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## Texas to Celebrate 9-1-1 Day Sept. 11

The Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications (ACSEC) will celebrate 9-1-1 Day in Texas Monday, Sept. 11, beginning with a 9 a.m. ceremony on the state capitol grounds.

The program will include the proclamation of 9-1-1 Day, a brief overview of the State of Texas 9-1-1 program and observance of the day by local school children. In addition, outstanding Public Safety Telecommunicators will be honored and lifesaving 9-1-1 episodes recognized.

As mandated in 1987 by the Texas Legislature's House Bill 9-1-1, the Alamo Area Council of Governments, together with the other 23 planning commissions of the state, submitted its plan to ACSEC on schedule Sept. 1 for the operation of the Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone service across the region.

For further information concerning this plan, contact Nolan R. Suarez, technical assistance coordinator of the AACOG regional services staff, at (512) 225-5201.

## Alcohol & Drug Abuse Regional Institute to Open October 22

**T**he 16th Annual Regional Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, "Perspectives '89," will run Sunday through Tuesday, Oct. 22-24, at the Plaza San Antonio, 555 South Alamo in downtown San Antonio.

Sponsoring the institute along with the Alamo Area Council of Governments are the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP) of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Our Lady of the Lake University and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing.

The institute will provide 14 clock hours of accredited training in effective programming for high-risk youth, medical research on addictions, beginning and advanced counseling skills and mental health issues related to chemical addiction. Although open to the general public, workshops are principally directed toward professionals in the fields of alcohol and drug abuse, social work, adult and juvenile probation, guidance and counseling, psychotherapy and law enforcement.

The program will commence Sunday morning with a featured presentation by Eric N. Goplerud, Ph.D., entitled, "The Leading Edge of Prevention." Later that day Goplerud, evaluation coordinator for the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), will offer practical suggestions for program directors, managers and monitors/evaluators on developing evaluation components to show the effort, effectiveness and efficiency of programs seeking funding from private and governmental sources.

Presenting the conference keynote address at lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 24, will be Elaine M. Johnson, Ph.D., director of OSAP. Johnson will speak to the promise of community partnerships in prevention programming.

Workshops during the three days will deal with the assessment and treatment of victim behaviors, counseling the eating disorder client, risk reduction counseling regarding AIDS and fetal drug syndromes. Other sessions will be devoted to contemporary research in domestic violence, prevention education and alternatives for high-risk black youth, interventions with Hispanic high-risk youth and family effectiveness training.

The registration fee of \$80 includes all materials, brunch on Sunday, Oct. 22, and lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Workshop assignments will be made on a first-come-first-served basis determined by registration receipt date. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged by Oct. 13. A limited number of reduced-fee registrations are available.

For additional information, call program manager Martha Reyes or any of the alcohol and drug abuse staff at the Alamo Area Council of Governments, (512) 225-5201.

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## Executive Committee Review: August 23, 1989

Executive Director Al J. Notzon III reported on items including two August workshops directed by AACOG on child abuse and substance abuse, a drug abuse briefing by President Bush and Drug Czar William Bennett at the White House attended by agency manager Martha Reyes and the upcoming Texas Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference to be held in San Antonio Sept. 27-30.

Recommendations accepted from the Budget & Workplan Committee included the approval of a FY 90 section 18 contract and subcontracts for rural transportation; authorization of subcontracts under the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention demonstration grant; consent to facilitate the decision making process involving artesian well J-21 and the Salado Creek Foundation; acceptance of a Texas Department of Human Services planning contract; and the re-allocation of \$10,000 of Title III-B funds to the Visiting Nurse Association/Supportive Services for the Elderly Program.

The Executive Committee then passed favorable review on the following:

from the Bexar Senior Advisory Committee, an application for three vans submitted to UMTA through the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation by Senior Community Services, Inc.;

from the Regional Development & Review Committee, a City of Fredericksburg Market Square & Municipal Creeks Park development project for Texas Parks & Wildlife funding, as well as a consensus to proceed on phase 1 of a Kelly Air Force Base installation restoration program;

from the Criminal Justice Planning Committee, 11 grant projects seeking Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) funding from the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division for efforts involved in rape crisis and intervention, family sex abuse treatment and battered women's advocacy, among other issues; and

from the Human Resources Advisory Committee, 10 applications from organizations as The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, the Intercultural Development Research Association and Avance-San Antonio, Inc. requesting federal funding from the Departments of Health and Human Services and of Education for projects ranging from pediatric AIDS health care to computer-based education in Somerset, Texas.

Before adjourning, the Executive Committee passed a resolution endorsing the selection of San Antonio as the site of the 1990 Economic Summit, noting that its selection would be in full keeping with the tradition of holding the Summit in a city rich in historical legacy, resonant in cultural convergence and reminiscent of the vigilant aspiration for honor.

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## Application Review Agenda

### Regional Development & Review Committee

Committee Meets: Tuesday, September 19; 10 a.m.  
Comments To: Bill Carpenter by September 18, 1989.

TX-08-08. Applicant: St. Mary's University. "Stockyard and Produce Terminal." Funding Source: Economic Development Administration. Total Cost: \$32,334.

TX-08-09. Applicant: City of San Antonio. "City of San Antonio 15th Year Community Development Block Grant Program." Funding Source: Texas Department of Commerce. Total Cost: \$15,847,885.

### Regional Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

Committee Meets: Thursday, September 21; 1:30 p.m.  
Comments To: Judith Werking by September 20, 1989.

TX-08-06. Applicant: South Texas Rural Health Services, Inc. "Community Dental Clinic." Funding Source: Texas Department of Health. Total Cost: \$174,701.

TX-08-10. Applicant: Community Services Agency of Dimmit, LaSalle and Maverick Counties. "C.S.A. Head Start." Funding Source: Department of Health & Human Services. Total Cost: \$723,183.

## Area Agencies on Aging Recognize Volunteer Ombudsmen

The Alamo and Bexar Area Agencies on Aging of the Alamo Area Council of Governments recently sponsored their biannual programs of recertification and recognition for volunteer ombudsmen serving across the region. Joining AACOG in conducting the training August 18 were the Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Human Services and Texas Department on Aging.

Recognized for their outstanding service to residents of the nursing homes in the region were:

from the Alamo Area Agency on Aging, Elizabeth Bakeman, Boerne; E.J. Bowie, Comfort; Eoline Bowie, Comfort; George Calloway, Boerne; May Calloway, Boerne; Maurine Dunn, Jourdanton; Jesse W. Dunn, Jourdanton; Viola Doebbler, Fredericksburg; Ransom Fisher, Seguin; Selma Bruce Grimes, Floresville; Joseph H. Holmstrom, Spring Branch; Nell Kent, Hondo; Dorothy Nan McLean, Kerrville; Verna Siliven, Poteet; Joe Shryock, Fredericksburg; Betsy R. Slyker, Fredericksburg; Tressie M. Russell, New Braunfels; and Rafael Trevino, Pearsall.

from the Bexar Area Agency on Aging, Irma M. Anderson, Mary C. Brito, Mary B. Carpenter, Irma C. Esqueda, Lucy A. Garcia, Herman L. Green, Jack Harris, Ida L. Kenny, Albert N. Lambrecht, Richard Lewis Sr., Mary Medellin, Addie Leigh Molster, Nora S.

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Nelson, Paul E. Norton, Worley Patterson, Ruth L. Post, Frank C. Pritchett, Kathryn J. Reding, Iris F. Robinson, R.E. Robinson, John C. Rodriguez, Mary G. Rodriguez, John Roen, Sara Scott, Earlyne R. Sheets, Harold L. Shepherd, Betty Smith, Rudolpho Tamez, Mary M. Thomas, Amelia Trevino, Irene K. Vargas, Helen R. Walter and Ed. L. White.

New volunteers of the Alamo Area Agency on Aging are Betty Drone, LaVernia; Helen Garcia, Poteet; Sue Long and Beverly Lutz, Hondo; Eva Moreno, Pearsall, and Patrick K. LaCombe, Universal City.

The new volunteer for the Bexar Area Agency on Aging is Donald K. Cox.

Staff and volunteer ombudsmen regularly visit the nursing homes throughout the region voicing concerns of residents and family members, striving to find fair and reasonable solutions. When necessary, some situations are referred to the Texas Department of Health.

The goal of the volunteer ombudsman is to improve the quality of life for the nursing home resident by acting as his/her spokesperson, companion and advocate. These volunteers agree to provide a least two hours a week to the program, are trained and then certified by the Texas Departments on Aging and of Health and are assigned to one or more homes for regular visits.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Alamo or Bexar Area Agencies on Aging at the Alamo Area Council of Governments, (512) 225-5201.

## **Texas Association of Regional Councils to Convene in San Antonio**

The Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) will hold its 24th annual conference Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 27-30, at the Marriott Rivercenter in downtown San Antonio, Texas.

With the conference theme of "regionalism & recovery," the program will focus on the role that councils of government play in leading Texas forward from a period of economic downturn in the 1980s to a future of opportunity, growth and stability in the 1990s.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the agenda opens with a technology workshop exploring the issues and considerations in mapping and locational addressing development, including data resources, the organization of projects and case studies of implementation. Later that day regional council executives will have the opportunity to participate in a professional development program led by Dallas Times Herald columnist Molly Ivins entitled, "Communicating with the Public/Media Relations." Also on opening-day afternoon will be a 1990 census workshop for elected officials addressing the topics of redistricting, methods for assuring accurate counts and funding formula impacts.

Thursday's schedule will include breakfasts involving members of the Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the JTPA, Criminal Justice Planners, Financial Officers and Health Coordinators Staff Associations. Other sessions for Thursday will be directed toward regional council economic development innovations, solid and hazardous waste, the AACOG/Bexar Metro 9-1-1 network and air quality.

Entertainment and special events for the three-day conference will begin Wednesday night with a fiesta and dance, continue with a spouse tour of the King William Historical District on Thursday and culminate with a gala at Sea World of Texas Friday evening.

For registration information, contact the Texas Association of Regional Councils in Austin at (512) 478-4715.

## **Agency Notes**

### **New Chairmen Assume the Helm of Regional Development, 9-1-1 and Council of Mayors**

Emil Seewald, of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, has been selected chairman of the Regional Development and Review Committee. Seewald will be assisted by committee vice chairman Robert W. Opitz, consulting engineer.

Also new to the post of chairman for the AACOG 9-1-1 Advisory Committee is Commissioner Charlie Goodman of Kendall County.

Finally, assuming the leadership roles within the Bexar County Council of Mayors are Vivian Hultz, mayor of Helotes, as council chairwoman and B.K. Srinivas, Hollywood Park mayor, as vice chairman.

### **Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee Welcomes New Members**

With Executive Committee action August 23, the following individuals have been appointed to membership on the Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee: Al Mendez, United Way; Tom Gonzales, Mental Health Mental Retardation; Dr. Donald Morse, Metropolitan Health District; John Guest, Bexar County Hospital District; Kevin Moriarty, City of San Antonio; Mary Sapp, Benedictine Health Resource Center; Marian Sokol, Project ABC; and John Winfield, Carolyn Crockett, Margaret Harty, Albert Rodriguez and Johnny Pete.

Also, Mary Sapp was elected to a second term as the committee's chairwoman, while Faustina Ramirez Knoll, Dr. Donald Morse and Dr. Ellen Snow were appointed to chair the section subcommittees in social services, health and education, respectively.

# CALENDAR

## September

- 7 Regional Tourism Task Force; 9:30 a.m.
- 7 Interagency Child Abuse Network (ICAN); 11:45 a.m.
- 8 Bexar Senior Advisory Committee; 10 a.m.
- 8 Regional Women's Task Force; 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee; 2 p.m.
- 12 Historical Corridor Task Force; 10 a.m.
- 12 Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Task Force; 11:45 a.m.
- 12 Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Committee; 2:30 p.m.
- 12 Wilson County Economic Development Initiatives; 1:30 p.m.; Floresville; City Council Chambers
- 13 Criminal Justice Planning Committee; 2 p.m.
- 19 Regional Development & Review Committee; 10 a.m.
- 19 Salado Creek Foundation/Well J-21 Meeting; 3 p.m.
- 21 Health & Human Services Advisory Committee; 1:30 p.m.
- 25 Wilson County Development Committee; 12 noon; Wright's Cafe; Floresville
- 27 Texas Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference; 8 a.m.; Rivercenter Marriott; (through Sept. 30)  
Area Judges of the Alamo SDA; 3 p.m.; Rivercenter Marriott  
AACOG Executive Committee; 4 p.m.; Rivercenter Marriott

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- 11 Criminal Justice Planning Committee; 2 p.m.
- 12 Interdistrict Task Force; 3:30 p.m.
- 13 Bexar Senior Advisory Committee; 10 a.m.
- 13 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee; 2 p.m.
- 17 Regional Development & Review Committee; 10 a.m.
- 19 Health & Human Services Advisory Committee; 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Regional Institute on Alcohol & Drug Abuse; 10 a.m.; Plaza San Antonio Hotel; (through Oct. 24)
- 23 Wilson County Development Committee; 12 noon; Wright's Cafe; Floresville
- 24 24-Hour Care Providers Meeting; 9 a.m.
- 25 Area Judges of the Alamo SDA; 12 noon
- 25 AACOG Executive Committee; 1 p.m.
- 25 Bexar County Council of Mayors; 7 p.m.

All AACOG meetings are accessible to the handicapped and, unless otherwise noted, are held in room 420 of the AACOG offices, 118 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, (512) 225-5201.

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