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

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

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**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.

Chairperson’s Signature: Leonard Stitelman
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