



November 24, 2009
North Central Texas Council Of Governments

The Honorable Keith Self
Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Bldg.
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192
McKinney, TX 75071

Dear Judge Self:

As you are aware, the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging administers an Aging Program that serves older persons and their family caregivers who live in the 14 counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant. Assisting the AAA is the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC), which advises the Agency on such matters as developing the Area Aging Plan, conducting public hearings, and identifying older persons' needs. In this regard, the RAAC serves an important role in developing and implementing a comprehensive and coordinated system of aging services. Each county is entitled to two seats on RAAC.

Harry Kepner of Plano has completed a three-year term on RAAC, and has served the County well. In fact, the RAAC Nominations Subcommittee has recommended that he serve as an officer during 2010. Since RAAC members may serve two consecutive terms, Mr. Kepner is eligible for re-nomination. Pat Hatchell of Plano is Collin County's other representative.

We are seeking RAAC members who can look beyond local interests to broader regional aging issues, provide a supportive role in working with the program, and serve as an advocate on eldercare issues. They should be able to attend quarterly meetings in Arlington, and complete a three-year term of service. To avoid conflicts of interest, RAAC members may not be employed by or have a financial interest in long-term care facilities.

Since our agency has a legislative mandate to target older persons who are frail, have low incomes, are non-white, are isolated, and/or have Alzheimer's, we welcome RAAC members who are involved in service to one or more of these target populations.

In light of these considerations, we are asking for your assistance in either re-nominating Mr. Kepner or nominating another individual from Collin County to serve on the Committee for the term ending December 2012. We have enclosed both a re-nomination form and a biographical sketch. The sketch is to be completed only if you wish to nominate a County resident other than Mr. Kepner. Members will be appointed by NCTCOG's Executive Board, which considers all nominees.

To recommend a County resident for membership, we would appreciate your completing and returning the enclosed biographical form by Thursday, December 31st. Although we are requesting a nominee to fill one vacancy, you may wish to nominate more than one person in case your primary nominee cannot serve.

If you have any questions about RAAC or this request, please feel free to call Doni Van Ryswyk, Manager of Aging Programs, at (817) 695-9193, or me at (817) 695-9171. Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Keithley
Director of Community Services and
Public Safety Communications



**REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RE-NOMINATION FORM**

Submitted By: _____

Name of Person to be renominated: Harry Kepner

Date: _____

Please mail or fax to:

Doni Van Ryswyk
North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging
PO Box 5888
Arlington, TX 76005-5888
Fax: (817) 695-9274



**REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOMINATION FORM**

Submitted By: _____ Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Business: _____ Home: _____

FAX number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Military Veteran: Yes: _____ No: _____

Retired: Yes: _____ No: _____

Business: Name of Firm: _____

Title: _____

Racial/Ethnic Group (*check one*) _____ White (*non-Hispanic origin*) _____ Black (*non-Hispanic origin*)

_____ Hispanic _____ Asian or Pacific Islander _____ American Indian or Alaska Native

Male _____ Female _____

(*check one*) Under age 60: _____ Age 60 or over: _____

Educational Background:

Civic Affiliations (e.g., United Way, etc.):

Experience with the elderly:

What do you consider to be the major needs of the elderly?

Please mail or fax to:

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