

## AGING SERVICES COUNCIL

Minutes: February 5, 2009

**Time:**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: St. David's Foundation

**Attendees:**

Jill Findlay	AAA CAP	Mary Teeters	MOWAM
Joyce Lauck	AGE	Willie Williams	ATC HHSD
Cynthia Rupprecht	HAND	Rachel Portnoy	APS
Evelyn Cooke	HAND	Juli Earley	Family Eldercare Intern
Carol Johnson	The Care Communities	Joyce Hefner	Family Eldercare
Annette Saenz	SafePlace		
Christian Wells	Alz Assoc		
Michael Wilson	SDCHF		
Mary Dodd	CAN		
Annette Juba	Greater Austin CARES		
Jacquelyn Dozier	Samaritan Counseling		
Nancy Crowther	Cap Metro		
Jeff Kaller	AGE		
Rachel Daniel	UWCA		
Madeleine Stolowitz	SDCHF		
Eva Church	AGE/CRC		

**Items covered:**

1. Welcome and Introductions: Parks and Recreation department representatives attended meeting. Anyone who is not on email list is asked to join, so that they can receive e-newsletter
2. Review of Minutes: - Minutes from December meeting were reviewed and approved
3. Review of Retreat Results: - Retreat notes were distributed and the organization and content of the notes were reviewed. Projects are divided into subcommittee headings and items for the Steering Committee are identified. Attendees volunteered to organize subcommittee meetings. Volunteers were as follows: Kathleen Coggin, Caregiver University; Nancy Crowther, Transportation; Mary Teeters, Depression/Isolation; Korey Darling and Glenda Rogers, Senior Ambassador. The subcommittees are asked to schedule meetings during the months that there is no ASC meeting; St. David's would make the room available on the first Thursday of those months if desired.

During review of the retreat results, attendees engaged in a broad discussion of the need to encourage college students (and younger persons in general) to become interested in working with older adults. Sandy Graham, a UT School of Social Work Faculty member, is willing to offer access to the School of Social Work and other schools at UT to promote a stronger focus in gerontology. There was agreement that the ASC work on a letter outlining a possible partnership with the ASC and UT. Jason Earle also mentioned that the Senior Games will be held at UT in March and this is an opportunity to promote interest in students. This information will be placed in the newsletter to encourage members and interested persons to participate. Joyce Hefner also suggested that interested agencies participate in the City

summer intern program involving high school students taking summer employment in non-profits.

4. Subcommittee and Steering Committee Updates:

- **Newsletter:** 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter went out. No agendas or minutes will be included – it is just a forum for dissemination of information. Annette sent out instructions for getting items in the newsletter to the group
- **Handyman:** A collaborative meeting is being sponsored by St. David's Foundation on 2/24/08. Our work will channel through this collaboration.
- **Steering Committee:** We need to look at our bylaws and make sure the structure is sound. The "Parking Lot" will hold issues that are important and we want to remember, but that we don't have time for right now.

5. Legislative Activities: - Sandy Graham presented information about the organization of and priorities of the Texas Silver Haired Legislators. Senior Day at the Capital will be on February 10 and members are encouraged to attend. There will be no organized effort by the ASC on Senior Day but the group decided that a general letter offering expert information and support will be sent to legislators. This will be completed by the Steering Committee.

6. Livable Communities Workshop: - This workshop was something that was discussed by the Steering Committee in January. Glenda reports that the timeline for submitting a project this year is too short. The suggestion was made that the ASC consider this next year.

7. Announcements: -

- Michael Wilson announced an event on February 24<sup>th</sup>, to be held at St. David's – he will send out invitations
- February 17<sup>th</sup> in the Constable's Office – training for Legislature Online
- Housing Works – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am meeting at Habitat for Humanity offices
- Steering Committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at Family Eldercare, at 3pm
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Senior Games, presented by Harden Healthcare
- St. David's approved funding for a 15 hour per week administrative position for the Council

8. Adjourn: Next Steering Committee is February 9 at 3 p.m. Next ASC meeting is April 2.