

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123, Fresno, CA. 93710
Gate Code: 2489

Agenda packet material is available via U.S. mail upon request.

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AGENDA

I.	CALL TO ORDER: Michel Bishop, Chair	
II.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	
	A. Guest Introductions (Voluntary)	<i>Information</i>
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 April 8, 2025 First: _____ Second: _____ Pass: _____ Fail: _____	<i>Action</i>
V.	OLD BUSINESS	<i>Information</i>
	A. April 8 – FMAAA Public Hearing was held after the AC meeting starting at 2:45 to discuss PSA-14's Area Plan Update for Older American Act provision of Services for FY 2025-2026. April 10 – Miles R. attended Assemblymember Arambula Resource Fair (City of Fresno Downtown) located at Proteus, Inc. April 12 – Miles R. gave a presentation at Cedar Creek Senior Living in Madera. April 22 – Miles R. gave a presentation at VCRC and on Zoom. April 30 – Hillaree B. and Miles R. presented on FMAAA services to VCRC's volunteer Ombudsman. May 7 – Miles R. presented on FMAAA services at the Local Advocates for Seniors May Meeting May 9 – Miles R., Gisela G., Yesinia G., and Hillaree B. attended the VA Caregiver Summit where Hillaree spoke on a panel.	
VI.	NEW BUSINESS	<i>Information</i>
	A. May 14 – The ABC's of Aging Town Hall: Getting Older & Wiser – Hillaree B. is attending as a panelist.	
	B. May 16 – Virtual Annual Healthy Aging California Convening	
	C. May 16 – Miles R. is attending ICARP TAC Meeting – Cooling Stations in Fresno	
	D. May 20 – Hillaree B. is attending the HUD & State Homelessness Zoom Meeting	

	E.	May 20 – Miles R. will attend the Woods Mobile Home Resource Fair	
	F.	TBD – Senior Farmers Market Voucher Program – 350 Vouchers – Mid May	
VII.	REPORTS – Please keep all reports to 5 minutes or less. Thank you.		
	A.	Advisory Council Chair Report	
		1. Advisory Council Membership Status: City of Fresno – One Vacancies Fresno County – Two Vacancy Madera County – Six Vacancies	<i>Information</i>
		2. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults:	<i>Information</i>
	B.	Committee Updates	
		1. Update on new AC Committees: 1. Food and Resource Insecurity – Set Dates & Reiterate Goals 2. Housing Insecurity Set Dates & Reiterate Goals	<i>Information & Discussion</i>
		2. Nomination Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per Article IV – Officers, Section 4. “Election of officers. The Chairperson, the First Vice-Chairperson and the Second Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from a slate of candidates representing each of the three Joint Power entities and presented by a Nominating Committee which shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the A/C at the regular meeting in the month of April of each year. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of candidates to the A/C at the regular meeting of the A/C in the month of May of each year. Election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting in the month of June of each year. Nominations for officers may be made from the floor during the months of May and June. Elected officers shall take office at the regular meeting in June of each year. In the event only one candidate is nominated for each office, the election may be made by voice vote.” Nomination of FY 2-25-2026 Officers Motion to accept nomination First: _____ Second: _____ Pass: _____ Fail: _____	<i>Information, Discussion, & Action</i>
	C.	Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report (Staff)	<i>Information</i>
	D.	California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report (<i>CSL Senior Assembly Member Minerva Garcia</i>)	<i>Information</i>
	E.	Triple-A Council of California (TACC) report: (<i>Assigned member-Tonya Frost</i>)	<i>Information</i>
VIII.	FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on meals – July 2024 – March 2025 58,095 Meals for C1 and 385,630 meals for C2. Quesadilla Gorilla at C1 Sites. 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. Our social work inters from FPU, Adriana, and FSU, Tonya, are graduating and have completed their internships. Our HDM intern from FCC, Angelina, has finished her internship. Our I&A intern from FSU, Kylie, is graduating and completed her internship. 		<i>Information</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAAA is hiring a new Home-Delivered Meals Eligibility Worker. We are working to open Parlier, Selma, and Oasis Day Center as congregate sites. FMAAA sent out our annual participant satisfaction surveys for MSSP and Linkages and have received a large amount positive feedback so far. New mileage forms and Name Plates. 	
IX.	Adjournment: First: _____ Second: _____ Pass: _____ Fail: _____ Time: _____	<i>Action</i>

Next Meetings:

Advisory Council

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

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Governing Board

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Fig Garden Regional Library

3071 W Bullard Ave,

Fresno, CA 93711

Note: Changed to the ***4th Thursday*** of each month at 1:00pm

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of April 8, 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 1:36 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, Stefanie Diaz, and Minerva Garcia.
 - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson and Hillaree Bennett
 - e. **Guests Present:** Mollie Jacobson (Clovis Pd), Jessica Martinez (Kings View), 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 **March 11, 2025** Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Jan Clagg and seconded by Tish Davis and Angela Stillwell simultaneously. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Miles R. provided a summary of past outreach events, trainings, and advocacy efforts provided; covering activities from the end of February through the first week of April.
 - b. Tish Davis reported that FMAAA attended the Caregiver Conference at the Peoples Church on March 1, 2025.
 - c. Angela Stillwell reported that FMAAA staff filmed a clip for the Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. Miles R. reported on the upcoming activities that the FMAAA is involved with including Assemblyman Arambula's Resource Fair on April 10, 2025, an FMAAA presentation at Cedar Creek Senior Living in Madera on April 12, 2025, a presentation on FMAAA services at VCRC on April 22, 2025 Hillaree B.'s and Miles R.'s presentation to the VCRC Ombudsman on April 30, 2025, participation

in the VA Caregiver Summit on May 9, 2025 and a presentation at the Woods Mobile Home Resource Fair on May 20, 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. Miles R. reported that Ren Ramshaw respectfully resigned her position from the Advisory Council due to her availability.
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. Chair Michael B. reminded the group of the last resource fair being put on Assemblyman Arambula on April 10, 2025.
2. Miles R. asked the membership if there were any upcoming events the rest of the group should be aware of.
3. Chair Michael B. initiated a discussion about the Easter Seals program, noting its similarities to FMAAA and suggesting that someone from their organization would make a good representative on the Advisory Council.

b. Committee Updates and Reports:

i. Committee Structure Reevaluation

1. Miles R. briefly discussed the FMAAA Advisory Council's two new committees—Food & Resource Insecurity and Housing Insecurity. He read aloud the list of members who signed up for each committee, followed by a brief discussion on how each committee will meet quarterly, the role of the committee chair, and overall expectations.

ii. Nomination Committee

1. Chair Mike B. and Miles R. reported that the Nomination Committee needs to be formed this month. Nominations will be accepted from the floor in May and June, with voting to take place in June. Officers serve one-year terms and may be re-elected for a second year, but cannot serve more than two consecutive years. The role of the committee is to record the names of individuals nominated for each of the three officer positions. This Nomination Committee will also serve as the Election Committee and assist with administering ballots and counting votes. Angela Stillwell and Joel Gurss volunteered to serve on the committee, and Chair Mike B. officially appointed them to the role.

2. A discussion was held regarding the need to update the bylaws related to the nomination and election process to better reflect the current size and capacity of the Advisory Council.

c. **Governing Board Meeting:**

- i. The Governing Board now meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Program Director Hillaree B. reported that the last meeting was held on March 24, 2025, during which the board approved \$385,000 in funding for HICAP services beginning April 1, 2025. A new Governing Board member, Kim Kruser, was also introduced.

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 that the next TACC meeting would be Thursday, April 10, 2025. Tonya also reported that she would be attending a live meeting in November.

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

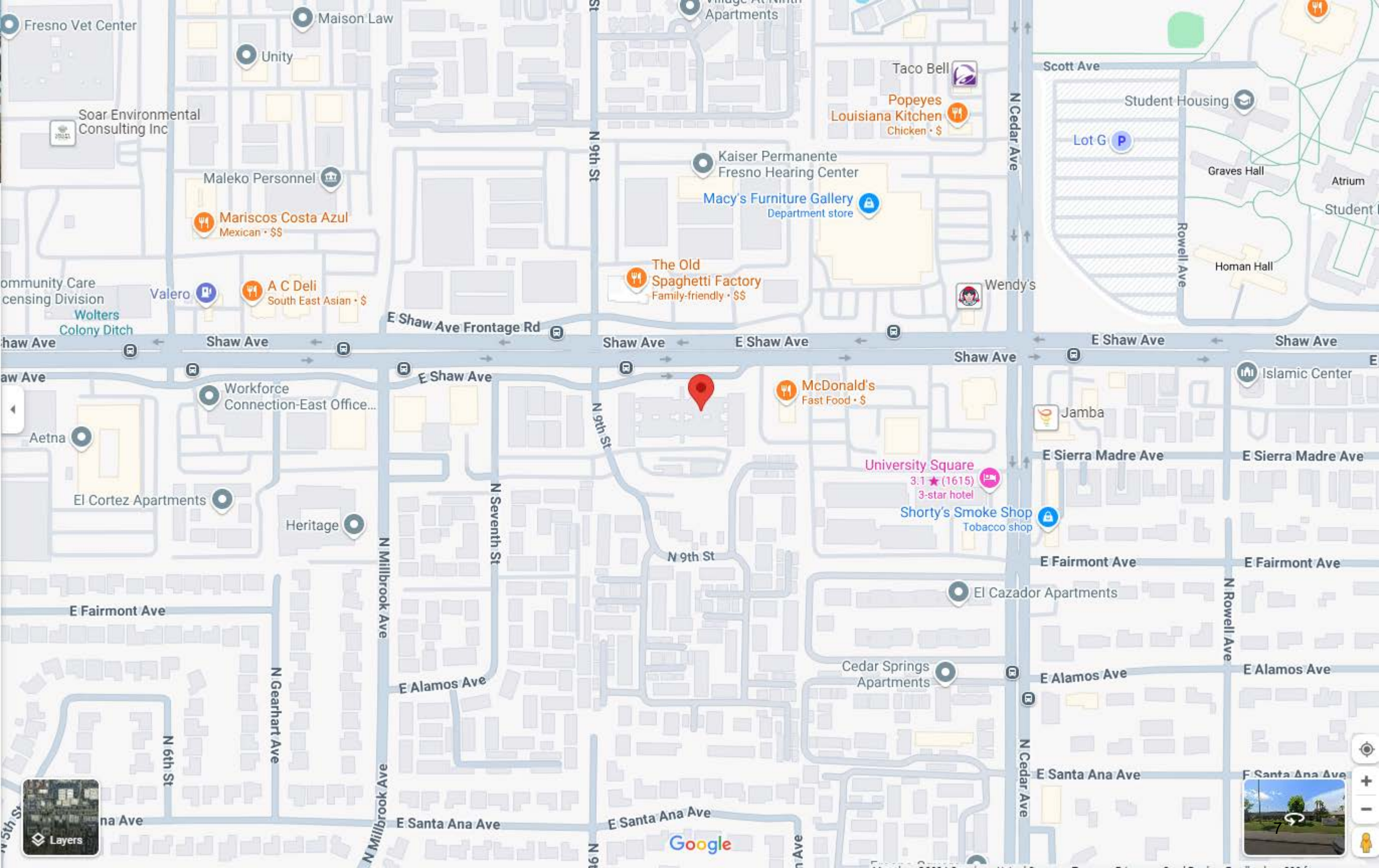
- a. Miles R. reported that FMAAA hired Maria Palomares as a full-time Nurse Care Manager; she previously worked part-time for the agency. He noted that this is significant, as it allows for increased enrollment in the MSSP program.
- b. Miles R. reported on February and March MSSP and Linkages new enrollment numbers.
- c. Miles R. and Hillaree B. provided an update on the OCAM grant, noting that the grant has now concluded. FMAAA funded \$295,000 in direct services through the grant, including minor home modifications, utility assistance, and chore/personal care for participants with limited caregiver support.
- d. Miles R. reported that Frank Bergon and Pan-American in the City of Madera will begin the FMAAA Senior Hot Lunch program starting Monday April 14, 2025.

- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm. The motion was made by Jan Clagg and seconded by Tish Davis. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

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



Fresno Vet Center

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Unity

Soar Environmental Consulting Inc

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Kaiser Permanente
Fresno Hearing Center

Macy's Furniture Gallery
Department store

The Old Spaghetti Factory
Family-friendly • \$\$

Wendy's

McDonald's
Fast Food • \$

University Square
3.1 ★ (1615)
3-star hotel

Shorty's Smoke Shop
Tobacco shop

Jamba

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E Sierra Madre Ave

E Fairmont Ave

E Fairmont Ave

El Cazador Apartments

E Alamos Ave

E Alamos Ave

E Santa Ana Ave

E Santa Ana Ave



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OF AGING TOWN HALL
GETTING
**OLDER
& WISER**

We are all getting older, and that comes with new concerns and responsibilities. ABC30 and the California Department of Aging invite you to a special, free town hall event to find help, hope, and encouragement.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

5:30PM - 6:30PM

UCSF FRESNO AUDITORIUM

155 N Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93701

Attendees are encouraged to park at the CRMC parking garage

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MODERATOR
GRACIELA MORENO

PANELISTS

Susan DeMarois, California Department of Aging
Meghan Velasquez, Valley Caregiver Resource Center
Hillaree Bennett, Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
Dr. Alex Sherriffs, UCSF Fresno Alzheimer and Memory Center



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City and County of Fresno Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair

Stay Safe. Stay Prepared.

Date: September 20, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: TBA

Are You Ready for Emergencies?

Whether it's a natural disaster, power outage, or other unexpected events, being prepared is key to ensuring your safety and the safety of your loved ones. Our **Preparedness and Safety Fair** is designed to help you get informed, stay safe, and know what steps to take before, during, and after an emergency.

What to Expect:

- **Expert Presentations**
Learn from professionals about emergency preparedness, survival strategies, and safety protocols.
- **Hands-On Demonstrations**
Try out emergency tools, first aid kits, fire safety equipment, and more!
- **Interactive Workshops**
Participate in practical sessions on how to create emergency kits, build family emergency plans, and conduct fire safety drills.
- **Resource Booths**
Speak with local agencies, organizations, and safety experts who can help you get prepared. Get tips on evacuation plans, weather alerts, and much more!
- **Free Giveaways**
Take home valuable preparedness resources, emergency supplies, and safety tips.

Featured Topics:

- **Family Emergency Plans**
- **First Aid and CPR**
- **Fire Safety & Extinguisher Training**
- **Personal Safety Awareness**
- **Emergency Alerts**
- **Weather Preparedness**
- **Community Support Systems During Emergencies**

This event is free and open to everyone in the community. Let's work together to make our homes, neighborhoods, and schools safer.

Booth Information or to secure a spot email - OES@fresnocountyca.gov



Agency on Aging

Change The Way You Age

Dear Members of the FMAAA Advisory Council,

As part of our efforts to enhance the effectiveness of Advisory Council committees, we are reevaluating their structure to ensure they are goal-driven, productive, and aligned with FMAAA's mission. This review is necessary due to changes in Advisory Council membership, a lack of clear structure and guidance, and limited communication among members.

Per **Article VI, Section 1** of the FMAAA Advisory Council Bylaws, the Advisory Council has the authority to establish **Ad Hoc Committees** as needed to support its work.

The bylaws do not provide for **Standing Committees**.

Moving forward, committees will focus on **identifying, developing, and acquiring resources** that support both FMAAA's Information & Assistance Program and older adults in our community. Examples of new committees may include but are not limited to: Food & Resource Insecurity, Housing Insecurity, and Care Management.

Guidelines & Expectations:

- Each Committee shall have a chairperson responsible for coordinating communication and providing brief (under 5 minutes) monthly updates at Advisory Council meetings.
- Each Committee shall meet at least once per quarter, in person or virtually.
- Each Committee shall establish a clear, realistic goal or project in its first meeting. (e.g., a housing insecurity committee may track upcoming senior housing projects.)
- Each Committee shall maintain active participation, or it may be dissolved or restructured.

This reevaluation ensures that our committees are structured, purposeful, and effective while making the best use of members' time and expertise. Further discussion and recommendations will be addressed at the upcoming February 11, 2025 meeting.

Thank you for your dedication and contributions to FMAAA and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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