

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 1:30p.m.

Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging

1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123
Fresno, CA 93710

- I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Ren Ramshaw at 1:46 p.m. as a quorum was established, with eight 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: Mike Bishop, Anne Bishop, Chrissy Buckles, Ren Ramshaw, Greg Steen, Minerva Garcia, Verlaine Elinburg, Jan Clagg
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Sharon Diaz, Kin Tan, Jerry Zuniga, Raymond Lopez, Michael Mendez Jr.
STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Webb, Administrative Manager; Hillaree Bennett, Program Director
GUESTS PRESENT: Paula Savino and Joel Gurs
- II. WELCOME AND VOLUNTARY INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair, Ren Ramshaw introduced herself and welcomed attendees.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Paula Savino expressed her concerns regarding the older adult homelessness crisis and transportation concerns ("dump and leave")
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Advisory Council meeting of December 12, 2023 was canceled due to lack of quorum; no meeting minutes approved.

- V. OLD BUSINESS: NO Report**

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Snuggle Winter Drive
 - a. Received 100 quilts from Jan Clagg and the Senior Quilt Project- all have been distributed.
2. Home Visits Resumed
3. Staff Trauma Training
4. Digital Connections
5. FSU Internship Program
6. Residency Program with Valley Health Team Family Medicine
7. WeCare: Council shared that they had heard the PSA's and expressed concerns that they were too close to the VCRC caregiver PSA's.
8. VA Coalition
9. Partnership with First Fruit Market and Groceries2Go

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:
The council would like to resume presentations on this topic again.
 - 4. Disaster Preparedness: No report.
- B. Advisory Council Chair Report
 - 1. Advisory Council Membership Status: Jennifer reported one new potential member, Angie Stillwell, that will be introduced to the FMAAA Governing Board for approval in February, 2024.
 - 2. Brief Announcement of Upcoming Events for Older Adults: No report.
- C. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report: No report.
- D. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report- Minerva shared 10 proposals and shared packets of information for members to review.
- E. Triple A Council of California (TACC) Report- Minerva stated that this group is not political and meets every 3 months with representatives from 53 areas.

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

- A. Jennifer Webb and Hillaree Bennett shared wait listed services and staff shortages.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Ren Ramshaw/Hillaree Bennett
Meeting was adjourned at 2:43p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Webb, Administrative Manager
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