

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 1:30p.m.

Fresno-Madgency Area Agency on Aging

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Fresno, CA 93710

- I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Ren Ramshaw at 1:31 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, Minerva Garcia, Jan Clagg, Raymond Lopez, and Sharon Diaz
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Greg Steen and Michael Mendez Jr.
STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Webb, Administrative Manager; Hillaree Bennett, Program Director
GUESTS PRESENT: Tonya Frost, Angie Stillwell, and Mariel Ortiz
- II. WELCOME AND VOLUNTARY INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair, Ren Ramshaw introduced herself and welcomed attendees.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No report
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the Advisory Council meeting of January 9, 2024 were presented for approval.
1. Motion: Approve Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting of January 9, 2024 as presented
- Raymond Lopez/Michael Bishop Unanimously Carried
- V. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Digital Connections: 3 tablets remaining to distribute.
 2. Residency Program: First Resident completed 1/26/24
 3. FSU Internship Program: Completed site visit 1/11/24

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Area Plan Update: Hillaree invite AC members to participate, CDA will approve AP by May 1,2024.
2. RFP Review Committee: Hillaree invited AC members to submit their interest.
If interested please email Jennifer at jwebb@fmaaa.org by EOD Friday, 2/26/2024
We will review and finalize this committee over the next few weeks. Non-disclosure agreements and Conflict of Interest Statements will be required for committee members.
3. Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) (Information)
4. Voting Accessibility Committee (VAAC) (Information)
5. Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Emergency Planning and Preparedness Committee (Information): Jennifer will send Minerva an invite.
6. VA Coalition Group: Together for Veterans (Information): Jennifer will send Chrissy an invite.
7. California Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus Townhall 1/18/24 (Information)
8. Follow-up meeting with Fresno Council President Annalisa Perea (Information)
9. WeCare (Information)
Literature (Information)
10. January Staff Training – Resources for Independence Central Valley (RICV) (Information)
11. Outreach:
 - i. Sequoia Community Center (Information) Chrissy shared information about the Fire Safe Council for rural areas.
 - ii. Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC) (Information)
 - iii. Alzheimer Association (Information)
 - iv. Poverello House- Case Conference Meeting (Information)
 - v. Clovis Senior Center Presentation 2/7/24 (Information)
12. FMAAA website (Information)
 - i. Procurement: OneEach, Cumulus, and Finest City Entertainment)
 - ii. Hope to launch in March
13. Social Media
14. LinkedIn almost 700 followers (Information)
15. Facebook (Information)
16. Newsletter (Information)

VII. REPORTS:

- A. Committee Updates in Support of Agency on Aging's Area Plan: Jennifer requested for AC members that were interested in joining a committee to email her.
 - 1. Elder Homelessness: Minerva volunteers at Catholic Charities and spoke with staff members and volunteers if they would like to represent homeless older adults at our meetings as guests. Transportation may be an issue for attendance.
 - 2. Services for Older Adults from the Faith-Based Community: Jennifer provided the existing contact list. Ray is working on updating it.
 - 3. Elder Abuse Prevention: Jennifer discussed moving forward with presentations. Sharon stated that her team could assist with providing updated presentation information. Jennifer will be emailing Sharon to follow-up.
 - 4. Disaster Preparedness: Hillaree stated that she will be looking into ordering MRE's for shelter sites.

- B. Advisory Council Chair Report: Ren asked for Jennifer to report.
 - 1. Advisory Council Membership Status: Jennifer reported two new potential members, Angie Stillwell and Mariel Ortiz, that will be introduced to the FMAAA Governing Board for approval in February 21, 2024. Jennifer also reported the following existing member that will be presented to the Governing board for reappointment approval: Ren Ramshaw, Sharon Diaz, Verlaine Elinburg, Minerva Garcia, and Michael Mendez.
 - 2. Brief Announcement of Upcoming Events for Older Adults:
 - a. Valentine's Senior Dance, Saturday, February 17, 2024
1-4pm at the Pinedale Community Center.
 - b. People's Church Caregiver Conference Saturday, March 2, 2024
TBD. (Information) Jennifer will be emailing the flyer to the group once received.
 - c. SMP Shredding Event March 9, 2024 from 10am to noon at
VCRC (Information)

- C. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report: No report.

- D. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report- Minerva encouraged the council to continue reviewing the proposals she shared previously.

- 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. Minerva stated that she has attended for over 7 years and feels that another member would benefit from attending these meetings.

- VIII. FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**
- A. Hired two case management workers and one of them was from within.**
 - B. Hired one eligibility worker in C2**
 - C. Agency is looking for an Information and Assistance Specialist**
 - D. Agency has a strong Finance Manager candidate.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Ren Ramshaw/Hillaree Bennett

Unanimously Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Webb

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