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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 28, 2014

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 28, 2014

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 State Capitol Round House, Committee Room 326, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Gilbert Alarid
Tonie Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Elaina K. Gonzalez
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez
Doug Schocke

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bernardo C de Baca, excused
Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson, excused
Rosemarie Trujillo, Secretary, excused

STAFF PRESENT

Lugi Gonzales, Division of Senior Services Project Manager
Ron Vialpando, Division of Senior Services Director
Thomas Vigil, Division of Senior Services Nutrition Program Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT

Representative Carl Trujillo
Representative Jim Trujillo
Robert Sinn, regarding complaint letter of Virginia Soto

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Schocke and was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 18, 2013

Ms. Lucero moved to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting as submitted. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DSS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Introduction of Legislators and Dignitaries

Representative Carl Trujillo and Representative Jim Trujillo were introduced. Their comments were made further on the agenda under "Comments from the Legislators".

b) DPA Program Units of Service

Mr. Vialpando reported on the Program Units of Services as follows:

- The congregate meal site units of services as of mid-year are over by 2,126, which includes all City centers. The DSS Program has seen an increase in congregate meals. Home delivered meals have also increased by 3,261 units per the current agreement with the funding source.
- The transportation units of services are down by 498 units, which is due to a five month vacancy. The program is currently fully staffed.
- The respite units of services are down by 135 units, also due to a vacancy. However, Homemaker units of services are up by 77 units.

Mr. Vialpando said he met with the Division of Senior Services funding source (AAA) last week and the Senior Services program received an additional \$55,000.00 annualized appropriation for the In-Home Support program. They will be able to hire 1 full-time staff member for that program utilizing

approximately \$46,523.00 towards the salary and \$8,477.00 towards the operational costs to include fuel and supplies need for the new employee. This is a huge accomplishment for the program and will help the Division of Senior Services meet or exceed the contract goals. This will also reduce the waiting list for the In-Home Support program with approximately 10 individuals left on the list.

c) Annual Senior Public Hearing

Mr. Vialpando informed the Board about the annual Senior Public Hearing that is scheduled for February 12, 2014 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. The public hearing is mandated by AAA and is a tool that the Division of Senior Services uses to go through the budget process. The hearing will be opened up to the public for their input and feedback on what they think the priorities are regarding Transportation, Congregate Meals, Meals-on-Wheels, Respite, Homemaker Services, Senior Olympics and activities. The information will be used to structure the upcoming budget based on the outcome. The Board Members were invited to be part of this Public Hearing.

Mr. Vialpando gave an update on the Capital Outlay requests noting that everything has been reviewed and approved for the funding in the amount of \$1.4 million for fiscal year 2012-2013 and is presently at the state level. They are in the process of finalizing the contracts. This funding will be used to address code compliance issues for the kitchen at Pasatiempo Senior Center; renovations for the Consuelo Senior Center, the warehouse at the MEG Center, a computer lab for the Luisa Senior Center, facility improvements at the Luisa Senior Center, for vehicles and equipment for all of the senior centers.

Mr. Vialpando noted that the Division of Senior Services put in a Capital Outlay request in the amount of \$1.2 for the upcoming Legislative Session. Of that \$1.2 million, \$286,372 of the capital outlay requests were ranked as critical. \$147,900 is for Phase 2 of the Consuelo Senior Center project, which will be the kitchen expansion and moving the laundry room out. Other items that were ranked as critical include the MEG HVAC systems in the amount of \$33,755 and \$104,717 was earmarked to address the MEG rear parking lot loading zone area. Other items that were ranked as "high" priority total \$711,223, of which \$533,500 will be used for vehicle replacement; \$138,000 will be used for kitchen equipment for all senior centers.

Chairperson Romero mentioned that AAA has money for computers.

COMMENTS FROM THE LEGISLATORS

Representative Carl Trujillo

Representative Carl Trujillo addressed the Advisory Board Members noting that he represents District 46, which is in the northern part of the City of Santa Fe.

Representative Carl Trujillo shared stories of his youth and growing up in the Pojoaque area. He said he enjoys listening to his constituents to find out what the senior challenges and needs are. He invited the senior citizens to have an open dialog and welcomed any suggestions they may have.

Chairperson Romero asked Representative Carl Trujillo to support House Bill 57 which is being introduced by Representative Jim Trujillo and Michael Sanchez. House Bill 57 will allow the Taxation and Revenue Department to put a box on the income tax forms for citizens to donate money for senior services.

Representative Carl Trujillo said he would be willing to support House Bill 57.

Mr. Vialpando also asked Representative Carl Trujillo to support House Bill 90, which allows senior programs and services to continue and provide funding for senior programs statewide.

Mr. Vialpando thanked Representative Trujillo and the local delegation for their continued support and efforts. He said this helps the senior citizen population in the entire state of New Mexico.

Representative Carl Trujillo said he would be willing to support House Bill 90 also. He thinks it is important to support senior services.

Chairperson Romero said Representative Carl Trujillo can also help them with an effort to get funding for seniors to have medical alerts because the service is expensive and senior citizens cannot afford it. Representative Carl Trujillo said yes, he sees the importance of having medical alerts.

Chairperson Romero asked Representative Carl Trujillo to introduce a memorial at next year's Legislative Session asking for funding for this. Representative Carl Trujillo agreed.

Representative Jim Trujillo

Representative Jim Trujillo also addressed the Advisory Board Members and told them to keep up the good work.

Mr. Vialpando thanked Representative Trujillo for sponsoring House Bill 57, for his continued support and for being a champion in sponsoring senior programs.

Representative Jim Trujillo credited Representative Nick Salazar and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for their hard work on these combined efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The written Committee Reports were submitted, distributed and reviewed.
{Please see Exhibit "A" for the specifics.}

Foster Grandparent /Senior Companion Programs Committee

Mr. Alarid moved to accept the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as part of the record with the Minutes. Ms. Gallegos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RSVP Committee

Ms. Lucero moved to accept the RSVP Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

In-Home Support Committee

Mr. Gonzales moved to accept the In-Home Support Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Lucero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Transportation and Nutrition Committee

Ms. Lucero moved to accept the Transportation and Nutrition Committee monthly report as submitted, and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Senior Olympic Committee

Mr. Gonzales moved to accept the Senior Olympics Committee monthly report as submitted and include it as a part of the public record with the Minutes. Ms. Gallegos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

a) Hunger Summit Status

Chairperson Romero informed the Board that New Mexico leads the nation in hunger and that he is currently working with the funding source on a Five-Year Hunger Program.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Advisory Board Reappointments

Mr. Vialpando said everything is in line for the 2014 Mayoral Advisory Board reappointments, which are scheduled to be finalized next week.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Sinn spoke about the letter from the Advisory Board to Virginia Soto regarding complaints from senior citizens and asking that Ms. Soto be reprimanded. He explained that Ms. Soto attended the November 20, 2013 Advisory Board meeting but was not given an opportunity to confront or address her accusers. He said as a result of Ms. Soto's rights of being denied, they have lodged a complaint with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Chairperson Romero said the Board only forwarded the complaints that were brought to them, which is part of the Advisory Board's duties, and it is up to the Mayor and the City Manager to decide what action will be taken.

Mr. Sinn said if the City of Santa Fe Attorney does not represent the Division of Senior Services Advisory Board; the Board will have to hire their own legal representation.

Ms. Gonzalez asked if Ms. Soto has been reprimanded.

Mr. Sinn said no, not as of yet.

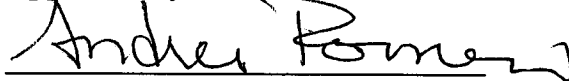
TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for February 19, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

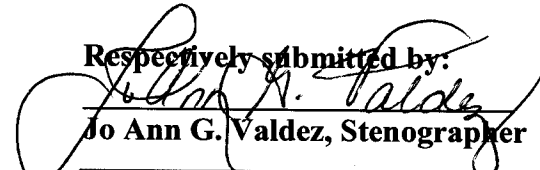
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Approved by:


Andres Romero, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer