

# Region

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## On the Horizon Human Resources Training to Begin Jan. 19

AACOG opens the new year of its training program provided for school, health care, human services and chemical dependency professionals with the first of six sessions on working with high-risk children Friday, Jan. 19, from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the agency's conference room.

Presenters for the half-day workshop are Lorece P. Williams, ACSW, ACP, and Robert M. Gonzales, M.R.E., M.Div., who will discuss the cultural considerations in working with high-risk black and Mexican American children and youth. Williams is a professor of social work at the Worden School of Social Service, Our Lady of the Lake University, and Gonzales is coordinator of the office for alcohol and drug education at St. Mary's University.

Subsequent workshops, held on the mornings of each month's third Friday through June, will address multisession curricula, lesson plans and activities for one- and two-year follow-up support group sessions.

The registration fee for the Jan. 19 program of \$5 covers materials, refreshments and parking.

For more information or to register call the alcohol and drug abuse programs staff at the Alamo Area Council of Governments, (512) 225-5201.

## Child Abuse Workshop to Focus on Restitution Therapy Model

The Alamo Area Council of Governments' Interagency Child Abuse Network (ICAN) and criminal justice program, together with the Texas Department of Human Services and Trinity University, will host a conference entitled, "The Tie that Binds — Restitution Therapy: A Unique Approach to the Coordination of Sexual Abuse Victim and Sex Offender Therapy," from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20, at Trinity University's Ruth Taylor Concert Hall.

Presenting at the workshop will be Jan Hindman, M.S., M.Ed., of Oregon, known for her outpatient treatment program for offenders that is considered the most restrictive in the country by the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA).

Hindman's program, sure to be of keen interest to probation officers, attorneys, judges, therapists, child protective service workers and other child advocates, focuses treatment of the offender on restitution to the victim, the community and society.

The workshop fee is \$30 per day; pre-registration is recommended.

For more information or to register, contact child abuse coordinator Billie Smithson or health and social services programs manager Judith R.K. Werking of the human resources staff at the Alamo Area Council of Governments, (512) 225-5201.



San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell addresses the 150 members of the AACOG Executive Committee, Area Council and Advisory Committees present at the winter semiannual meeting Dec. 12 at San Antonio's Menger Hotel.

## Executive Committee Review: December 12, 1989

Executive Director Al J. Notzon III reported on items including the availability of the agency's annual report, the Holidays Ahead program overseen by the San Antonio Council on Alcoholism, the Vote '90 Team and establishment of a regional Full-Count 1990 Census Committee and a NARC federal briefing, Jan. 28-30, in Washington, D.C.

Recommendations accepted from the Budget & Workplan Committee included authorization to purchase rescue operations portable radios; adoption of the 1990 AACOG budget; submission of a student assistance program application to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; a proposal from the University of Texas at San Antonio to conduct in-region police training for FY 90; and the awarding of a fiscal depository agreement to First City Texas, provided collateral negotiations prove acceptable.

Executive Committee then passed favorable review on the following:

from the Area Judges, the awarding of economic development grants to the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce and other previous recipients involved in similar ongoing activities; consideration of Private Industry Council funding to San Antonio area Summer Youth Employment and Training program and Title III service providers; and the election of Medina County Judge Donald Campsey as chairman and Kerr County Commissioner Gordon Morgan as vice chairman of the Alamo SDA Judges;

from the Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee, four applications for funding from the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention for programs involving at-risk youth and two projects submitted to ACTION by the Boys/Girls Clubs of San Antonio and Communities Organized Against Drug Abuse;

from the Regional Human Resources Advisory Committee, six projects from IDRA, San Antonio ISD, Education Service Center/Region 20 and UTSA seeking support for bilingual/English as a Second Language programs;

from the Criminal Justice Planning Committee, the nomination of Scott Evans, Kerrville Police Department Captain, as the committee's chairman for 1990 and of Al Philippus, San Antonio Police Department Captain, as vice chairman, and the recommendation for two-year-term reappointment for the committee's remaining 13 members; and

from the Regional Development and Review Committee, three water planning projects, including one from the Nueces River Authority that received a consensus to proceed with the condition that all affected governments be kept informed and involved in the process.



San Antonio Council Member Helen Dutmer (left) passes on the charge and AACOG Executive Committee chairmanship for 1990 to Bexar County Commissioner and 1989 board vice chairman Bob Lee at the agency's recent semiannual meeting. Gillespie County Judge Jay Weinheimer (not pictured) was elected to serve as Executive Committee vice chairman.

## Application Review Agenda

### Regional Development and Review Committee

Committee Meets: Tuesday, January 16; 10 a.m.

Comments To: Bill Carpenter by January 15

TX-12-05. Applicant: City of Devine. "Water Well and Extension Project." Funding Source: Economic Development Administration. Total Cost: \$765,000.

### Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee

Committee Meets: Thursday, January 18; 1:30 p.m.

Comments To: Judith R.K. Werking by January 17

TX-12-06. Applicant: South Texas Rural Health Services, Inc. "Community Health Centers and Migrant Health Services." Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services. Total Cost: \$1,654,063.

TX-12-06. Applicant: Ella Austin Health Center. "Urban Community Health Center, Family Planning, and Perinatal Program." Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services. Total Cost: \$1,265,963.

TX-12-18. Applicant: Intercultural Development Research Association. "Project TNT (Teachers Need Teachers)." Funding Source: U.S. Department of Education. Total Cost: \$102,423.

TX-12-18. Applicant: Intercultural Development Research Association. "Short-Term Training for Principals and At-Risk Coordinators." Funding Source: U.S. Department of Education. Total Cost: \$110,816.

TX-12-18. Applicant: Intercultural Development Research Association. "Parents as Partners." Funding Source: U.S. Department of Education. Total Cost: \$112,033.

Resulting from the holidays schedule and earlier press date for this issue, there may be additional grant applications submitted for review in January that are not listed above. For more information, contact James Brandes, director of the human resources division, or Claude Guerra III, regional services division director, at the Alamo Area Council of Governments, (512) 225-5201.

## The '90 Census: Regional Full-Count Committee is Initiated

The 1990 Census promises not only to be mammoth in size and scope, but also in importance to the future of our individual communities, 12-county region and state.

Nationally, a total of 250 million people are expected to be counted, with over half a million people to be employed in Census operations. The Census Bureau will operate 484 field offices, in addition to its 13 permanent Regional Census Centers — and seven processing offices for handling the completed questionnaires, one of which will be located in Austin.

Within two weeks of Census Day — April 1, 1990 — more than 70 million completed questionnaires are expected to be returned to the Census Bureau which will, in turn, deliver apportionment counts to the President by Dec. 31, 1990 and provide data necessary for redistricting to the states no later than April 1, 1991.

Census data is used in Congressional reapportionment, state and local redistricting, allocation of federal grant monies to local governments and other organizations, business plans and marketing and local/regional planning for public services.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, the 1980 Census may have missed as many as 547,000 Texans. That undercount caused Texas to lose about \$580 million in aid during the booming 1980s because outdated population figures were used to distribute federal grants.

Better use of census data could net Texas state and local governments about \$600 million more in federal aid over the next 10 years — grant money that could extend programs to build new roads, fund community development projects and help needy Texans with medical

care, rent subsidies and other benefits. In fact, an adjustment in census data that eliminates the current undercount could net Texas about \$20 million more each year in Medicaid funds, the largest single program that uses Census Bureau data.

Executive Committee member Betty Jean Jones, Mayor of Seguin, has been selected to chair a 15-member full-count census committee for the AACOG region that will soon begin working to promote the 1990 Census and the need for every individual to be counted.

*(Portions of this article relied on information from Fiscal Notes, October, 1989, published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Corridor News, December, 1989, published by the Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council.)*

## JTPA To Bring Learning Centers to Regional Counties

In keeping with its ongoing effort to provide employment and training assistance that effectively serves the needs of the population, the Job Training Partnership Act program at the Alamo Area Council of Governments is currently planning to establish learning centers in Guadalupe, Karnes, Frio and Kerr Counties.

These centers will provide computer-assisted academic remediation/upgrading, GED preparation and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, while directing individuals into one or more of JTPA's three major program areas — classroom training, on-the-job training and job search. Further, these centers will target hard-to-serve individuals who have substantial barriers to training and/or employment, as well as work to match participants with the appropriate JTPA program services that will render them prepared for job-related training or direct employment.

For more information, contact JTPA program manager Johnny J. Harris at the Alamo Area Council of Governments, (512) 225-5201.

## Alamo Area Transit Program Continues on Course

The Alamo Coordinated Transit System (ACTS), directed by AACOG's Alamo Area Agency on Aging, has received a second-year grant award of \$301,400 from the State Department of Highways and Transportation. The system provides transportation service to the public in the 11 counties surrounding Bexar for purposes such as medical appointments, visits to senior center nutrition sites and grocery shopping. Community Council of South Central Texas and Medina County implement the program and can provide further information at 1-800-292-5648.

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 2 Wilson County Initiatives; 1:30 p.m.; Floresville; City Council Chambers
- 4 Regional Tourism Task Force; 9:30 a.m.
- 4 Interagency Child Abuse Network (ICAN); 11:45 a.m.
- 5 Regional Women's Task Force; 11:30 a.m.
- 9 Historical Corridor Development Task Force; 10 a.m.
- 9 Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Task Force; 11:45 a.m.
- 9 River Corridor Committee; 3:30 p.m.
- 9 Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Committee; 2 p.m.
- 10 Criminal Justice Planning Committee; 2 p.m.
- 12 Bexar Senior Advisory Committee; 10 a.m.
- 12 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee; 2 p.m.
- 15 Bexar County Council of Mayors; 7 p.m.
- 16 Regional Development & Review Committee; 10 a.m.
- 17 Alamo-La Bahia Events Committee; 10 a.m.; Pana Maria
- 18 9-1-1 Advisory Committee; 10 a.m.
- 18 Health & Human Services Advisory Committee; 1:30 p.m.
- 19 Alcohol & Drug Abuse Workshop; 8:30 a.m.
- 19 Child Abuse Workshop; 9 a.m.; Trinity University (through Jan. 20)
- 22 24-Hour Care Providers Meeting; 9 a.m.
- 22 Wilson County Development Committee; Wright's Cafe; Floresville; 12 noon
- 25 9-1-1 Advisory Committee; 10 a.m.
- 25 Interdistrict Task Force; 3:30 p.m.; TDHS-CPS; 3635 S.E. Military Drive
- 31 Area Judges of the SDA; 12 noon
- 31 AACOG Executive Committee; 1 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Interagency Child Abuse Network (ICAN); 11:45 a.m.
- 1 River Corridor Committee; 3 p.m.
- 2 Regional Women's Task Force; 11:30 a.m.
- 6 Regional Tourism Task Force; 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Bexar Senior Advisory Committee; 10 a.m.
- 9 Alamo Senior Advisory Committee; 2 p.m.
- 13 Historical Corridor Development Task Force; 10 a.m.
- 13 Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Committee; 2:30 p.m.
- 14 Criminal Justice Planning Committee; 2 p.m.
- 16 Alcohol & Drug Abuse Workshop; 8:30 a.m.
- 20 Regional Development & Review Committee; 10 a.m.
- 20 Health & Human Services Advisory Committee; 1:30 p.m.
- 20 Wilson County Initiatives; 1:30 p.m.; Floresville; City Council Chambers
- 22 EMS/MAST Committee Meeting; 10 a.m.
- 26 Wilson County Development Committee; 12 noon; Wright's Cafe; Floresville
- 28 Area Judges of the SDA; 12 noon
- 28 AACOG Executive Committee; 1 p.m.
- 28 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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