

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

**Monday April 8th, 2019
Los Griegos Health & Social Service Center**

Members Present	Members Absent	AAA Staff
Anker-Unnever, Lynne	Lorrino, Meggin	Briscoe, Michelle
Chisenhall, Debbie	Otero, Alfonso, Vice Chair	Sedillo, Connie
Mella, Hazel		Alvarado, Brian
Pearson, Mel		Funes, Ana
Reynoso, Lupe		Melissa Padilla
Riley, Lydia	Guests	
Stitelman, Leonard, Chair		
Wood, Conway		
Speakers		
Leitzer, Ellen Senior Citizen's Law Office		

1. Call to Order

The OAAC meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Introductions

Introductions of guests, staff and OAAC members.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the agenda for April 8th, 2019. Ms. Riley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Riley made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 14th, 2019 meeting. Mr. Wood seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Senior Day recap

Michelle Briscoe:

- Senior Day at the legislature was later in the session this year which was an advantage for advocacy.
- Nice turn out

5a. Area Plan Update 2016-2020

FY19 budget signed. City, County, State all stable.

Received notice from state significant additional federal dollars coming this fiscal year. Indications are FY20 will be roughly flat.

6. Senior Citizen Law Office Presentation

Ellen Leitzer presented on the services offered by Senior Citizen's Law Office:

SCLO provides legal service for low income seniors. They provide direct service and legal clinics at senior centers and other locations. Services often focus on housing, consumer rights, power of attorney, etc. When New Mexico's Real ID began and seniors reported concerns, the AAA reached out to SCLO and they began clinics to assist seniors with those issues.

Next presentation: Speaker regarding opioid concerns for senior. Hazel Mella will facilitate scheduling the speaker.

7. OAAC Member Recruitment:

Welcomed new members Meggin Lorino and Lynne Anker-Unnever.

Only one city vacancy remaining.

8. Advisory Member Community Feedback:

National Senior Olympics is a great opportunity for seniors to come out to meal sites and discover facilities we have available to 60 and over.

OAAC members discussed peer counseling opportunities, effects of isolation on seniors, seniors caring for children and grandchildren, seniors uncomfortable asking for help, and some of the confusion between Medicare and AAA services.

AARP has hired Buffie Saavedra as the new New Mexico State Director.

9. Next Meeting: Monday July 8th, 2019 at Tijeras Senior Center

10. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Chair Leonard Stitelman made a motion to adjourn, was seconded by Conway Wood and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

<p>Chairperson's Signature: <u>Leonard Stitelman</u></p> <p>Prepared by: <u>7-11-19</u></p>
