

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

Meeting Minutes of March 12, 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 1:36pm as a quorum was established, with eight members in attendance.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bishop, Anne Bishop, Chrissy Buckles, Ren Ramshaw, Minerva Garcia, Tonya Frost, Greg Steen, Michael Mendez, Jr., and Angie Stillwell

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Sharon Diaz, Raymond Lopez, Verlaine Elinburg, Jan Clagg, and Mariel Ortiz

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Webb and Hillaree Bennett

GUESTS PRESENT: None Present

- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Ren Ramshaw welcomed all in attendance.

- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No report

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 13, 2024, Advisory Council meeting were presented for approval.

Motion: Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Advisory Council Meeting as Presented

Michael Bishop/Angie Stillwell

Unanimously Carried

V. PRESENTATION: NO REPORT

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Area Plan Update- HICAP will be added
- B. RFP Review Committee- Tonya Frost volunteered
- C. Fresno Madera Continuum of Care- Jennifer attends monthly and shared membership details with council.
- D. Voting Accessibility Committee – Jennifer attends and welcomed council members to attend.
- E. Access and Functional Needs Emergency Planning and Preparedness Committee – Jennifer attends quarterly and invited council members Minerva Garcia and Chrissy Buckles.
- F. VA Coalition Group-Together for Veterans- Jennifer attends monthly
- J. California Legislative LGBTQ + Townhall - Jennifer attended and advocated for older adults
 - Jennifer has requested a follow-up meeting with Fresno Council President Annalisa Perea.
- K. WeCare- Spanish literature is being distributed
- L. January Staff Meeting- Resources for Independence Central Valley provided a virtual training and Q &A about their services.
- M. Outreach:
 - Sequoia Community Center - presentation
 - Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC)- Facebook Live
 - Alzheimer Association- table
 - Poverello House - Case Management Presentation
 - Clovis Senior Center - Presentation
- N. FMAAA Website
 - Anticipated launch date is end of April, 2024
- O. Social Media
 - LinkedIn has over 700 followers
 - Facebook - on hold

- Newsletter - on hold

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Area Plan- Public Hearing scheduled to be directly after the next Advisory Council Meeting on April 9, 2024 from 2:30-3:30pm
- This hearing will be hybrid
 - Needs assessments were completed through EvalCorp
 - All funding sources will be discussed
 - Four-year Area Plan 2024-2028
- B. Affordable Connection Plans (ACP) expiring
- No longer accepting applications for ACP
 - Services end in April, 2024
 - Program Director, Hillaree Bennett shared Xfinity as a resource
- C. 12th Annual Mutts in Motion Pet Food Drive - food being delivered to office on 4/8. Team will distribute to participants in need.
- D. 2024 Virtual Senior Rally Day – May 8th
- All members were encouraged to register and attend
- E. The Central California Adult Services Training Academy Virtual training - March 18th.
- Sharon Diaz was absent so could not review information at this time.
 - Minerva Garcia requested for council to schedule a training together.
- F. WeCare Update - Spanish literature continues to be distributed
- G. February, 2024 Staff Training - Central California Legal Services provided Q &A for team.
- H. Orange Cove Donations - T.V. and St. Agnes crafts were delivered
- I. Fresno Council of Governments - Senior Script
- Council stated that they are curious as to how the program works.
 - Jennifer stated that she had a scheduled meeting with representative Jake Martinez on 3/18 and would receive clarification for the council.
 - Fax bus passes were inquired about.
 - Chrissy stated that YART should be assisting Madera.

J. Outreach:

Attended the Fresno Senior Center Meeting virtually - Jennifer and Tonya attended and shared the following concerns:

- Bi-level with only one elevator
- Unheated pool
- Lack of security
- Fall concerns due to multiple stairwells

People's Church Caregiver Conference - March 2, 2024

- Hillaree and Jennifer presented, while team members tabled resources

VIII. REPORTS

A. Advisory Council Chair Report:

1. Advisory Council Membership Status
 - Governing Board Approved two new members: Angie Stillwell - Fresno County and Mariel Ortiz - Madera County
2. Advisory Council Membership Status: Jennifer reported that the Advisory Council currently has 14 members, and has openings for:
 - 3 members for Fresno City
 - 1 member for Fresno County
 - 3 members for Madera County
4. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults
 - a. First Christian Church, Madera - Keep on Living Caregiver Conference - April 27, 2024 – Jennifer is presenting
 - b. Northpointe Community Church Resource event - Saturday, May 4th 2024 – the team will be tabling resources at this event

B. Committee Progress Reports

1. Elder Abuse Prevention: Chrissy Buckles accepted the role of committee Leader. Tonya Frost, Ren Ramshaw, and Raymond Lopez are members. No report at this time.
2. Services for Older Adults from the Faith-Based Community: Tonya Frost accepted the role of committee leader. Michael Bishop, Anne Bishop, Michael Mendez, Jr., Raymond Lopez, and Chrissy Buckles are members. No report at this time.

3. Elder Homelessness: Minerva Garcia accepted the role of committee leader. Ren Ramshaw, Sharon Diaz, and Angie Stillwell are members. No report at this time.

4. Disaster Preparedness: Minerva Garcia accepted the role of committee leader. Chrissy Buckles and Verlaine Elinburg are members.

- Chrissy would like to join the Madera Access and Functional Needs group.

C. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report: Program Director, Hillaree Bennett reported on the February 21, 2024 Governing Board meeting. In addition to other business, at its February meeting the Governing Board approved Advisory Council membership for both Mariel Ortiz and Angela Stillwell.

D. Triple-A Council of California: Jennifer Webb and Tonya Frost attended virtually. There were 24 attendees in all, California Civil Rights Department presented and shared their mission to alleviate discrimination. The draft of housing recommendations will be made public. California Commission on Aging (CCOA) presented on the modernization of AAA's. Jackie Tompkins, Project Director for the Master Plan on Aging presented and shared that the January 25th report included 5 goals; Housing for all ages and stages, Health reimaged, Inclusion and Equity-not isolation, Caregiving that works, and Affording Aging. The LGBTQ survey initiative was shared. Investment of 9.5 billion in older adult services since the Master Plan on Aging launched in 2021. Discussed CalGrows. CCOA shared 4 bills that they are focusing on: AB 1993: Residential Care Facilities - increase capacity from 6-10, AB 2207: Board and Commissions - add to state level for older adults, AB 2620: Commission on Aging - modernizing commission statute, and SB 1249: Modernizing AAA system structure.

E. California Senior Legislature (CSL): Senior Assembly Member Minerva Garcia shared her new business cards and Clovis Roundup newspaper with the council.

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

- A. FILLED MSSP CARE MANAGER POSITIONS: SABRINA TEBAGUI AND DARLENE BORREGO
- B. FILLED HOME-DELIVERED MEALS ELIGIBILITY WORKER - GISELA GUERRERO
- C. VACANT INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST
- D. FINANCE MANAGER – RECRUITMENT PENDING

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Michael Mendez Jr./Angie Stillwell

Unanimously Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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