

**Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026
Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging
1625 E. Shaw Ave. Suite #123, Fresno, CA 93710**

I. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tonya Frost at 1:35 PM. A quorum was established.
- b. **Advisory Council Members Present:** Tish Davis, Sulema Alonzo, Jan Clagg, Tonya Frost, Angela Stillwell, Charmaine Barton, and Mariel Ortiz.
- c. **Advisory Council Members Not Present:** Joel Gurss, Stefanie Diaz, and Minerva Garcia.
- d. **FMAAA Staff Present:** Miles Robinson and Adriana Parra.
- e. **Guests Present:** Heidi Setty (Oakmont Fresno) and Mario Pena (Alzheimer's Association).

II. Welcome and Introductions:

- a. Member Introductions: Chair, Tonya Frost welcomed members to the first meeting of FY 2026-2027. Members and FMAAA staff introduced themselves.
- b. Guest Introductions (Voluntary): Guests shared their names and organizations.

III. Public Comments: No Report.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Chair, Tonya Frost asked for a motion to approve the June 9, 2026 Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was made by Jan Clagg and seconded by Angela Stillwell. The motion carried.

V. Old Business:

- a. Miles R. presented at the Rancho Hills Senior Center on June 16, 2026.
- b. Miles R. presented at Oak Creek 55+ Community on June 23, 2026.
- c. Program Director Hillaree B., Nutrition Manager Sarah S., and Clinical Manager Sarah C. presented at Fresno County Department of Social Services on June 23, 2026.
- d. Miles R. presented at Kings View in Fresno on June 24, 2026.
- e. TRIO Community Meals held a tasting event at the Clovis Transit Center on June 26, 2026. Members reported positive feedback on the meals.
- f. Miles R. provided resources at Vista Del Monte in Sanger on June 29, 2026.
- g. Miles R. attended the July Local Advocates for Seniors Meeting on July 1, 2026.
- h. Miles R. distributed Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) cards at Kerman Senior Center on July 9, 2026.
- i. Miles R. attended the August Local Advocates for Seniors Meeting on August 5, 2026.
- j. Miles R. distributed SFMNP cards at Frank Bergon and Pan America Senior Centers in Madera on August 11, 2026. More than 80 cards were distributed that day. Miles R. reported improved distribution through senior centers, limited participating vendors, and confusion about card use. Staff provided local vendor lists to assist participants.

- k. Miles R. gave the Annual Advisory Council Update at the August FMAAA Governing Board Meeting on August 12, 2026.
- l. Miles R. distributed SFMNP cards at the Sanger Senior Center on August 13, 2026.
- m. Miles R. distributed SFMNP cards at Parlier Senior Center on August 14, 2026.
- n. FMAAA I&A Specialist Yecica E. and Social Work Case Manager Jessica J. distributed SFMNP cards at the Market on Kern on August 26, 2026.
- o. Miles R. attended the September Local Advocates for Seniors Meeting on September 2, 2026.

VI. New Business:

- a. September 14-16, 2026 – Executive Director Jamie S., Clinical Manager Sarah C., and Nutrition Manager Sarah S. were scheduled to attend the Power of Partnership Conference 2026 Adult Services Convening in Sacramento.
- b. September 18, 2026 – FMAAA staff were scheduled to attend the Park Kingsburg Resource Fair.
- c. October 1, 2026 – Miles R. was scheduled to attend the Vista Del Monte Resource Fair (Round 2).
- d. October 6, 2026 – Miles R. was scheduled to attend the Cedar Courts National Night Out Event with FMAAA resources.
- e. October 12, 2026 – FMAAA staff were scheduled to provide resources at the Big Fresno Fair Senior Day.
- f. October 15, 2026 – Miles R. was scheduled to present at REFCO's Health and Wellness Fair; participation could change to tabling.
- g. October 19, 2026 – Miles R. was scheduled to present at Bristol Hospice.

VII. Reports:

a. Advisory Council Chair Report:

i. Advisory Council Membership Status:

- 1. Reported vacancies: 3 City of Fresno, 2 Fresno County, and 6 Madera County. Members were encouraged to recruit Madera County representatives.
- 2. Miles R. reported that Michael Bishop and Anne Bishop had resigned. Brett Johnson of the MAMSA Foundation was not yet an official member. He was expected to join the Council following Governing Board approval.

ii. Brief Announcements of Upcoming Events for Older Adults:

- 1. Members announced a Stand Down event on September 23-24, 2026, and a Suicide Prevention Symposium at Clovis Veterans Memorial on September 25, 2026. Symposium registration was scheduled for 8:00 AM, with in-person and virtual participation available and the event ending at 3:00 PM.
- 2. Members discussed reported reductions in CalAIM-supported assisted living services, potential housing displacement, and Assisted Living Waiver waitlists. The discussion included clarification that APS waiver letters required an active abuse or neglect case and applicable eligibility criteria. Members were asked to share additional information as it became available.

3. Members announced a September 11, 2026 memorial event at the Clovis memorial site, with shuttle assistance available from parking areas.

b. Committee Updates and Reports:

i. FMAAA Advisory Council Committee Check-In:

1. Miles R. reviewed the two work groups' roles in identifying community needs and developing resources for older adults and FMAAA's Information & Assistance Program. He reminded members that each group was expected to meet at least quarterly, work toward a specific project, and identify a new goal after completing a project.
2. Members selected work groups for FY 2026-2027. Miles R. would ask absent members for their selections at their next meeting and offered assistance with resource formatting.

ii. Food and Resource Insecurity Report:

1. The existing food resource directory, organized by ZIP code, continued to be used for referrals. Miles R. proposed a brief resource guide for older adults experiencing homelessness or an immediate crisis, identifying food, emergency shelter, showers, and other essential services. Members discussed a simple initial guide that could be expanded later.
2. Work group selections: Jan Clagg, Tish Davis, Sulema Alonzo, Mariel Ortiz, Tonya Frost, and Angela Stillwell.

iii. Housing Insecurity Report:

1. Miles R. proposed reviewing and updating FMAAA's Older Adult Housing Resources, including verifying listings and considering improvements to the format and ease of updating.
2. Work group selections: Jan Clagg, Tish Davis, and Charmaine Barton. Heidi Setty selected Housing Insecurity while her Council application was pending.

c. Agency on Aging Governing Board Meeting Report:

i. Annual Advisory Council Governing Board Report:

1. Miles R. reviewed the annual update presented to the Governing Board on August 12, 2026. The report covered Council membership, leadership, committee work, statewide representation, and FY 2025-2026 outreach of more than 20 events and 1,522 community contacts. Potential priorities included reviewing the bylaws, visiting congregate sites, and exploring a Council newsletter.

d. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report:

- i. Tonya Frost and Jan Clagg reported that they had completed orientation and were scheduled to travel to Sacramento on October 21, 2026, for their October 22 swearing-in as Senior Assemblymembers.
- ii. They discussed plans to meet with local elected officials and gather older adults' concerns. A welcoming event at the FMAAA office and town halls were suggested. Jan Clagg's interest in the Senior Senator position and Charmaine Barton's interest in an Assemblymember position were discussed; no appointments or elections occurred.

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

- i. Tonya Frost had no report at this time. She reported that TACC would meet later that week and that she expected to provide an update at the next Council meeting. She planned to attend the convention during the first week of November.

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

- a. Miles R. reported that TRIO Community Meals was FMAAA's new vendor for Title III C1 and C2 meal services. Home Delivered Meals participants received 10 meals weekly. The waitlist now prioritized participants by need; capacity remained approximately 800, with possible expansion dependent on local production, staffing, and funding.
- b. Title III C1 meals increased by more than 1,000 in the first month of the fiscal year following the transition to TRIO Community Meals. Feedback on meal quality and variety was positive. Participants were encouraged to call congregate sites by 11:00 AM the day before attending.
- c. FMAAA would host two Fresno Pacific University social work interns during the 2026-2027 academic year: MSW intern Adriana Parra and a BSW intern beginning in mid-September.
- d. CDA approved additional MSSP slots, increasing FMAAA's enrollment goal from 313 to 333 participants.
- e. FMAAA reached its previous MSSP goal of 313 participants at the end of FY 2025-2026.
- f. Enhanced Care Management (ECM) was operational with the first five members enrolled. FMAAA was working with Anthem and developing program operations.
- g. Future Advisory Council meetings were expected to be held at the FMAAA office after remaining logistical issues, including damaged entrance glass, were resolved.
- h. Miles R. would distribute a voluntary snack sign-up form with the minutes, collect allergy information, and share a list of allergies without identifying individuals.

IX. **Next Meetings:**

- a. Advisory Council: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 1:30 PM. Location was to be determined.
- b. Governing Board: Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Fig Garden Regional Library, 3071 W. Bullard Ave., Fresno, CA 93711.

- X. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM. The motion was made by Angela Stillwell and seconded by Jan Clagg. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Robinson

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