

Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of April 14, 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 1:32 PM. A quorum was established.
 - b. **Advisory Council Members Present:** Jan Clagg, Tonya Frost, Michael Bishop, Joel Gurss, Mariel Ortiz, Anne Bishop, Sulema Alonzo, Charmaine Barton, and Angela Stillwell.
 - c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Tish Davis, Stefanie Diaz, and Minerva Garcia.
 - d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson
 - e. **Guests Present:** Mario Pena (Alzheimer's Association) and Alex Leyva (DHHSC)

- 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 **March 10, 2026**, Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Joel Gurss and seconded by Anne Bishop. The motion carried.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Miles R. and HDME Worker Angelina R. attended the Fresno State Caregiving Simulation Resource Fair on March 12, 2026.
 - b. FMAAA Nurse Maria P. and Case Manager Jessica JL. attended the Kaiser Permanente Fresno Geriatric Symposium on March 12, 2026.
 - c. Miles R. attended the State Center Community College District Spring 2026 Employee Benefits Health Fair at Fresno City College on March 17, 2026.
 - d. Miles R. presented at Sierra Pines Church on March 24, 2026.
 - e. Miles R. tabled the Are You Ready: Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Event on March 28, 2026.
 - f. Miles R. presented at Sierra Gateway Senior Residence on April 4, 2026.
 - g. Miles tabled the Big Sandy Rancheria Elders Gathering

- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. Miles R. and RD John Varin to attend the Wellness at the Woods Event on April 17, 2026.
 - b. Miles R. to present for a Caregiver Conference Seminar on May 12, 2026.
 - c. FMAAA to attend and table the Fresno Fit Fest on May 23, 2026.

- d. Miles R. to present to CA State Employee Retirees on June 3, 2026.
- e. Miles R. to present at Rancho Hills Senior Center on June 16, 2026.
- f. Miles R. to present at Oak Creek 55+ Community on June 23, 2026.

VII. **Reports:**

a. **Advisory Council Chair Report:**

- i. This report was made by Chair, Michael Bishop.
 - 1. Chair, Michael Bishop welcomed new FMAAA Advisory Council Member Sulema Alonzo.
- ii. **Advisory Council Membership Status:**
 - 1. Current Vacancies: 2 Fresno County, 6 Madera County, and 1 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. Monthly Caregiver Seminars at The Peoples Church
 - b. April 22, and May 27, 2026 - VCRC Aging Resource Series
 - c. April 22, 2026 – Palliative and Hospice Event at Fresno State

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. Angela also mentioned that after a year with the new committees that it might be time to reevaluate their effectiveness. Miles R. mentioned that he would include a committee update discussion to May 2026's agenda.
- ii. **Housing Insecurity Committee Report:**
 - 1. Committee Chair, Anne Bishop reported no update at this time.

c. **Governing Board Meeting:**

- i. Miles R. reported that April 8th's Governing Board meeting had been canceled and that the next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 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.

d. **California Senior Legislative Report:**

- i. Miles Robinson reported that Advisory Council members Tonya Frost and Jan Clagg had been approved for the two open Assemblymember positions for the Fresno–Madera area and that at the May 13, 2026 meeting there will be an election by acclamation.

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

- i. Tonya Frost reported on the March 12, 2026, TACC meeting. Tonya gave special note on how other AAA Advisory Councils organize trips to local partners and congregate sites to experience how the AAA programs directly impact participants.

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

- a. Miles R. gave the following updates:
 - i. FMAAA opened Parlier as a congregate nutrition site on Monday, March 2, 2026.
 - ii. FMAAA will be opening the Paul Caprioglio Community Center as a congregate site.
 - iii. FMAAA to provide the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program through CalAIM. 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.
 - iv. FMAAA has expanded its office space into the adjacent suite to accommodate the new EECM program and support future growth.
 - v. Miles R. encouraged the FMAAA Advisory Council members to stay following the meeting for the annual Area Plan Update.

- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm. The motion was made by Anne Bishop and seconded by Jan Clagg. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

Miles Robinson
Administrative Manager
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging