

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes of May 13, 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 1:30 PM. A quorum was established.
  - b. **Advisory Council Members Present:** Michael Bishop, Tonya Frost, Angela Stillwell, Tish Davis, Joel Gurss, and Mariel Ortiz.
  - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Anne Bishop, Michael Mendez Jr, Stefanie Diaz, and Minerva Garcia, Jan Clagg.
  - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson
  - e. **Guests Present:** Jeanine Hutchison 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 **April 8, 2025** Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Angela Stillwell and seconded by Tish Davis. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - a. Miles R. provided a summary of outreach events and presentations conducted in April and May, including the Public Hearing on the Area Plan Update held on April 8, 2025 following the Advisory Council meeting.
  - b. Miles R. reported that FMAAA participated in Assemblymember Arambula's Resource Fair on April 10, 2025 at Proteus, Inc. in downtown Fresno.
  - c. Miles R. gave presentations on FMAAA services at Cedar Creek Senior Living in Madera (Apr 12, 2025), VCRC and via Zoom (Apr 22, 2025), and to VCRC's volunteer Ombudsman alongside Hillaree B. (Apr 30, 2025).
  - d. Miles R. presented at the Local Advocates for Seniors meeting on May 7, 2025.
  - e. Miles R., Gisela G., Yesinia G., and Hillaree B. attended the VA Caregiver Summit on May 9, 2025, where Hillaree B. participated as a panelist.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. Miles R. reported on the upcoming activities that the FMAAA is involved with including:
    - i. Hillaree B. will participate as a panelist at the ABC's of Aging Town Hall: Getting Older & Wiser on May 14, 2025.

- ii. FMAAA staff will attend the Virtual Annual Healthy Aging California Convening on May 16, 2025.
- iii. Miles R. will attend the ICARP Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on May 16, 2025 regarding cooling stations in Fresno.
- iv. Hillaree B. is scheduled to attend a HUD & State Homelessness Zoom Meeting on May 20, 2025.
- v. Miles R. will represent FMAAA at the Woods Mobile Home Resource Fair on May 20, 2025.
- vi. The Senior Farmers Market Voucher Program will launch soon, with 350 vouchers available for distribution (starts July 1, 2025).

**VII. Reports:**

**a. Advisory Council Chair Report:**

**i. Advisory Council Membership Status:**

- 1. Current Vacancies: 2 Fresno County, 6 Madera County, and 2 City of Fresno.
- 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. Chair Michael B. informed the group of a presentation he would be giving at his Church focusing on preparing essential documents and sharing experiences. The first session is a preamble with about 30 attendees on May 17, 2025.
- 2. Tish Davis informed the group that Auspice is piloting the expansion of the Scrip Taxi program to include non-emergency medical transportation.
- 3. Mario Pena informed the group of the upcoming Fresno/Madera Alzheimer's Association Walk on October 18, 2025.
  - a. Tonya Frost mentioned that she created a Local Advocates for Seniors (LAFS) team for the walk.

**b. Committee Updates and Reports:**

**i. Committee Structure Reevaluation**

- 1. The Advisory Council restructured its committees from four to two: Food and Resource Insecurity, and Housing Insecurity. The focus is on supporting FMAAA programs and older adults through resource development rather than direct service or funding.
- 2. Committee memberships were confirmed. Angela S. will lead the Food and Resource Insecurity Committee, while Ann Bishop was selected to chair the Housing Insecurity Committee.
- 3. Committees will meet at least quarterly, with flexibility for virtual or in-person meetings. Since there are no Advisory Council

meetings in July or August, committees are encouraged to meet during that time and provide monthly updates.

4. Committees are expected to develop SMART goals and report progress monthly, even if no updates are available.
5. A motion was made by Angela Stillwell for both committees to meet prior to the June 2025 Advisory Council meeting and provide a report on initial plans and projects. The motion was seconded by Tish Davis. There was a short discussion followed by a vote. The motion passed.

**ii. Nomination Committee**

1. The nomination and election process for council officers was reviewed. Nominations were taken for chairperson, first vice chair, and second vice chair. Only one person was nominated per position, so a voice vote will be held at the next meeting.
2. The Nominating and Election Committee consists of Joel Gurss and Angela Stillwell, they took the following nominations:
  - a. 25-26 Chair: Mike Bishop
  - b. 25-26 First Vice Chair: Joel Gurss
  - c. 25-26 Second Vice Chair: Tonya Frost
3. A motion was made by Tish Davis to conditionally accept the nominations with the understanding that, according to the FMAAA Bylaws, additional nominations may be taken from the floor at the June 2025 meeting. Joel Gurss seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**c. Governing Board Meeting:**

- i. The Governing Board now meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Miles R. communicated that contracts for 20 Title III C1 congregate sites were approved for the next fiscal year. Contracts to be sent out by end of June 2025, with a return deadline of September 30th, 2025. Next governing board meeting May 22, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Fig Garden Regional Library.

**d. California Senior Legislative Report**

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

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

- i. Tonya Frost reported on the April 2025 TACC meeting and shared the meeting focused on protecting health care access for California's older adults and people with disabilities, highlighting anticipated Medi-Cal cuts and providing advocacy resources.
- ii. This led into a discussion on the projected \$10 billion state budget deficit and potential \$140 billion loss in federal Medicaid funding. Concerns focused on likely cuts to IHSS and other home and community-based services, as well as the mismatch in timing between state and federal

budgets. Fresno County's \$50 million shortfall and recent cuts to VA in-home care were also noted.

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

- a. Miles R. gave the following updates:
  - i. Update on meals – July 2024 – March 2025 58,095 Meals for C1 and 385,630 meals for C2.
  - ii. FMAAA provided Quesadilla Gorilla at the Title III C1 Congregate Sites.
  - iii. FMAAA Care Managers enrolled 14 participants in April in MSSP bringing our total to 283 and we hope to be at 300 by the end of the fiscal year.
  - iv. FMAAA social work inters from FPU, Adriana, and FSU, Tonya, have graduated and have completed their internships.
  - v. FMAAA HDM intern from FCC, Angelina, has finished her internship.
  - vi. FMAAA I&A intern from FSU, Kylie, has graduated and completed her internship.
  - vii. FMAAA is hiring a new Home-Delivered Meals Eligibility Worker.
  - viii. FMAAA is working to open Parlier, Selma, and Oasis Day Center as congregate sites.
  - ix. FMAAA sent out the annual participant satisfaction surveys for MSSP and Linkages and have received a large amount positive feedback so far.

- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm. The motion was made by Joel Gurss and seconded by Tish Davis. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Miles Robinson*

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