

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Fresno-
Madera Area Agency on Aging
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123, Fresno, CA. 93710
Gate Code: 2489

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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 May 13, 2025 First: _____ Second: _____ Pass: _____ Fail: _____		<i>Action</i>
V.	OLD BUSINESS		<i>Information</i>
	A.	May 14 – The ABC’s of Aging Town Hall: Getting Older & Wiser – Hillaree B. attended as a panelist.	
	B.	May 16 – Miles R. attended the ICARP TAC Meeting.	
	C.	May 20 – Hillaree B. attended the HUD & State Homelessness Zoom Meeting	
	D.	May 20 – Miles R. attended the Woods Mobile Home Resource Fair and gave a presentation.	
	E.	June 4 – Miles R. presented at the California State Retirees Fresno Quarterly Meeting	
VI.	NEW BUSINESS		<i>Information</i>
	A.	June 15 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day aka WEAAD - Wear purple to show solidarity	
	B.	June 16 - California Department of Aging (CDA) Aging with Pride webinar	
	C.	June 25 - Alzheimer's Association Ask A Neurologist: A Conversation with Dr. Bhatia	
	D.	July 1 – Senior Farmers Market Voucher Program – 350 Vouchers	
	E.	July 2 – Local Advocates for Seniors Meeting	
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	<i>Information</i>

		Madera County – Six Vacancies	
	2.	Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults:	<i>Information</i>
	B.	Committee Updates	
	1.	Food and Resource Insecurity Report:	<i>Information & Discussion</i>
	2.	Housing Insecurity Report:	
	3.	Election of 25-26 FMAAA AC Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: _____ • First Vice Chair: _____ • Second Vice Chair: _____ 	<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"> • FMAAA Care Managers have continued to enroll new participants in MSSP bringing our total to 297 and we hope to be at 313 by the end of the fiscal year. • Our social work intern from FPU, Adriana Para has completed her internship and we hired her as a full time Social Work Care Manager to support the Title III-B Linkages Case Management Program. • Our HDM intern from FCC, Angelina, has finished her internship and we hired her as a fulltime Home-Delivered Meals Eligibility Worker. • We are working to open Parlier, Selma, and Oasis Day Center as congregate sites. • New mileage forms and Name Plates. 	<i>Information</i>
IX.		Adjournment: First: _____ Second: _____ Pass: _____ Fail: _____ Time: _____	<i>Action</i>

Next Meetings:

Advisory Council

The FMAAA Advisory Council will not meet in the months of July and August 2025.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Governing Board

Thursday, June 24, 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 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 congregare 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 Gurs and seconded by Tish Davis. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

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

FMAAA Committee Selection



Food & Resource Insecurity	Housing Insecurity
Jan Clagg	Mike Bishop
Angie Stillwell	Micahel Mendez Jr.
Tish Davis	Tonya Frost
	Joel Gurss
	Minerva Garcia
	Stefanie Diaz
	Tish Davis
	Anne Bishop



Join the California Department of Aging (CDA) [on June 16](#) for the *Aging with Pride* webinar in honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. The webinar will highlight findings from a [recent survey](#) designed to better understand the needs, challenges, and aspirations of LGBTQIA+ older adults. It will also include personal stories shared through focus group discussions.

Participants will gain insight into the lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ older adults and explore the broader policy landscape that shapes their lives.

Hear from Senator John Laird, CDA Director Susan DeMarois, and a panel of individuals involved in the survey as they offer perspectives and recommendations to help meet the needs of California's growing aging population through the [Master Plan for Aging](#).

Aging with Pride Webinar

[June 16, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.](#)

[Register for Webinar](#)

ASK THE NEUROLOGIST: A CONVERSATION WITH DR BHATIA

An program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



Dr Bhatia, MD, Medical Director from Neuro-Pain Medical Center. Will deliver a presentation titled "Heart and Brain Health: What You Can Do Now to Reduce Your Risk of Developing Cognitive Changes" followed by live Q&A by the audience in attendance. Join us to hear the latest information about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, risk reduction and learn about community resources. This will be hosted by the Alzheimer's Association.

**Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025
5:30-6:30 p.m. (In Person Only)**

**Location:
Fig Garden Library
3071 W Bullard Ave
Fresno, CA 93711.**

**Please note space is limited.
Free Event**

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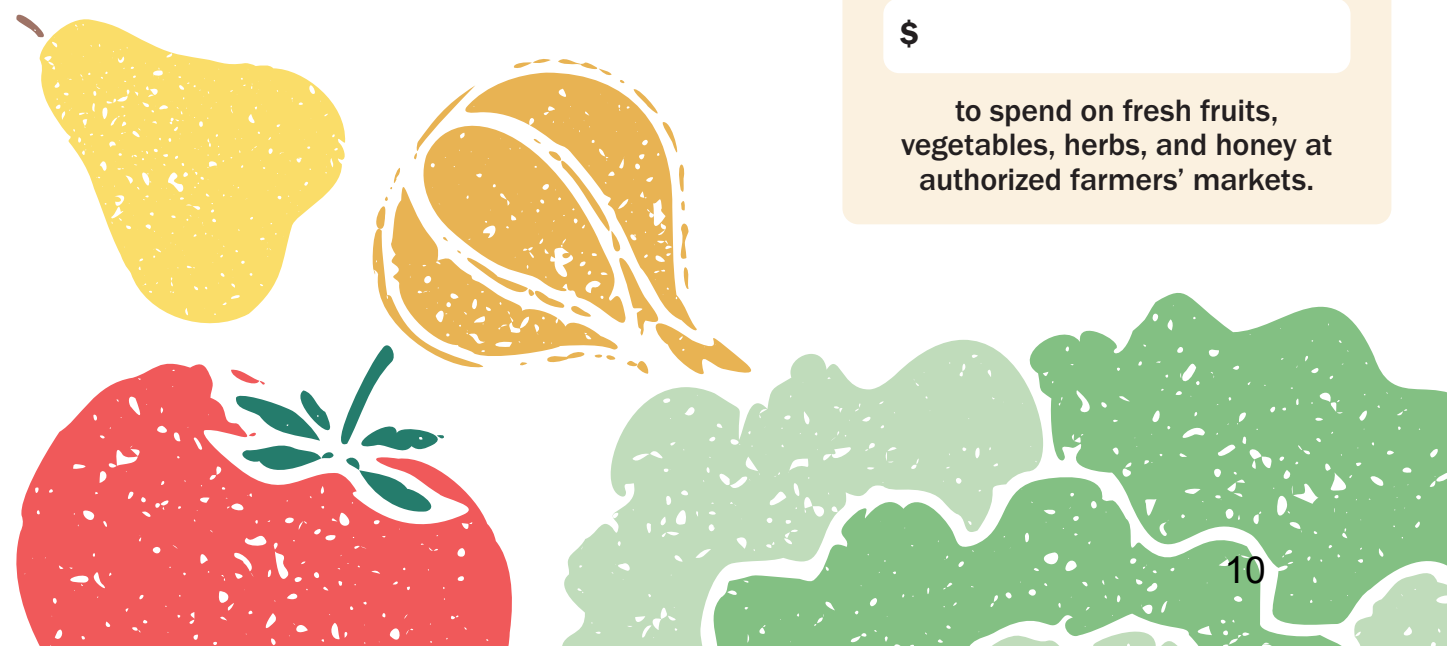
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