

Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of March 11, 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:** Michael Bishop, Jan Clagg, Tonya Frost, Angela Stillwell, Tish Davis, Joel Gurss, Michael Mendez Jr, and Mariel Ortiz.
 - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Anne Bishop, Raymond Lopez, Stefanie Diaz, Minerva Garcia, and Ren Ramshaw.
 - 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 **February 11, 2025** Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Jan Clagg and seconded by Tonya Frost. The motion carried.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Miles R. provided a summary of past outreach events, trainings, and advocacy efforts was provided, covering activities from January to March.

- VI. **New Business:**
 - a) Miles R. reported PSA 14's 2024–2028 Area Plan was approved by CDA; a public hearing for the 2025–2026 update will follow the April 8 Advisory Council meeting.
 - b) Miles R. reported on recent and upcoming outreach efforts including presentations, trainings, and resource fairs in Parlier, Madera, and Fresno, as well as participation in LAFS meetings and CalFresh Healthy Living Virtual Training Week.
 - c) New member Joel Gurss asked what LAFS stood for and Tonya Frost and Miles. Explained that it stands for Local Advocates For Seniors and that it meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Spaghetti Factory.
 - d) MILES R. REPORTED ON FMAAA'S meeting held with Officer Molly Jacobson of Clovis PD to establish a working relationship and share resources.
 - e) Angela Stillwell mentioned that Adult Protective Services did a meet & greet with multiple local Police Departments.

- f) There was a Discussion on establishing a new congregate site in Parlier, including the steps and timeline involved.

VII. **Reports:**

a. **Advisory Council Chair Report:**

i. **Advisory Council Membership Status:**

- 1. Current Vacancies: 2 Fresno County, 6 Madera County, and 1 Fresno City
- 2. **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. Miles R. reminded the group of the upcoming dates for the free spring Community Resource Fairs hosted by Assemblyman Arambula.

b. **Committee Updates and Reports:**

i. **Committee Structure Reevaluation**

- 1. Miles recommended reducing the number of committees from four to two for better focus. The proposed committees are Food and Resource Insecurity and Housing Insecurity. A motion to accept the recommendation made by Miles R. was made by Tonya Frost and seconded by Jan Clagg. The motion went to vote and was passed.

ii. **New Committee Members**

- 1. Miles R. passed around a sign-up sheet for the new committees while reminding the group that each committee will have a chairperson, meet quarterly, and establish clear goals. They aim to provide resources rather than solve issues directly, aligning with FMAAA's mission.

c. **Governing Board Meeting:**

- i. The governing board now meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. They recently approved one-time funds and updates to the employee handbook. Advisory Council members are encouraged to attend.

d. **California Senior Legislative Report**

- i. Minerva G. was unable to attend and thus there was no report.

e. **Triple-A Council of California (TACC)**

- i. Tonya Frost gave a report on the recent TACC meeting held on zoom. The report highlighted affordable senior living projects in San Francisco and LA, converting old buildings into low-cost housing. The annual convention will be in November in LA.

- VIII. **Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging Administrative Update:**
- a. Welcome to the Advisory Council!
 - i. New members Tish and Joel officially joined the Advisory Council.
 - b. There was a question posed by a member asking if Selma's Senior Center is funded by FMAAA. Miles R. responded that Selma did not renew their contract with FMAAA. This led into a discussion on how Kingsburg terminated their contract with FMAAA and now charge \$2-\$3 per meal.
 - c. Discussion was made about the Home-Delivered Meals program and how it serves around 700 people with a capacity for 1,000. There is a waitlist of over 1,000 people currently due to staff shortages and funding limitations. The program is aimed at frail older individuals without caregivers.
- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:07pm. The motion was made by Tish Davis and seconded by Angela Stillwell. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

Miles Robinson, Administrative Manager
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