

# **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 1:30p.m.

## **Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging**

6694 E. Kings Canyon Road  
Fresno, CA 93727

- I. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Ren Ramshaw at 1:46 p.m. as a quorum was established, with seven members in attendance.

After the meeting was called to order, Chair Ramshaw turned the meeting over to the moderators, Jennifer Webb and Hillaree Bennett.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Diaz; Mike Bishop; Anne Bishop; Chrissy Buckles; Ren Ramshaw; Tonya Frost; Greg Steen

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Paula Faulkner, Minerva Garcia, Kin Tan, Jerry Zuniga, Raymond Lopez, Verlaine Elinburg, Michael Mendez Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer Webb, Administrative Manager; Hillaree Bennett, Program Director

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

- II. **WELCOME AND VOLUNTARY INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair, Ren Ramshaw introduced herself and welcomed attendees.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No report
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Advisory Council Meeting of October 10, 2023 Was Canceled due to Lack of Quorum; no meeting minutes approved.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** NO Report

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. WeCare
  - a. A pilot CalGrows program.
  - b. FMAAA team rolled program out in September 2023.
  - c. Program provides free support to unpaid caregivers through any smart device.
  - d. Care Navigators are assigned to participants and provide reminders, assistance, and support via text to chat options.
2. Aging Veterans Coalition
  - a. FMAAA collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
  - b. Official kickoff meeting is on December 12, 2023.
  - c. Currently there are 20 community stakeholders included from both Madera and Fresno counties.
  - d. This group will create an MOU between service providers to better support our aging Veterans.
3. Fresno County Department of Public Health's Access and Functional Needs Work Group
  - a. FMAAA will be active members and meet quarterly to assist in meeting the needs of older adults in Fresno County during public health emergencies
  - b. FMAAA was asked to join their sub-committee that will focus on emergency preparedness and response.
4. FMAAA participated in outreach events
  - a. September: 1-Fresno/1 Madera
  - b. October: 8- Fresno/ 2- Madera
  - c. November: 2- Fresno

**VII. REPORTS:**

- A. Committee Updates in Support of Agency on Aging's Area Plan
  - 1. Elder Homelessness: No report.
  - 2. Services for Older Adults from the Faith-Based Community: No report.
  - 3. Elder Abuse Prevention:  
Ren Ramshaw reported she would like to begin providing presentations once again. Ren Ramshaw requested that we return to subcommittees rather than work groups; stating that more work is completed when someone leads the group.
  - 4. Disaster Preparedness: No report.
- B. Advisory Council Chair Report
  - 1. Advisory Council Membership Status: Jennifer Webb reported five new recruitments.
  - 2. Brief Announcement of Upcoming Events for Older Adults: Jennifer Webb share the Senior Snuggles Winter Drive at the FMAAA.
- C. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report
  - 1. APU Approved by CDA 23/24
  - 2. Salary Schedule increase of 5% approved, effective January 2024.
  - 3. OAA, OCAM, and Nutrition funds approved.
- D. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report- No report
- E. Triple A Council of California (TACC) Report- No report

**VIII. FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

- A. Jennifer Webb and Hillaree Bennett shared staffing shortages and spacing options with shared desks.

**X. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Ren Ramshaw/Hillaree Bennett  
Meeting was adjourned at 3:01p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Webb, Administrative Manager  
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging