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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: November 17, 2017  
SUBJECT: Meeting Agenda

The regular meeting of the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, TX.

## UPDATED AGENDA

1. Determination of a quorum and call to order Maggie Farrington, Chair
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome guests
4. Review/Approval of minutes from **July 26, 2017 meeting**; September meeting had initially been rescheduled to October due to conflict with reporting deadlines, however, the October meeting was canceled since there was no significant information to report.
5. Texas Silver Haired Legislature Report (TSHL)
6. Nominations for RACOA Chair and Vice-Chair
7. Vote on RACOA Chair and Vice-Chair
8. Aging Director's Report: Toni P. Roberts - September activities, FY 17 Closeout, FY 18 Planning Budget, Changes to CMS - Benefits Counseling program, update on Caregiver services.
9. Operating Guidelines Subcommittee update - no further action at this time. Dates of upcoming scheduled meetings (handout). Suggested months, if move to quarterly meetings: January, April, July, October.
10. Other Business/Announcements
11. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 24, 2018** - Concho Valley Regional Training Center

***\*\*Light refreshments will be provided after the meeting. Per the RACOA Chair, we would like to allow some time for members and staff to network, outside of the formal meeting. We hope that you are able to join!***

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING**  
**July 26, 2017**

The Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) met on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging meeting room, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, Texas.

**Members present were:**

Shandy Childs  
Mary Cortinas  
Maggie Farrington  
Beth Grounds  
Margie Hernandez  
Louise Jacobsen  
Sherry Hubbard  
Erin Kelly  
Wayne Merrill  
Mary Roden  
Dolores Schwertner

**Staff present were:**

Toni P. Roberts  
Yolanda Torres  
Mayra Esparza

**Guests included:**

Jennifer Salazar, SMP presenter

## **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**

Jennifer Salazar, guest speaker, was introduced and welcomed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 24, 2017 RACOA meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Member Wayne Merrill provided an update on the most recent TSHL training held in Austin. Mr. Merrill was re-elected as the TSHL Chair of Finance. Member, Sherry Hubbard, was elected Chair of Education Committee. Mr. Merrill asked the Aging Director for the AAACV to consider sponsoring an ad in the upcoming TSHL Directory. Mrs. Hubbard informed the Committee that there continues to be a vacancy to serve as a TSHL representative for the Concho Valley region; Sherry also serves as the TSHL Vice-Chair of Communication, Training Committee of the Executive Council, all in her first term. Encourage other members who work closely with Seniors to contact a TSHL representative when there are opportunities for a forum to take place, so that TSHL members are able to hear from Seniors and what they feel are relevant issues.

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

Director Roberts updated members on the Older Americans Month (OAM) event that was held on the afternoon of May 24<sup>th</sup>; member Mary Roden was interviewed for the local news media and her interview was displayed for the Committee to see. For future OAM events, we hope to increase the number of agencies participating and the numbers of attendees, which may include finding a larger venue to host the event.

AAA staff Yolanda Torres provided an update on the General Stress Busting graduation. We had six attendees for the 9 week course, with 4 graduating on the 9<sup>th</sup> week. We continue to seek more participants for future Stress Busting classes.

Director Roberts explained the changes that the AAA has been experiencing in regard to Center for Medicare Services funding, due to directive from HHS. At this point, our understanding is that there was inaccurate reporting being completed at the State level, which directly impacts how each AAA has been reporting. On June 26, 2017, the AAACV received a final notice from HHS regarding the FY 17 Monitoring of the Indirect Cost review; there were no issues found and the monitoring has successfully been completed. A brief updated of the FY 18 Planning Budget was completed. A handout of the proposed changes to the AAA structure, beginning October 1, 2017, was provided to the Committee. The goal of the AAACV is to provide as many services as possible and the current plan is to increase funds in all services that will be offered; the AAA Program Specialist position will be eliminated at the beginning of FY 18, to continue to allocate appropriate funding to services. The Caregiver program will begin offering services that have historically only been provided through Care Coordination: Income Support, Health Maintenance, and Residential Repair.

Concho Valley Transit District Supervisor, Scott Menchaca, briefly attended the RACOA meeting to provide an update on CVTD services and provided the Committee with his contact information for future questions, concerns, or complaints.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING SUBCOMMITTEES**

Member, Margie Hernandez, provided an update on the Subcommittee meeting that had previously been held. The Subcommittee discussed possibly reducing the number of members; the current Operating Guidelines states that there will be 40 members. Margie explained that there had been discussion of mileage reimbursement, best method to address member absences, and possibly reducing number of meetings from 6 to 4. The Subcommittee will continue to work on drafting edits for the Operating Guidelines to bring to the Committee at a future meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Maggie, announced that the slate of nominations for the next term will be held in September and elections will be held in November. Member, Mary Roden, informed the Committee that HEB had provided the Schleicher County Food Pantry with some needed items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Duly adopted at a meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging this 24th day of May 2017. The next RACOA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

\*\*After the adjournment of the RACOA meeting, Senior Medicare Patrol representative, Jennifer Salazar, provided a presentation for the Committee.