

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123 Fresno, 93710**

- I. **Call to Order:**
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Michael Bishop at 1:33 PM. A quorum was established.
 - b. **Advisory Council Members Present:** Anne Bishop, Michael Bishop, Jan Clagg, Tonya Frost, Angela Stillwell, Ren Ramshaw, Michael Mendez Jr., and Mariel Ortiz.
 - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Raymond Lopez, Minerva Garcia, Stefanie Diaz, Verlaine Elinburg, and Chrissy Buckles.
 - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson
 - e. **Guests Present:** Tish Davis (Fresno Auspice Home Care) and Mario Pena (Alzheimer's Association)

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

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

- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair, Michael Bishop asked for a motion to approve the **September 10, 2024** Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Anne Bishop and seconded by Tonya Frost. The motion carried.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Miles Robinson provided a summary of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Vouchers. 150 nutrition vouchers valued at \$12,500 were distributed to older adults for use at local farmers markets, including locations at Kaiser, Kerman, and Madera.
 - b. Miles Robinson gave an update on the VCRC Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. On July 10th, Susan Bouchon presented updated regulations on elder abuse in long-term care facilities to FMAAA staff.
 - c. Miles Robinson provided an update on the Listos California Regional Disaster Summit. Hilary Bennett and Minerva Garcia participated, providing insights on disaster preparedness.

- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Miles R. gave an update on recent FMAAA activities:**
 - i. September 2023 – FMAAA staff participated in several trainings and events, including Congregate Site Food Safety Training and Elder Abuse

and Fire Safety Training (Sarah S.). Miles R. represented FMAAA at the City of Fresno Fall Community Festival and Blood Drive, while Miles R., Diane X., and Darlene B. attended the Senior Resource Fair hosted by Assemblyman Arambula. Hillaree B. led a full-staff meeting on Fire Safety, Heat Injury Prevention, and Workplace Violence.

- ii. October 2023 – FMAAA engaged in community outreach and advocacy efforts. Miles R. attended the Local Advocates for Seniors meeting, presented at LC Hotchkiss Senior Living Facility, and participated in the Sierra Senior Center Resource Fair. Jamie S. and Hillaree B. joined a feedback session with a Lead Organization to enhance support in Madera County. Sarah S. and Yecica E. attended the Better Business Bureau Senior Scam Presentation in Firebaugh, while Alejandro G. and Julian G. represented FMAAA at the Retired Employees of Fresno County Health and Wellness Fair. FMAAA staff, including Miles R., Sarah C., Julian G., and Lorena G., hosted a table for Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair.
- iii. November 2023 – Miles R. attended the Local Advocates for Seniors meeting at the Spaghetti Factory, the Madera County Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee, and the Veteran Administration Caregiver Fair. Lyle and Mary Fester from A Plus In-Home Care presented their services to FMAAA staff.
- iv. December 2023 – Miles R. represented FMAAA at the Housing Authority of Madera Senior Resource Fair. Hillaree B. and Miles R. presented to the Fresno Kiwanis Club about FMAAA programs and services.
- v. January 2024 – Miles R. attended a meeting at Big Sandy Rancheria to present FMAAA resources to tribal elders.

b. Miles R. gave an update on upcoming FMAAA activities:

- i. January 2024 – Miles R. attending a Case Conference for the Poverello House on January 14, to present on FMAAA resources, focusing on housing support. On January 24, FMAAA staff members Sara B. and Jessica J. will participate in the Reedley Senior Center Health Fair.

VII. Reports:

a. Advisory Council Chair Report:

i. Advisory Council Membership Status:

- 1. Current Vacancies: 1 Fresno County, 4 Madera County, and 3 Fresno City
- 2. Tish Davis and Joel Gurs met with the Governing Board Interview Committee. Governing board to accept the Committee's recommendation to approve at the January Board meeting.
- 3. **Membership Criteria:** 50% of the advisory council members must be aged 60 and older. Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) representation needed from each service area (City of Fresno, City of Madera County, and Fresno County).

ii. **Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events**

1. Tonya Frost shared that the All Women's Stand Up, a resource event for women veterans, will be held on February 17th.
2. Tish Davis shared about the Caregiver Conference taking place on March 1st at the People's Church.

b. **Committee Progress and Membership:**

- i. Discussion on the status of committees and membership. Suggestions were made to redefine committee roles and possibly create new committees, such as one focused on low-income housing.
- ii. **Elder Homelessness:** The discussion highlighted the lack of communication and measurable goals for the Elder Homelessness Committee. There is a need for setting SMART goals and reforming committees to focus efforts.

c. **Governing Board Meeting:**

- i. The last governing board meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. A meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2025, and the importance of having a quorum was emphasized.
- ii. **Advisory Council and Governing Board Relationship:** The relationship between the advisory council and the governing board was discussed, highlighting a disconnect and the need for better communication and understanding of roles.

d. **AAA Council of California**

- i. Tonya Frost reported the AAA Council of California meeting was attended via Zoom, focusing on the area plan on aging. The importance of collaboration among different entities was noted.

VIII. **Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging Administrative Update:**

- a. **Internships:** Miles Robinson gave an update on the FMAAA internship programs. FMAAA currently has two interns in Case Management, one from Fresno State and one from Fresno Pacific. I&A has an intern from Fresno State starting soon and Home Delivered Meals will have an intern from Fresno City College soon.
- b. **Congregate Sites in Madera:** Two new congregate sites will open in the City of Madera to provide hot meals for older adults – Frank Bergon and Pan-America.
- c. **New Vendors:** 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.

- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 Pm. The motion was made by Ren Ram Shaw and seconded by Jan Clagg. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

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