

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024**

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging  
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123 Fresno, 93710**

- I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair, Ren Ramshaw at 1:32pm as a quorum was established, with nine members in attendance.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Bishop, Michael Bishop, Ren Ramshaw, Tonya Frost, Verlaine Elinburg, Jan Clagg, Mariel Ortiz, Angela Stillwell, Chrissy Buckles, and Raymond Lopez

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Minerva Garcia and Michael Mendez, Jr., Sharon Diaz

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer Webb and Hillaree Bennett

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Lauri Moore, Christine Chung Camacho, and an ASL Interpreter from DHHSC

- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Ren Ramshaw welcomed all in attendance.

- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No report

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 9, 2024, Advisory Council meeting were presented for approval.

**MOTION:** APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2024 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED

Raymond Lopez/ Jan Clagg

Unanimously Carried

**V. PRESENTATION: NO REPORT**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Fresno Council of Governments- Senior Script follow-up meeting with GoGoGrandparent reps on May 6, 2024.
- Jennifer Webb attended the meeting and learned about the safety measures put into place for participants and the training the drivers receive. The reps will be following-up with flyers and more information to share. The reps were excited to learn about AAA's and how to support our participants moving forward.
  - Jennifer will provide updates as received with the group.
  - Chair Ramshaw shared that she called Fresno COG and signed her father up for services and was very happy with the process.
  - Jennifer stated that she would really like to have a member call and not introduce themselves as a member of the Advisory Council and see how the service is. The group agreed.
- B. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium on May 2, 2024
- No attendees/no report

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Report by Nominating Committee (Minerva Garcia, Angela Stillwell, and Sharon Diaz) on slate of Advisory Council Officer Candidates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Chair, Fresno City; First Vice-Chair, Madera County; Second Vice Chair, Fresno County)
- Angela stated that she did not receive any responses from committee members but received an email from Chair Ramshaw stating Chrissy Buckles would like to be nominated.
  - Nominations accepted from the floor: Chair- Michael Bishop, First Vice-Chair- Chrissy Buckles, and Second Vice-Chair- Tonya Frost.
- B. Fresno EOC Foster Grandparent Program- AmeriCorps Seniors
- Flyer shared- Jennifer shared contact Leah Struck and her passion for assisting our older adults in giving back and feeling fulfilled.
  - Members were encouraged to share the flyer with community members and reach out to Leah Struck for presentation requests.
- C. Fresno County Older Americans Month Proclamation-May 7, 2024
- Hillaree attended on behalf of the agency

- D. Madera County Older American Month Proclamation- May 14, 2024
  - Hillaree attended on behalf of the agency
- E. City of Fresno Older American Month Proclamation-TBD
  - Hillaree stated the event will be on May 23, 2024 and she will be in attendance on behalf of the agency.
- F. Fresno County Elder Abuse Proclamation – June 4, 2024
  - Hillaree stated that she will be in attendance on behalf of the agency.

## VIII. REPORTS

- A. Advisory Council Chair Report:
  - 1. Advisory Council Membership Status
    - One new recruitment- Audrey Redmond for Fresno County- Jennifer stated that this recruit is still in the process and will hopefully be scheduling her interview with the Governing Board soon.
    - Jennifer made an unscheduled announcement that she received an official resignation from Greg Steen late the night before.
  - 2. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults
    - a. May 17, 2024-Madera County- Active Aging Mental Health Awareness Walk, contact [ogarcia@madera.gov](mailto:ogarcia@madera.gov) for more information.
      - Jennifer shared that the agency attempted to participate and table but that the event was not allowing outside participation other than materials to share. Jennifer provided literature for their giveaway bags.
    - b. June 1, 2024- Alzheimer's Association, Valley Caregiver Resource Center, and UCSF Fresno Alzheimer and Memory Center virtual Spanish Conference. Contact Patricia Dailey for more information at 559-795-5970.
      - Jennifer shared that she worked with case manager, Jessica Jacobo-Lopez and recorded a brief presentation in Spanish for this virtual event. Jennifer also shared that the agency would be creating an English video for the same event in English in the Fall.

- c. June 4, 2024-FMAAA presentation at Oak Terrace Apartments in Oakhurst.
  - Jennifer shared that this would be new Clinical Managers first presentation and she will do a great job.
- d. June 5, 2024-Westlake Health and Resource Fair at Westlake Mobile Home Park.
  - Jennifer encouraged members to share the event and that she would request a flyer to share with them. Jennifer shared that the agency is sending a team to share resources.

B. Committee Progress Reports

1. **Elder Abuse Prevention Committee:** *Chrissy Buckles (Leader), Raymond Lopez, Tonya Frost, Ren Ramshaw*
  - No report at this time. Leader, Chrissy Buckles requested for Jennifer to resend her previous email regarding the scheduling of the Adult Training Academy for the Advisory Council.
  - Ren Ramshaw reminded Chrissy that the members would like to schedule following the AC meeting if possible.
2. **Services for Older Adults from Faith-Based Community Committee:** *Tonya Frost (Leader), Michael Mendez, Jr., Anne Bishop, Michael Bishop, Raymond Lopez, Chrissy Buckles*
  - No report at this time. Leader, Tonya Frost encouraged her committee to complete their updates and she would report next meeting.
3. **Elder Homelessness:** *Minerva Garcia (Leader), Ren Ramshaw, Sharon Diaz, Angela Stillwell*
  - City Center tour on April 30<sup>th</sup> report from Advisory Council members (Attended: Tonya Frost, Michael Bishop, Anne Bishop, Jan Clagg, Minerva Garcia, and Verlaine Elinburg)
  - The attendees stated that they loved the tour and Nathan Freeland the facility coordinator was very informative. Chair Ramshaw inquired about scheduling an additional tour for those who could not attend. Jennifer stated that she would share the contact information so she may schedule.
  - Jennifer Webb attended the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care meeting on both April 11, 2024 and on May 9, 2024. Jennifer shared that the April meeting reviewed county and city area plan

submission plans and grant updates, and that the May meeting elected officers.

4. **Disaster Preparedness Committee:** *Minerva Garcia (Leader), Chrissy Buckles, Verlaine Elinburg*

- Fresno County Access and Functional Needs Meeting on May 1, 2024 at 10am. (Jennifer Webb, Minerva Garcia and Verlaine Elinburg report) Verlaine shared that the meeting was informative and encouraged all members to attend. Tonya Frost encouraged the agency to create a client list for case managers to have daily that would need assistance if an emergency were to arise. Jennifer stated that she would discuss with Hillaree and Jamie while creating our emergency preparedness plan.
- Madera County Access and Functional Needs meeting on May 2, 2024 from noon -2pm (Jennifer Webb) Jennifer stated that it was very impressive and informative. Jennifer stated that she would be sharing the meeting information with the members.
- Fresno County Wildfire Awareness Month Townhall Meeting- Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 1-3pm report (members were emailed and encouraged to attend on Monday, May 6, 2024) No members attended, nothing to report. Jennifer shared that the agency has plenty of the Go Bags mentioned in the event flyer and members could stop by the agency and pick them up if needed.

C. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report:

- April meeting went well and EvalCor Presented on the Area Plan
- Funds for 24.25 were reviewed and approved
- No big vendor changes for 24.25

D. Triple-A Council of California: Tonya Frost attended and would like to attend in person when possible. Jennifer stated that she would speak with Hillaree and Jamie to discuss in person attendance. Tonya stated that she would like to have more information about the work we are accomplishing to share at upcoming meetings. Hillaree stated that Tonya was welcome to review the newly completed area plan. Jennifer stated that they would be happy to assist her in her preparation for the next meeting.

E. California Senior Legislature (CSL): No report at this time.

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

- A.
- OPEN POSITIONS: FINANCE MANAGER AND I & A SPECIALIST
  - OFFER LETTER SENT TO LEAD ACCOUNTANT
  - HIRED PART-TIME NURSE AND SHE MAY BE INTERESTED IN TRANSITIONING TO FULLTIME AFTER THE SUMMER.
  - MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING- ALL PROGRAM MANAGERS – JENNIFER SHARED THAT THIS WAS AN INVITATION FROM MADERA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Webb*

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Jennifer Webb, Administrative Manager  
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