of the top 10 resolutions that the TSHL will be working on.

### **FOSTER GRANDPARENT / SENIOR COMPANION (FGP/SCP)**

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Nolen Mears was unable to attend and give the report at this time. Ms. Rogers did inform the group that she had been approached by some in the community that were asking why there weren't FGP/SCP services in Sonora. This will be relayed to Mr. Mears.

### **OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Amanda Sedeno provided a summary of what an Ombudsman is and what role they play in providing assistance to the elderly. She also provided information regarding the nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the Concho Valley.

Mrs. Sedeno praised the work of the six current Volunteer Ombudsmen from the Concho Valley region. Kendra Neumann and Phillip Givens, two new volunteers, were given Rising Star Certificates. Brigitte Rogers, Jim Brisbin, and Mary Roden were presented with awards for their years of service and commended on the great work they have done.

### **AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Toni Roberts informed the Committee that the 2017-2019 Area Plan and SHIP budget/narrative were submitted by April 1, 2016. She reminded the group that she will keep them apprised of the status and, once approved, the Area Plan will be available on the CVCOG website.

Director Roberts also mentioned that the closeout for FY 2014-2015 is still in progress and how this affects funding for AAA programs around the state. Once the state has finished the closeout, the AAA can calculate how those carryover funds will best be utilized.

Mrs. Roberts commented on the wealth of information that was gained by attending this year's MIPPA Conference. She also spoke of how the conference provided potential opportunities for future presentations to the RACOA Committee.

The Committee was provided feedback on the Nutrition Vendor Conference held on May 18, 2016. Mrs. Roberts explained the rationale behind hosting this conference and emphasized how the Vendor Agreements with these agencies are vital in determining reimbursement rates for nutrition services. The goal is to have Vendor Agreements approved and in place by October 1, 2016.

Updates were provided as to changes to the transportation program for seniors. Mrs. Roberts spoke on behalf of the AAA's part of the changes and asked Mr. Huerta to clarify as to how the changes work from the CVTD's standpoint. The goal of both AAA and CVTD is to be in compliance with state regulations and make the necessary changes to meet this goal and ensure services are provided to individuals with the most need.

Members were provided with the results of the Homeless Coalition Point in Time (PIT) Survey. The group was also given an acronyms handout to help define what some of the frequently used acronyms mean.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Beth Grounds commented that Steve Mild with Disaster Management went to Concho County to deliver a presentation on how to plan for disasters in rural areas. She encouraged members to have him do presentations in their counties.

Brigitte Rogers announced that she and other concerned citizens of Sonora/Sutton County defeated a proposed law that would tax elderly citizens in sections of town that are higher in poverty. Jim Brisbin noted that the TSHL had gotten a tax freeze for the elderly and this doesn't change, even when there are changes in city/county officials.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Duly adopted at a meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging this 2nd day of June 2016. The next RACOA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Immediately following the adjournment, Vicente Huerta, CVTD General Manager, provided an overview of CVTD services and answered questions that RACOA members had regarding those services.

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