Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Area Agency on Aging Older Americans Advisory Council

Monday October 26, 2020 AAA Via Zoom

Members Present	Members Absent	AAA Staff
Anker-Unnever, Lynne	Pearson, Mel	Alvarado, Brian
Lay, Danny	Riley, Lydia	Briscoe, Michelle
Lorino, Meggin		Funes, Ana
Mella, Hazel		Lopez, Matthew
Middleton, Kristin		Padilla, Melissa
Osoria, Guillermina		Sedillo, Connie
Stitelman, Leonard, Chair		

1. Call to Order

The OAAC meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Introductions

Guests, staff and OAAC members introduced themselves.

Dr. Stitelman welcomed Kristin Middleton, new member.

3. Approval of Agenda

Hazel Mella made the motion to approve the agenda for October 26, 2020. Meggin Lorino seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

Lynne Anker-Unnever made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2020. Guillermina Osoria seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Area Plan FY21-22 and FY21 budget updates

Ms. Briscoe spoke on Area Plan FY21-22 and FY21 budget updates. FY21 budget has not changed.

Ms. Osario requested a separate meeting to ask questions regarding the Area Plan. Ms. Briscoe agreed to set up a separate meeting, and offered the same to all members.

6. Update on providers and services

Ms. Briscoe and Mr. Alvarado gave updates on providers and services: Senior Centers remain closed. Meals are being delivered via grab-and-go sites and home delivered. More emergency home-delivered meals are being delivered than traditional, qualified home-delivered meals. Socialization online. Providers were acknowledged for their ability to pivot quickly to this new model of delivering services. Case Managers conducting assessments via phone. GEHM Clinic distributed flu shots and resumed health checks. Adult Day providers conducting daily wellness checks. New clients bring identified at grab-and-go and online socialization and physical fitness services. Title IIID evidence-based services online as well.

Ms. Lorino asked about services for the less technologically connected and more vulnerable populations. Ms. Briscoe spoke about Case Managers continuing to serve the most vulnerable seniors by conducting assessments via the phone and making appropriate referrals. Contact from home delivered meal drivers continue, expanded to emergency clients. Homemaker services continue. Adult Day providers also conducting the daily wellness checks. Senior Centers conducting outreach as well. Mr. Alvarado served in the City Emergency Operations Center and helped ensure seniors identified in shelters were fed and served.

Ms. Osario requested additional information regarding emergency housing for seniors. Mr. Alvarado agreed to follow up. Ms. Mella shared crisis counseling is available at Bernalillo County hotels.

Ms. Briscoe spoke regarding potential opportunities with the State to update the Adult Day rules and regulations to facilitate innovations and reopen.

7. Recruitment to fill vacancies: Kristin Middleton is a new member and has been welcomed. Other vacancies need to be filled.

8. Advisory Member Community Feedback:

Ms. Mella spoke regarding how to educate and share the need to wear masks. Ms. Briscoe mentioned printing posters for shelters. Ms. Middleton suggested supplying PPE and the posters, and asking administrators for assistance. Ms. Briscoe mentioned the AAA may be able to help with administrators. Ms. Middleton mentioned Albuquerque Fire Rescue has conducted trainings and would be a good contact.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2020 at AAA.

10. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Lynne Anker-Unnever made a motion to adjourn and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature:

Prepared by: _____