

Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of June 10, 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, Tonya Frost, Angela Stillwell, Tish Davis, Joel Gurss, Jan Clagg, Anne Bishop, Minerva Garcia, and Mariel Ortiz.
 - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Michael Mendez Jr and Stefanie Diaz
 - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson
 - e. **Guests Present:** Leilani Jurena (DHHSC), Nikki Gallagher (Cedar Creek), Ethel Groger (CareMax), Munish Ghal (CareMax), and Jessica Martinez (Kings View)

- 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 **May 13, 2025** Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Anne Bishop and seconded by Jan Clagg. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Miles R. provided a summary of outreach events and presentations conducted in May, including the ABC's of Aging Town Hall: Getting Older & Wiser on May 14, 2025, at which Hillaree B. participated as a panelist. Angela S. and Joel G. will send Miles the link to share with the rest of the Advisory Council membership.
 - b. Miles R. shared that he virtually attended the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council (TAC) meeting on May 16, 2025, which covered a wide range of topics. Miles promised to follow up with a summary of the ICARP TAC meeting after the Advisory Council meeting.
 - c. Miles R. shared that Hillaree B. attended the HUD & State Homelessness virtual meeting on May 20, 2025.
 - d. Miles R. shared that on May 20, 2025, he attended the Woods Mobile Home Resource Fair and gave a presentation on FMAAA services, as well as emergency preparedness for older adults.
 - e. Miles R. reported that on June 4, 2025, he attended the California State Retirees Fresno Quarterly Meeting as a presenter and gave a presentation on FMAAA

services. This event also marked the first distribution of FMAAA's newly updated outreach materials. He noted that he was invited back for the next quarterly meeting, where they have requested a presentation on Medicare and Medi-Cal. Miles plans to reach out to VCRC's HICAP program to see if they would be interested in co-presenting.

- f. Angela S. reported that on June 5, 2025, she attended the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAD) event held in Sacramento, which was recorded and will be made available online. The event included presentations from regional centers and county staff.
- g. Michael and Anne B. reported on the success of their May 17, 2025 presentation at their church, where they spoke to approximately 40 attendees about FMAAA services, assisted living, and planning for the next stage of life.

VI. **New Business:**

- a. Miles R. reported on the upcoming activities that the FMAAA is involved with including:
 - i. June 15, 2025 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAD): Attendees encouraged to wear purple. Angela S. shared that a National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) event is also planned for June 13th, 2025 (Friday).
 - ii. June 16, 2025 - California Department of Aging 'Aging with Pride' Webinar: Miles R. will share a link for registration in a follow up email.
 - iii. June 25, 2025 - Alzheimer's Association 'Ask a Neurologist' Event. The event is to be held at Fig Garden Library from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, with Dr. Bhatia.
 - iv. JULY 1, 2025 – Senior Farmers’ Market Voucher Program: The program begins on July 1, 2025, and is transitioning from paper vouchers to cards. There are only two participating farmers markets in the area; Miles R. will follow up with a flyer listing their addresses. A total of 350 vouchers are available. Eligibility requirements include being age 60 or older and low-income; no proof of income is required.
 - v. August 6, 2025 – Local Advocates for Seniors (LAFS): The July 2 meeting was canceled due to its proximity to the July 4 holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2025, with “Steph the Death Doula” as the featured speaker.

VII. **Reports:**

a. **Advisory Council Chair Report:**

i. **Advisory Council Membership Status:**

- 1. Current Vacancies: 2 Fresno County, 6 Madera County, and 1 City of Fresno.
- 2. **Membership Criteria:** 50% of the Advisory Council members must be aged 60 and older. Joint Powers 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. Michael and Anne B. provided additional details about their proposed seminar for older adults, which will focus on preparing for major life transitions. The seminar is planned as a three- to five-session series, requiring participants to complete specific tasks (e.g., establishing a trust, assigning power of attorney, reviewing bank accounts) and attend all sessions. The goal is to help participants become fully prepared for the next stage of life, addressing financial planning, communication, and purpose-driven living. Tish D. noted that she has done similar work in the past and offered her support. Dates for the seminar have not yet been set.
2. Tish D. shared that on June 17 (English) and June 20 (Spanish), 2025, Valley Caregiver Resource Center has their Shedding Light on Elder Abuse Event with Central California Legal Services and Adult Protective Services.
3. Tonya F. announced that a Suicide Symposium for Veterans, organized by Together for Veterans, is scheduled for September 12, 2025. The event will feature out-of-state speakers and representatives from Wounded Warriors, with a focus on supporting veterans and their families.
4. Nikki G. reported that the Fresno Madera Medical Society has a planned exhibit on July 12, 2025 on optimizing health and aging. The event is being held at the Fresno Department of Social Services office.

b. **Committee Updates and Reports:**

i. **Food and Resource Insecurity Committee Report**

1. Angela S. provided an update on the Food and Resource Insecurity Committee's first meeting, which focused on consolidating and cross-referencing resource lists for older adults, including the Advisory Council's Faith-Based Food Location document, CalFresh, CalAIM, and other service programs. The committee plans to meet monthly, on the first or second Monday, at the DSS office. The report also included an overview of Catholic Charities' services, which offer food distribution five days a week, clothing every four months (monthly for homeless individuals), and nutrition and medical classes. Food quantities are based on family size, with additional support available for those experiencing homelessness. Improvements at Catholic Charities were noted, including a more organized facility, an active second-hand store, and enhanced food distribution services. The organization

welcomes individuals from all backgrounds and benefits from the support of volunteers and student interns.

ii. Housing Insecurity Committee Report

1. No report was given at this time. Miles R. informed council members that the membership list for each committee, along with the Advisory Council contact list, is included in their agenda packets.
2. A discussion was had about S.M.A.R.T. Goals and Miles R. promised to follow up with more information.

iii. Election of the 25-26 FMAAA AC Officers

1. Miles R. asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for the 2025–2026 FMAAA Advisory Council Officer Team. Hearing none, and as there was only one nominee for each position, the FMAAA Advisory Council Bylaws allow the slate to be approved by a voice vote. A voice vote was held for each position, and the following individuals were elected as officers for the 2025–2026 fiscal year:
 - a. Chair: Mike Bishop
 - b. First Vice Chair: Joel Gurs
 - c. Second Vice Chair: Tonya Frost.

c. Governing Board Meeting:

- i. The Governing Board now meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Miles R. communicated that contracts for the non-Title III C1 Area Plan contracts (the C1 contracts had been previously approved) were approved at the May 22, 2025 Governing Board Meeting.

d. California Senior Legislative Report

- i. CSL Representative Minerva G. provided a report on recent legislative discussions, state budget shortfalls, and emergency preparedness efforts. She also mentioned her participation in the Access and Functional Needs Emergency Planning and Preparedness Committee and an upcoming fair.
- ii. There was a discussion which included California’s \$12.9 billion budget shortfall (reduced from \$40 billion), updates on changes to health program suspensions, Medi-Cal asset limits, and IHSS program penalties.

e. Triple-A Council of California (TACC)

- i. TACC representative Tonya Frost had no new report as the council had not met since the last Advisory Council meeting.

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

- a. Miles R. gave the following updates:
 - i. FMAAA Care Managers have continued to enroll new participants in MSSP bringing the total number of individuals to 297 with the goal of 313 participants by the end of the fiscal year.

- ii. FMAAA social work intern from Fresno Pacific University, Adriana Para has completed her internship and has been hired as a full-time Social Work Care Manager to support the Title III-B Linkages Case Management Program.
- iii. FMAAA HDM intern from Fresno City College, Angelina Rodriguez, has finished her internship and has been hired as a full-time Home-Delivered Meals Eligibility Worker.
- iv. FMAAA is working to open Parlier, Selma, and Oasis Day Center as congregate meal sites.
- v. New mileage forms and Name Plates.

IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm. The motion was made by Minerva Garcia and seconded by Jan Clagg. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

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