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**CITY OF SANTA FE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Senior Services will host a Public Hearing on the Older Americans Act, and a related Request for Proposal (Four-Year Proposal) that is being developed.

**Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, NM**

**February 10, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

The following program services are critical to our planning and implementation process which provides a comprehensive social service delivery system for senior citizens within our community.

Items for discussion:

1. Home Delivered Meals
2. Congregate Meals
3. Transportation
4. Respite (Alzheimer's Care)
5. Home Management

Senior citizens presence and input is important to ensure that their needs are being addressed for these vital services.

If you have any questions, please call Ron Vialpando, DSS Director at 955-4710.

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
PUBLIC HEARING

February 10, 2012

The Public Hearing of the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services Public Hearing was called to order by Ron Vialpando, DSS Director at 9:30 a.m. on this date at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. Vialpando introduced the Board Members of the Division of Senior Services Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is made up of 11 Board Members and meets monthly to discuss program issues, as well as policies and procedures.

The Sign-in Sheet is hereby incorporated with these Minutes as Exhibit "A".

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Vialpando noted that the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services has to have a public hearing on the Older Americans Act and a related Request for Proposal (four-year proposal) that is being developed.

The Older Americans Act was enacted by Congress in 1965 to ensure provision of social services to America's elderly population. The City's Division of Senior Services administers programs which provide a comprehensive social service delivery system for senior citizens in the community.

The City of Santa Fe is required to prepare and submit a comprehensive plan to the Area Agency on Aging. This has to include a budget and program goals which reflect the services that the Division of Senior Services provides to older adults (60 years of age or older.)

Mr. Vialpando explained that the following program services are critical to the planning and implementation process:

- Congregate meals
- Home Delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Home Management Services
- Respite (Alzheimer's) Care
- Supplemental Assistance
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Volunteer Programs
- Senior Employment Program
- Center Programming/Activities

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by various DSS staff members. [A copy is hereby incorporated to these Minutes as Exhibit "B".]

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The public commented and asked the following questions:

- How long does it take to receive In-Home Support Services?

It can take from 1 month to 2 years. These services are prioritized based on need.

- What do you need to qualify for In-Home Support Services?

The individual has to be over 60 years of age; and not able to do daily activities, such as minor home cleaning services, i.e., sweeping, etc. There is also a waiting period for these services due to limited funding.

- How can someone get a wheelchair?

Senior citizens who need a wheelchair can contact Theresa Trujillo.

- The staff of the Transportation Department were acknowledged and complimented for the great job they are doing.
- A suggestion was made to honor senior citizens - who have made a difference and were born and raised in Santa Fe - with an award such as the Living Treasurer Award.
- There were many compliments about the Division of Senior Services program; and the great job that staff is doing.

- Theresa Trujillo was thanked and acknowledged for supplying supplies, i.e., (Depends) to the husband of a senior citizen who was present today.
- There were comments that the services that the DSS providers are crucial for senior citizens. Also, this program helps to continue to give seniors the dignity and respect that all seniors deserve.

Letters of support from the senior citizen community are attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "C".

DISCUSSION AND PRIORITIZE TITLE III SERVICES:

The following recommendations were ranked and prioritized based on the senior citizens' input and vote:

- 1) Home Management (Homemaker services) = 54
- 2) Respite = 45
- 3) Transportation = 43
- 4) Congregate Meals = 40
- 5) Supplemental Services = 36
- 6) Home Delivered Meals = 32
- 7) Grandparents Raising Grandchildren = 30

CLOSING STATEMENTS

The senior citizens in attendance were thanked for attending today's hearing.

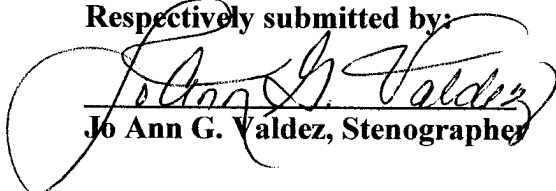
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, this public hearing concluded at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:

Ron Vialpando, Director DSS

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer