

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #106 Fresno, 93710**

- I. **Call to Order:**
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Michael Bishop at 1:31 PM. A quorum was established.
 - b. **Advisory Council Members Present:** Jan Clagg, Tonya Frost, Anne Bishop, Michael Bishop, Joel Gurss, Mariel Ortiz, and Angela Stillwell.
 - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Michael Mendez Jr., Tish Davis, Stefanie Diaz, and Minerva Garcia.
 - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson
 - e. **Guests Present:** Mario Pena (Alzheimer’s Association), Sulema Alonzo (Lenity Solutions), and Edgar Camacho (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center).

- II. **Welcome and Introductions:**
 - a. Chair, Michael Bishop welcomed all attendees, after which members and guests shared their names, titles, and organizations.

- III. **Public Comment:** No Report

- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair, Michael Bishop asked for a motion to approve the **January 13, 2026**, Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Jan Clagg and seconded by Tonya Frost. The motion carried.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Miles R. informed the membership of presentations and resources he delivered over the past month, including a Veteran Benefits Briefing on January 15, 2026 (which was cancelled at the last minute, though resources were still distributed). On January 20, 2026, Miles R. and Hillaree B. presented via Zoom to the Poverello House social workers, and Miles also presented to Community Medical Center’s Stroke Support Group that same day. On February 4, 2026, Miles attended the Local Advocates for Seniors meeting, where CEVA Hospice was the presenter.

- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. Miles R. reported that Hillaree B. and Sarah C. presented to Fresno State’s social work students on February 9, 2026.
 - b. Miles R. reported that he will present to at the Fresno American Indian Health Project’s WISE Elders Group on February 26, 2026.
 - c. Miles R. reported that he is scheduled to present at the East Fresno Kiwanis Club’s meeting on February 27, 2026.

- d. Miles R. reported that he will present to the Self Reliance Group on March 5, 2026 and that he will provide more information on this event when he receives it.
- e. Miles R. reported that FMAAA staff will attend the Fresno State Social Work Resource Fair and provide resources. On March 12, 2026.
- f. Miles R. reported that FMAAA staff will attend and provide resources at the Kaiser Permanente Fresno Geriatric Symposium, also on March 12, 2026.

VII. Reports:

a. Advisory Council Chair Report:

- i. This report was made by Chair, Michael Bishop.

ii. Advisory Council Membership Status:

- 1. Current Vacancies: 2 Fresno County, 6 Madera County, and 2 City of Fresno.
- 2. The Advisory Council has significant vacancies. Efforts to recruit from Madera have been challenging despite offering mileage reimbursement.
- 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, Madera County, and Fresno County).

iii. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events

- 1. Miles R. reported on a number of upcoming events:
 - a. February 17, 2026 – Women’s Stand Up for Female Veterans. This event will take place from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at Pardini’s. Breakfast and lunch will be provide along with a panel on caregiver support.
 - b. March 10, 2026 – Celebrating the Caregiver: Steps Towards Support. This event will take place from 10:00AM to 11:30AM at Peoples Church and is part of a new monthly caregiver seminar series replacing the Celebrating the Caregiver annual event. RSCPs are due by March 5, 2026.
 - c. March 14, 2026 – VCRC’s DRIVE THRU (their spelling) Shredding Event. This event will take place from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at the Valley Caregiver Resource Center parking lot. Older adults and their caregivers can stop by and drop off documents to be shredded without ever getting out of their cars. This helps to provide a confidential and secure way to dispose of documents and reduce the risk of elder abuse and fraud.
 - d. April 22, 2026 – Compassionate Whole Person Care: Embracing Palliative and Hospice Support at Fresno State.

This event will take place from 8:00AM to 3:30PM at Fresno State's Peter's Auditorium. This event has limited spots available. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

b. Committee Updates and Reports:

i. Food and Resource Insecurity Report:

1. Committee Chair, Angela Stillwell reported that her committee had no new report at this time.

ii. Housing Insecurity Committee Report:

1. Committee Chair, Anne Bishop reported that her committee had now new report at this time.

iii. Miles R. gave the following reminders regarding the Advisory Council's committees:

1. Each committee is expected to work towards a goal or project, resulting in at least one tangible resource being created, refined, or updated annually.
2. Committees are required to meet at least once per quarter. Meetings can be held via Zoom, Google Meets, Microsoft Teams, or in person. Committee chairs need to reach out to all committee members.
3. Committee membership rosters were located on page nine of the meeting agenda packet.
4. The council anticipates adding three new members in the next few months, who will then be assigned to committees.

c. Governing Board Meeting:

- i. Miles R. reported that the next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at the Fig Garden Regional Library. He reminded the membership that Governing Board meetings are open to the public and that Advisory Council members are welcome to attend. Miles noted that the meeting will most likely be longer than usual, as the Governing Board has not met since November 2025. He also stated that RFP (Request for Proposals) recommendations will be presented to the Governing Board for approval regarding competitive bids for FMAAA contracts of \$100,000 or more.

d. California Senior Legislative Report:

- i. The California Senior Legislator (CSL) program is entering a new four-year cycle for CSL representatives. The membership discussed the upcoming election and the potential need for public announcements and/or postings. Miles R. reported that the Fresno–Madera area has one senator and two assembly member positions. Currently only Minerva Garcia serves as an assembly member. Miles noted that previous information about filling vacancies with "standee" members was based on outdated

bylaws and clarified that this applies only to positions vacated mid-term. The application deadline is March 31, 2026, and applications should be submitted to Miles in advance so they may be forwarded by the deadline. Candidate requirements include being age 55 or older, residing in Fresno or Madera County, and being registered to vote. The information flyer and application packet were emailed to the group the previous week and are included in the meeting packets beginning on page 11. The flyer was also sent to the congregate sites that serve FMAAA's senior hot lunch program. Advisory Council members Tonya Frost and Jan Clagg expressed interest in serving as representatives and attended an informational Zoom meeting on Friday, February 6, 2026. Miles also noted that, customarily, the senator position is offered to someone with prior experience as an assembly member.

e. Triple-A Council of California (TACC) Report:

- i. Tonya Frost had nothing to report at the time of the meeting.

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

a. Miles R. gave the following updates:

- i. FMAAA is working to open Parlier as a congregate nutrition site.
- ii. FMAAA is working towards hiring a new Home Delivered Meals Eligibility Worker.
- iii. Executive Director Jamie Sharma is leading an effort to partner with the VA to begin a Veteran-Directed Care program. This case management program is designed specifically for veterans and assists with navigating healthcare, behavioral health, substance abuse, housing, and job readiness.
- iv. Miles R. shared that Executive Director Jamie S., Program Director Hillaree B., and Clinical Manager Sarah C. have completed the required training for FMAAA to provide the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program through CalAIM. He explained that ECM is a statewide Medi-Cal benefit designed to support eligible individuals enrolled in the Anthem Managed Care Plan who are experiencing complex medical or social needs. Miles reported that FMAAA will begin implementing the program gradually and noted that, while ECM is new and different from FMAAA's existing two case management programs, the agency is excited about this opportunity to provide additional resources and case management services to older adults in need.
- v. To accommodate the new CalAIM ECM program and future expansion, FMAAA has expanded its office space into the adjacent suite. The agency hopes to host future Advisory Council and Governing Board meetings in a

conference room within the new space; however, Miles R. was unsure when this transition would begin.

- vi. A discussion was held regarding the referral process and operational differences of the new ECM program compared to existing services. Miles R. explained that the initial referral process will involve Anthem, the managed care plan, providing lists of potential participants for agency staff to contact. A concern was raised that this process may be slower than direct referrals from providers or self-referrals, and a member suggested that allowing direct referrals could help streamline service delivery. Miles stated that he will provide additional information regarding the ECM program, including referral procedures, once the program is fully operational.

- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The motion was made by Jan Clagg and seconded by Anne Bishop. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

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