



Agenda

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PREPARED BY Luigi Gonzales

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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center

1121 Alto Street

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2018

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 17, 2018

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services Advisory Board of Directors was called to order by Andres Romero, Chairperson at 9:30 a.m. on this date at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center, Board Room, 1121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson
Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary
Bernardo C de Baca
Toni Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez
Rod Winget

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Lugi Gonzales, Division of Senior Services
Gino Rinaldi, Division of Senior Services Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corrine Sanchez and was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as published. Ms. Gallegos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 20, 2017

Ms. Giron moved to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting as submitted. Mr. C de Baca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Gino Rinaldi

Mr. Rinaldi reported as follows:

Area Agency on Aging Contract

The State of New Mexico pulled the contract from the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging-the North Central Agency on Aging. The Aging and Long-Term Services Department announced last month that the department was ending its contract with the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging. For more than 30 years, the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging has managed a network of critical services to more than 70,000 seniors in the State. On December 20, Kyky Knowles, acting secretary for the state Aging and Long-Term Services Department, sent a letter to the agency notifying them that their contract was being rescinded. The State wants an investigation into the Area Agency on Aging's handling of funds, and has plans to take over coordination of elder services. This is a contentious issue and some Legislators feel that the move to rescind the contract was a violation of both federal law and state policy. Mr. Rinaldi offered to keep the Board updated when he has more information.

Mr. Rinaldi noted that the Division of Senior Services was scheduled to go through an assessment by the Area Agency on Aging in the first week of February but this will not happen. However, the Division of Senior Services is going to continue on as though they were going to have the evaluation.

Mr. Rinaldi mentioned that Chris Sanchez, the Community Services Director, has been working on the Results Based Accountability process. He wants to create a team that would go into the various divisions and do evaluations - so that they will be "audit -ready" all the time.

At the November Board meeting, Mr. Rinaldi asked the Board Members to consider being part of the teams. Dennis Gonzales, Bernardo C de Baca, Rod Winget and Mary Louise Giron volunteered to be part of the teams. Assessments will be done at the Luisa Senior Center, Pasatiempo Senior Center, Ventana de Vida Senior Center and the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

Appointments

At the December 20th Board meeting, the Board approved a motion that the names of the elected at-large Board Members whose terms are expiring in January 2018 be submitted to the Mayor - asking him to consider appointing them as the Mayoral appointments. They are: Virginia Lucero, Bernardo C de Baca and Andres Romero. Mr. Rinaldi said they forwarded the names of these Board Members to the Mayor's Office and they will follow up to see where this is at.

Age Friendly Resolution/Subcommittee

Mr. Rinaldi informed Rod Winget that he will need a resume from him so that they can forward it to the Mayor's office to appoint him to the Steering Subcommittee.

SAC

At the November Board Meeting, Mr. Rinaldi explained that the SAC Committee was created as a non-profit and the Committee Members are making decisions on how it operates. They collect and donate funding for various events and organizations and they cannot be doing that. It has to be two separate entities. The City Attorney made the opinion that they need to end the way the SAC was created. They have to come up with a new process and a new Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Rinaldi said they will be meeting tomorrow and he hopes they decide to keep the SAC and they can work together to see how they can make this work. Then, they can move forward in rewriting the By-Laws so that it reflects the new Memorandum of Understanding.

Chairman Romero noted that SAC was put together to assist the City, primarily the Division of Senior Services and senior citizens, in the areas that they need assistance. He asked how much money is generated per year.

Mr. Rinaldi said this varies.

Ms. Giron asked how many members are on the SAC.

Ms. Lucero said nine members.

Mr. Rinaldi said he will let the Board know the outcome at the next meeting.

HR-Vacancies

Mr. Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services is moving forward in filling some vacancies.

Mr. Rinaldi asked if there were any questions on the Director's Report and there were no questions, so he moved to the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rinaldi presented the Committee reports as follows:

Nutrition Program

The numbers for the Meals on Wheels services have been lower than projected. These have been impacted by the flu outbreak and the flu has also been the cause of some deaths in the community.

Ms. Gallegos noted that the seniors only receive \$35 in food stamps a month, which is a disgrace.

Mr. Rinaldi said the food stamp program is a federal program and the state administers it. He said the Division of Senior Services does other things like giving food through the Food Bank and the commodities.

Transportation Program

The number of units of services for transportation are also down because the Division of Senior Services is short drivers but they are hoping that the numbers will pick up in the next six months.

Mr. Rinaldi submitted a request to reclassify one position in Transportation (Fran Rodriguez or Robert Chavez's former positions) and a request to hire one driver. They will be interviewing for Fran Rodriguez's former position this week and hopefully they will put forth a recommendation soon.

Mr. Rinaldi explained that it is taking longer to transport aging seniors because they are requiring more attention and assistance. They are also receiving more calls for transportation services and these issues have created challenges for the drivers. The State will not reimburse the Division of Senior Services for these services.

Mr. Winget asked if the drivers receive training and Mr. Rinaldi said yes.

In-Home and Respite Program

Mr. Rinaldi said he is moving forward with building a case management component within the in-home and respite support services program. He said they are getting ready to start the budget and this will be one area that he will include in the budget.

Mr. Rinaldi noted that respite and in-home providers have had to throw out some meals because of expired dates for some of their clients. They don't always eat the home-delivered meals.

Mr. Rinaldi said overall, the senior program is doing good and they had good numbers for the holiday season. He asked Lugi Gonzales if she had anything to add.

Senior Olympics Program

Lugi Gonzales said anyone interested in Senior Olympics has to register this month.

She asked Chairman Romero about the new Southwest History Class.

Chairman Romero said yes, the Southwest History Book Reading Club will start in February. They will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. here at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

Mr. Rinaldi asked for an update on the computers. He heard that a volunteer has come forward.

Lugi Gonzales said three volunteers have come forward to do a computer class. There will be computer classes at the MEG Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings and Lugi Gonzales will be making some fliers about this. The Friday class will start this month but the Monday and Wednesday classes will probably not start until February.

Mr. Rinaldi asked Lugi Gonzales if the request from HR regarding term employees got resolved. The Division of Senior Services received notice from HR that term employees have to be moved out of the term status into the classified status. These employees will now get holiday pay and will be able to accrue annual and sick leave at a part-time basis.

Lugi Gonzales said it is a little complicated because she has some instructors who only work one hour a week.

Senior Day at the Legislature

Mr. Rinaldi said Senior Day at the Legislature is Wednesday, January 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Division of Senior Services will provide transportation if the senior citizens want to attend. Interested individuals can contact Lugi Gonzales.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or other business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

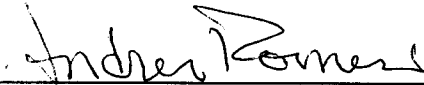
Chairman Romero asked if there were any comments from the floor and there were none.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

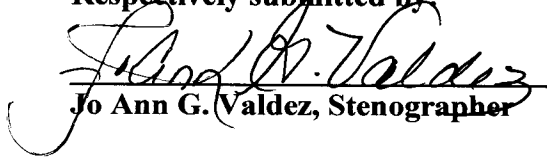
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. C de Baca moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Trujillo-Gonzales, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Andres Romero, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:



Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer