Alamo Area Council of Governments

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What is AACOG?

• Organized in 1968 as a regional planning commission under Chapter 391, Local Government Code.

• AACOG is a political subdivision of the State, which can plan, assist local governments, and deliver public services, but does not possess statutory authority to tax or regulate.

• State law requires the governing body of AACOG be comprised primarily of local government officials.
AACOG serves the Alamo Area State Planning Region 18, which is comprised of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina and Wilson counties.

- The AACOG 13 county region covers 12,585 square miles.
- The AACOG 13 county region population is approximately 2.5 million.
The Board of Directors (the Board) shall be composed of members elected or appointed by the membership within the areas specified: 36 Board Members (5 ex-officio)

• Three Bexar County representatives, at least two of whom shall be members of the County’s Commissioner’s Court.

• Three City of San Antonio representatives, at least two of whom shall be members of the City Council.

• Representatives of member cities other than San Antonio as follows:
  
  • Three representatives for Cities situated in Bexar County.
  
  • Three representatives for Cities not classified as “Urbanized” and situated outside of Bexar County.
AACOG Board of Directors

- Cities shall be grouped by counties as follows:
  - Group A cities – Atascosa, Frio, McMullen, Medina – One member.
  - Group B cities – Comal, Guadalupe, Karnes and Wilson – One member.
  - Group C cities – Bandera, Gillespie, Kendall and Kerr – One member.

- One representative for cities classified as “Urbanized” situated outside of Bexar County.

- One representative selected by Council members who represent independent public utility boards and special districts.

- One representative selected by Council members who represent multi-county districts.

- One representative selected by Council members who represent hospital / health districts.

- One representative selected by Council members who represent school districts.
AACOG Board of Directors

- **One representative from each County**, other than Bexar. Representative shall be a member of the Commissioners Court and appointed by their specific Commissioners Court.

- One representative selected by Council members who represent **soil and water conservation districts**.

- Two representatives, one from the **Texas Senate** and one from the **Texas House of Representatives**, to be selected by Council representatives who represent urban and rural areas within the AACOG region shall be members and have voting privileges.

- One **Ex-Officio, non-voting** representative from **Joint Base San Antonio**.

- **Ex-Officio, non-voting**, status will also be extended to the balance of the delegation members within the AACOG region (State Planning Region 18); as per **Texas Local Government Code, Section 391.006 (c), Governing Body of a Commission**.
How is AACOG funded?

- AACOG receives funding from the state, and federal governments, and some non-profit foundations.
- AACOG also relies on membership dues.
  - These funds then become “seed” funds often used to multiply available resources by matching federal and state contract funds.
- In some cases, programs have a pass through oversight responsibility to the funding agency. A few programs have revenue-generating activities.
- AACOG’s 2017 Budget: Budget totals $47 million
- 2017 AACOG Staff: 280 FTEs
Alamo & Bexar Area Agencies on Aging

• Plan and administers programs designed to improve the quality of life for area seniors (60 years and over),
  • Individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers.

• The AAAs also operate the Alamo Service Connection, an extensive information & referral system for older adults, people with disabilities, and their families – call (866) 231-4922 or visit www.askasc.org for more information.
  • Medical, Social Security, Housing, emergency household expenses

• The AAAs also provide ombudsman services for residents of long-term care facilities throughout the region. Call (210) 362-5236 for information on becoming a volunteer
  • Patient rights and dignity
Alamo & Bexar Area Agencies on Aging

- **TXServes started 6/27 1-888-SA 4 Vets**
  - > 300 veterans served, 500 services
    - Legal, housing, benefits, transportation & more
  - Walmart, Syracuse University
  - 450k grant
  - Excellent progress
- **Home modifications**
  - ADA compliant
- **Care Giver Support**
  - Respite care
  - Stress relief
  - Classes to help manage
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
  - School Supplies
  - Respite and support
Alamo & Bexar Area Agencies on Aging

- Warm Hearts
  - Heaters
  - Blankets
  - Fans
AACOG is one of 39 LIDDA's (Local IDD Authority) located throughout Texas. The Alamo LIDDA at AACOG serves individuals in Bexar County, and is the “front door” for individuals that have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Related Conditions.

AACOG IDDS determines eligibility for services, enrolls individuals for those services, assists in the development and implementation of a person-centered service plan and then ensures that individuals continue to get the quality services that they need in an effective, efficient and appropriate fashion.

AACOG serves over 4,000 individuals with IDD needs each year.
Individuals served by AACOG may have Intellectual Disabilities (ID), defined as impairments of general mental abilities that impact adaptive functioning in conceptual, social and practical areas. IQ may determine mild (55-70), moderate (35-54), severe (20-34) or profound (below 20) ID;

Developmental Disabilities (DD), a diverse group of severe chronic conditions that are due to mental and/or physical impairments and include Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and/or

Related Conditions, including Epilepsy, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Fragile X Chromosome and many others.
IDD - Services

- Determination of an Intellectual Disability (Psychological Evaluation and Testing)
- Clients Rights & Consumer Benefits
- Maintains State “Interest” List - for Medicaid Waiver services – Currently 12+ Years wait for services
- Helps individuals in the State Supported Living Center to find options
- Special Employment Project with Morgan’s Wonderland
- Program enrollment for waiver services and other residential programs
- Service Coordination – helps to develop plan and monitors for quality
- Identifies residential options for youth w/IDD in foster care
- Ensure those with IDD in Nursing Facilities get services and options
- Crisis Services to help those in need
IDD - Accessing Services

Individuals can begin the eligibility process by calling the AACOG IDD Services at (210) 832-5020 for an Intake appointment.

* The Eligibility Process consists of 3 steps:
  1. Intake Appointment
  2. Financial Review
  3. Determination of an Intellectual Disability (DID) Assessment
Alamo Regional Transportation

- Provides public transit for 12 rural counties (70 vehicles)
  - Contact ART at **(866) 889-7433** or [www.aacog.com/art](http://www.aacog.com/art).
- Ride For Vets (Medical Appts, shopping, flexible(CARV))
- Senior Citizens (Medical, shopping, flexible (CARS))
- Charter Service
- School kids (GAP School District/School – 2M Radius)
- Own a facilities in Kerrville
- Medicaid Services – Rides for medical services (contracted)
- Medicare/other insurance programs
- New Vehicles, ADA accessible 12 passenger (1.2M)
- RouteMatch – Logistics Software
- RFP for Advertising services (50-100k)
Housing and Energy Conservation

- **Housing and Energy Conservation**—provides Weatherization Assistance to help low-income residents overcome the high cost of energy through the installation of energy conservation measures and additional housing services. Call or visit at (800) 749-2010 or [www.aacog.com/wap](http://www.aacog.com/wap).

- Advanced Energy Audit
- Windows, Insulation for attic, walls, floors
- HVAC, gas water heaters
- Weather stripping and caulking

- Homes and Apartments
Natural Resources

- **Natural Resources** – monitors local air quality and promotes meaningful solutions to reduce pollution.
- Ozone Levels - 2008 75ppb, 2015 70ppb, Currently 73
- One of the few of the largest cities in U.S still in attainment
  - 32% Emissions from San Antonio Area
  - 68% Emissions from other places
- 2017 – awaiting EPA finalization of Nonattainment Area Designations (expect “marginal” nonattainment
- 2020 – 2037 – Nonattainment areas to comply with EPA mandates
- Concerted effort by the Region to mitigate Ozone
  - Wind/Solar/transportation/ride-sharing/
Public Safety

- **Public Safety** – assists localities with securing state funding & implementing public safety.
  - **Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy:** Basic, intermediate, advanced and master certification courses for new and experienced police and corrections officers as well as telecommunications personnel working for law enforcement agencies throughout Texas. Contact (210) 362-5291.
  - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – Provide free training to law enforcement on domestic, dating, stalking, and human trafficking.

- **Criminal Justice:** Facilitation of planning, implementation and assessment of regional criminal justice initiatives by coordinating funding from the Texas Governor’s Office.
  - Regional Strategic Plan – Identify Gaps: Elder Abuse, child abuse, mental health, human trafficking, drug abuse
  - Program funding for the above
Public Safety

- **Homeland Security**: Regional coordination of planning and disbursement of federal Homeland Security grant funding and conducting emergency management training for first responders.
  - Develop annual Threat and Hazard Risk Assessment
    - Large Venue
      - Bomb Threats
      - Active shooter
    - Plan and Coordinate interoperability (Communications)

- **Regional 9-1-1**: Administration of the 9-1-1 program for eight counties, including testing and certifications, emergency dispatch call processing and mapped Automation Location Identification.
  - Ensure and Emergency response is efficient
    - Cell or Land Line
    - Pinpoint location
    - Adequate Cell Tower location
    - Address clean up for land lines
Regional Services

- **Regional Services** – Designated as an Economic Development District by the Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration, AACOG assists economic development initiatives such as:
  - Downtown development programs
  - Economic forecasting
  - Coordination of business development strategies
  - Applications for state/federal grants & loans
  - Military base support; provides regional leadership and training.
JBSA Overview

**Where we are**
- 11 Separate Locations
- 35 M ft² Facilities
- +46,500 Acres

**Who we are**
- 502d Air Base Wing
- 266 Mission Partners
- 82,000 Employees

**What our impact is**
- $15.5B Economic Impact to the greater San Antonio area
- Interface with 1,000 Civic leaders
- Encompassing...
  - 20 Communities
  - 4 Counties
  - 4 Congressional Districts

Joint Base San Antonio: The Premier Installation in the Department of Defense!
Who we Interface with

- **Local**
  - All 11 members of San Antonio City Council
  - 14 other City Councils/Municipalities
  - 5 Chambers of Commerce
  - 5 Universities/colleges (7 campuses)

- **State**
  - 8 State Senators/Representatives
  - Officials from 5 County Governments

- **National**
  - 2 US Senators & 4 US Congressmen

San Antonio is “Military City USA”

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JBSA Encroachment Challenges

**JBSA-Fort Sam Houston & Camp Bullis Conditions**

- Adjacent urban growth limits current and future installation operations
- Water Security
- Endangered species, biological opinion and feral hogs

**JBSA-Lackland Conditions**

- Adjacent urban growth limits current and future installation operations
- Periodic Flooding limits accessibility and damages infrastructure
- Impending growth of Port of San Antonio and increased airspace creates congestion for military flight training
- Bird Air Strike Hazard (BASH) and increase in feral hogs affecting training missions

**JBSA-Randolph Conditions**

- Adjacent urban growth creates incompatible development in clear zone and accident potential zone
- BASH and associated safety risks
- Increased airspace congestion for military flight training
- VHF Omnidirectional Range navigation and interference limits aircraft navigation

Bottom Line: We must partner to ensure compatibility with across JBSA today… and viability tomorrow!

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**Commander’s Intent**: Leverage existing assets and resources in JBSA and the Greater San Antonio area to create synergies to achieve operational efficiencies and effectiveness. The goal is to reduce 502 ABW’s installation support operating costs while generating robust partnerships to preserve JBSA’s critical military missions and to support the economic vitality of the San Antonio region.

### Driving Factors

- **Reduced Budget/Fiscal Challenges** – Make every dollar count
  - Manpower cuts
  - Hiring freezes
  - Realignments
- **Force structure changes and defense industry reductions**
- **JBSA needs to be represented as a large local business with vast utility, transportation, and workforce needs on the local and state stage**
- **Innovative partnerships—sparked by new legislation**
- **Mutual benefits – helps posture San Antonio for next round of BRAC**

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**10 USC 2336 under Section 331**

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Resource Recovery

- **Resource Recovery** – promotes meaningful solutions to reduce solid waste disposal.
Supported Entities

**Area Judges**

- The rural Area Judges serve as the Chief Elected Officials for the eleven rural counties of the Alamo Workforce Development Area; in that capacity, they select the Board members for **Workforce Solutions-Alamo region**. The Area Judges also serve as the **Policy Board** for Alamo Regional Transit.

**Alamo Area Development Corporation (AADC)**

- AADC is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that was established in 1995 to enhance services in the AACOG region. Although a separate entity, AADC is a component unit of AACOG.
Air Improvement Resources (AIR) Executive Committee

• The AIR Executive Committee is a collaboration of local elected officials representing the counties and largest cities within the San Antonio MSA, who strive to improve air quality in our region.
  • Staff members conduct technical projects that provide the data analysis necessary for air quality planning.
  • The air quality technical projects of AACOG include air pollution monitoring, data analysis, emission inventory development, modeling, and reporting.
  • The air quality outreach and education programs of AACOG address a wide range of topics, including fuels and vehicles, ridesharing, vehicle operation and maintenance, and the Air Quality Health Alert program.
AACOG Executive Staff

- Executive Director
  Diane Rath

- Chief Financial Officer
  - John Clamp (210-362-5208)

- General Counsel & Senior Director – Clifford C. Herberg, Jr.

- Senior Director of IDD & Agency Coordination – Susan Lodge

- Senior Director of Operations – Stella Garcia

- Senior Director of External Affairs – Tim Treviño