

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123, Fresno, CA. 93710

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AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Michel Bishop, Chair
- II. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
 - A. Guest Introductions (Voluntary) *Information*
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any **member of the public may address the Advisory Council** during any Advisory Council meeting at the appointed time shown on the agenda, on any topic within the jurisdiction of the Advisory Council. **Individual presentations or topics shall be limited to five (5) minutes**, except under special circumstances, as determined and announced by the Advisory Council Chair. Pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act amendments, the Advisory Council will not take any action on presentations or topics until properly listed on a subsequent meeting agenda, except in case of an emergency.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of September 10, 2024 *Action*
- V. **OLD BUSINESS** *Information*
 - A. Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Vouchers: 250 nutrition vouchers, valued at \$12,500, were successfully distributed to older adults for use at local farmers markets, including locations in Kaiser, Kerman, and Madera.
 - B. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: On July 10th, Susan Bussean presented updated regulations on elder abuse in long-term care facilities to FMAAA staff.
 - C. Listos California Regional Disaster Summit: Hillaree Bennett and Minerva Garcia participated in the Listos California Regional Disaster Summit, providing valuable insights on disaster preparedness.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS** *Information*
 - A. September 12 – Sarah S. conducted a Congregate Site Food Safety Training
 - B. September 14 – Miles R. attended the City of Fresno Fall Community Festival and Blood Drive at the Mosqueda Community Center, hosted by Council Member Chavez
 - C. September 25 – Hillaree B. hosted a full-staff meeting focusing on our updated Fire Safety and Heat Injury Prevention Plan and on Workplace Violence.
 - D. September 17 – Sarah S. conducted an Elder Abuse and Fire Safety Training for the congregate sites.
 - E. September 28 - Miles R., Diane X., and Darlene B. attended a Senior Resource Fair at McLane High School hosted by Assemblyman Dr. Joaquin Arambula.

- F. October 2 – Miles R. represented FMAAA at the monthly Local Advocates For Seniors meeting at the Spaghetti Factory.
- G. October 3 – Jamie S. & Hillaree B. met with the Lead Organization as key informants to give FMAAA feedback on the Madera County Area and how we can help build relationships and supports within the area.
- H. October 7- Miles R., Sarah C., and other FMAAA staff hosted a table representing FMAAA at the Big Fresno Fair Senior Day.
- I. October 16 – Miles R. presenting at LC Hotchkiss Senior Living Facility
- J. October 16 – Sarah S. and Yecica E. to attend Better Business Bureau Senior Scam Presentation in Firebaugh
- K. October 17 - Alejandro G. & Julian G. to attend the Retired Employees of Fresno County Health and Wellness Fair.
- L. October 25 – Miles R. attended the Sierra Senior Center Resource Fair.
- M. November 6 - Miles R. represented FMAAA at the monthly Local Advocates For Seniors meeting at the Spaghetti Factory.
- N. November 6 – Lyle and Mary Fester from A Plus In-Home Care gave a presentation to the FMAAA staff on the services that they provide.
- P. November 7 – Miles R. attended the Madera County Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee
- Q. November 8 – Miles R. attended Veteran Administration Caregiver Fair

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. Advisory Council Chair Report
 - 1. Advisory Council Membership Status: *Information*
 - City of Fresno – Three Vacancies
 - Fresno County – One Vacancy
 - Madera County – Three Vacancies
 - 2. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults *Information*
- B. Committee Progress Reports from Committee Leaders
 - 1. **Elder Abuse Prevention Committee:** *Chrissy Buckles (Leader), Raymond Lopez, Tonya Frost, Ren Ramshaw Information*
 - 2. **Services for Older Adults from Faith-Based Community Committee:** *Tonya Frost (Leader), Michael Mendez, Jr., Anne Bishop, Michael Bishop, Raymond Lopez, Chrissy Buckles - List of Faith-Based Food Pantries and Resources for Older Adults Information*
 - 3. **Elder Homelessness:** *Minerva Garcia (Leader), Ren Ramshaw, Sharon Diaz, Angela Stillwell Information*
 - 4. **Disaster Preparedness Committee:** *Minerva Garcia (Leader), Chrissy Buckles, Verlaine Elinburg Information*
- C. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report (Staff) *Information*
- D. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report *(CSL Senior Assembly Member Minerva Garcia) Information*
- E. Triple-A Council of California report: *(Assigned member-Tonya Frost) Information*

VIII. **FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES** *Information*

- Welcome to the team new Home Delivered Meals Eligibility Worker Yesenia Gonsalez
- Welcome to the team new Nutrition Intern Marissa Martinez

- Jamie S. and Hillaree B. are on the Madera County Local Aging and Disability Action Plan (LADAO) Advisory Council. They meet monthly to discuss the LADAO.
- Clinical Manager Sarah Carl has established two new vendor contracts with Interim Healthcare of the Central Valley and A-Plus In Home Care to improve services for current MSSP and Linkages participants and enroll those on the waiting list.
- New mileage forms and Name Plates

IX. Adjournment

Action

Next Meetings:

Advisory Council

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Governing Board

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Fig Garden Regional Library

3071 W Bullard Ave,

Fresno, CA 93711

Note: Changed to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30pm

Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2024
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- I. **Call to Order:**
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Michael Bishop at 1:35 pm as a quorum was established, with eight of thirteen members in attendance.
 - b. **Advisory Council Members Present:** Tonya Frost, Jan Clagg, Verlaine Elinburg, Minerva Garcia, Anne Bishop, Michael Mendez, Michael Bishop, and Mariel Ortiz
 - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Sharon Diaz, Raymond Lopez, Ren Ramshaw, Chrissy Buckles, and Angie Stillwell
 - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Hillaree Bennett and Miles Robinson
 - e. **Guests Present:** Nikki Gallagher (OakMont of Fresno), Joel Gurs (Adult Services Training Academy), Stefanie Diaz (River Vista BH, Kaiser), and Emma Lopez (ASL Interpreter from DHHSC)

- II. **Welcome and Introductions:**
 - a. Chair Michael Bishop welcomed all in attendance as well as all members, and guests shared their name, title, and organization represented.

- III. **Public Comment:** No Report

- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Michael Bishop called for a motion to be made to approve the presented June 11, 2024 Advisory Council Minutes. Jan Clagg mad the main motion and was seconded by Tonya Frost. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Hillaree Bennett provided a recap of the officer elections held during the previous meeting. The following officers were officially installed: Chair: Michael Bishop, First Vice Chair: Chrissy Buckles, and Second Vice Chair: Tanya Frost
 - b. Hillaree Bennett discussed how the Advisory Council schedule was approved for the 24-25 fiscal year. Miles Robinson mentioned that the schedule was emailed to the membership but was also located in the membership packets for their binders.

- VI. **ID Badges and Mileage Reimbursement:**
 - a. Minerva Garcia raised the need for council members to have ID badges and raised concerns about mileage reimbursement for those traveling long distances. Hillaree Bennet stated that the issue is pending state approval. Miles Robinson will look into it.
 - b. Miles Robinson asked that the Council members to please check to make sure their contact information and term expiration was correct on the membership

list that was passed around for FMAAA's records and for the possibility of ID badges being made.

VII. New Business:

a. Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Vouchers:

- i. Hillaree Bennett reported on the successful distribution of 250 senior nutrition vouchers at local farmers markets and from walk-ins from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. These totaled to \$12,500 that older adults were able to use at local farmers market locations including Kaiser Farmer's Market, Kerman, and the Neighborhood Farmers Market in Madera. (Walk ins)

b. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program:

- i. Hillaree Bennett mentioned that on July 10th, 2024 Susan Bussean presented new rules and regulations surrounding elder abuse in long-term care facilities to FMAAA staff.

c. Listos California Regional Disaster Summit:

- i. Hillaree Bennett gave an update from her recent participation in the Listos California Regional Disaster Summit, where Minerva Garcia was also a participant.

d. Local Outreach:

- i. Hillaree Bennett updated the Council on recent and upcoming outreach events such as the Local Advocate for Seniors meeting on September 4th, a presentation to the Shaver Lake Lions' Club on September 5th, the City of Fresno Community Fall Festival hosted by Council Member Chavez on September 14th, the Senior Resource Fair at McLane High School hosted by Assemblyman Aramula on September 28th, and Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair on October 7th.

VIII. Reports:

a. Advisory Council Chair Report:

i. Advisory Council Membership Status:

1. 13 Current Members
2. 8 Vacancies
3. 1 Fresno County, 3 Madera County, and 4 Fresno City

ii. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults:

1. September 10th – 12th Madera County Listening Sessions
2. September 14th City of Fresno Community Fall Festival
3. September 20th Senior Circle Potluck at Northpointe Community Church – Topic: Wills and Trusts
4. September 25th Clovis Senior Center End of Summer BBQ Bash
5. September 27th Clovis Senior Center hosts the Clovis Lions Spaghetti Dinner
6. September 28th Senior Resource Fair

7. October 3rd Clovis Senior Center Crafts Fair
8. October 5th Ranchos Hills Senior Center Craft Fair
9. October 7th Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair
10. October 12th Clovis Senior Center Annual Car Show

b. Elder Abuse Prevention Committee Report:

- i. Tonya Frost led a discussion about the lack of progress in the Elder Abuse Prevention Committee, including outdated training videos and the need to locate equipment. Miles Robinson was tasked with locating the equipment at FMAAA to film new training videos. Chrissy Buckles is the chair of this committee.

c. Services for Older Adults from Faith-Based Communities Committee Report:

- i. Tonya Frost gave an update on the creation of a list of Faith-Based programs that have various distribution services. A discussion was had about starting fresh and modifying and updating an existing list of faith-based organizations that provide services for older adults. Tonya Frost is the chair of this committee.

d. Elder Homelessness Committee Report:

- i. Minerva Garcia led a discussion about the challenges of elder homelessness, including the need for showers, food, and clothing, and the difficulty in finding shelters for unhoused men. Tonya Frost added to the discussion that 50% of the unhoused population in Fresno are over the age of 50. Minerva Garcia is the chair of this committee.
- ii. Hillaree Bennett reminded the Advisory Council that the point of this committee is doing our research to provide resources to our Advisory Council monthly so that when someone reaches out the AC members can direct them to the Information and Assistance program at FMAAA and can provide those people with information in regards to elder homelessness. The point of the Advisory Council committee is not to solve elder homelessness but to provide information and resources.

e. Disaster Preparedness Committee Report:

- i. Minerva Garcia and Hillaree Bennett reported on the Disaster Preparedness Committee's activities, including attendance at an Access and Functional Needs Emergency Planning and Preparedness Committee meeting. They plan to attend another on November 9th. There were also discussions about using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to create "Disaster Ready" bags for older adults. The conversation highlighted the limited resources of in-home support services, which serve a significant number of elderly clients. The discussion suggested seeking grants and funding to expand services, especially in disaster-prone areas. Minerva Garcia is the chair of this committee.

f. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report:

- i. Hillaree Bennet covered the cancellation of July and August meetings due to fiscal year closeouts and new contract preparations. An update on the

next Governing Board Meeting was promised for the following AC meeting.

- ii. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 1:30pm at the Fig Garden regional Library. Advisory Council members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

g. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report:

- i. CSL Senior Assembly Member Minerva Garcia discussed upcoming virtual training and the process of submitting proposals to legislators. The importance of engaging with legislators to support bills benefiting seniors and people with disabilities was emphasized. Minerva Garcia introduced the role of a California senior senator, responsible for representing seniors and writing proposals. The position is currently vacant, and attendees were encouraged to consider it.

h. Triple-A Council of California Report:

- i. Tonya Frost didn't get assigned to represent FMAAA and missed the August 22nd meeting. Miles Robinson was tasked to ensure that Tonya is assigned to represent FMAAA for the Triple-A Council of California.

IX. Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging Administrative Update:

- a. Hillaree Bennett gave an update and introduced Amanda Lucas as the new Finance Manger and Miles Robinson as the new Administrative Manager. Hillaree reported that the office is now fully staffed, manger-wise, which is expected to improve operations and culture.

b. Persons Served Report:

- i. During the 23-24 fiscal year FMAAA served 4085 people with Older American Act funds through tittle III. This does not include American Rescue Plan Money, OCAM money, and does not include Older American Resilience funds.
- ii. In Fresno and Madera Counties 81% of the 4085 reported living in poverty.
- iii. Served and delivered out over 637,000 meals to home delivered meals which equates to 1,515 individuals that received those meals through Title III C-2 funds.
- iv. 58,637 meals were delivered to and served at partner senior and community centers. There are no income requirements at these centers. Participants just need to be 60 years of age or older.
- v. The conversation addressed the intake process at senior centers, the requirement for intake forms, and the voluntary contribution system. The importance of tracking data for state reporting was emphasized.

X. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 Pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Tonya Frost and seconded by Anne Bishop. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

Miles Robinson, Administrative Manager
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging



Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date and Time

September 10, 2024 @ 1:30pm

October 08, 2024 @ 1:30pm

November 12, 2024 @ 1:30pm

December 10, 2024 @ 1:30pm

January 14, 2025 @ 1:30pm

February 11, 2025 @ 1:30pm

March 11, 2025 @ 1:30pm

April 8, 2025 @ 1:30pm

May 13, 2025 @ 1:30pm

June 10, 2025 @ 1:30pm

July - No Meeting Scheduled

August - No Meeting Scheduled

*Meetings to be held:

University Office Center

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