City of Albuquerque

Department of Youth & Family Services

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor **Director Jess R. Martinez**

Older Americans Advisory Council

Monday, October 19, 2026

Members Present

- Mel Pearson, Chair
- Lynne Anker-Unnever, Vice Chair
- Beth Black
- Guillermina (Gigi) Osoria (Online)
- Joby Wallace
- Meggin Lorino
- Bill Tallman
- Khadijah Bottom (Online)

Members Absent

- Dr. Joseph Roybal-Sanchez
- Audrey Caufield

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Staff

- Michelle Briscoe
- Brian Alvarado
- Dayna Griego
- L. Theresa Smith
- Collette Baldwin

Guests

- Theresa Thurgood
- Kelsi Serrano
- Cristina Baca, ALTSD
- Laura Martinez, ALTSD

MINUTES

I. Call to order.

The Older Americans Advisory Council (OAAC) meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Chair Mel Pearson.

II. Introductions.

Staff, OAAC members, and guests held introductions.

III. Review and approval of agenda for Monday, October 19, 2026

Chair Mel Pearson asked for a motion to approve the agenda for October 19, 2026. Member Meggin Lorino motioned to approve the agenda. Member Beth Black seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Review and approval of minutes from July 13, 2026.

Chair Mel Pearson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 13,2026. Member Beth Black motioned to approve the agenda. Member Meggin Lorino seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

V. Area Agency on Aging requests and updates.

Ms. Briscoe began the meeting by informing the council that the FY 2027-2030 area plan has been formally approved by the State. Ms. Briscoe shared that the approval went through quite smoothly. In years past, the State requested revisions and Ms. Briscoe proudly shared that it was not needed for this Area Plan.

VI. Older Americans Advisory Council Overview

It had been determined in previous meeting that an overview of the council was needed for refreshment and also to benefit those recently appointed.

Ms. Briscoe and Mr. Alvarado jointly presented. Ms. Briscoe shared that Area Agencies on Aging were established by the Older Americans Act. They were created to Assess the needs of seniors, develop a comprehensive program plan, engage/monitor providers delivering the services, and advocate for the needs and concerns of seniors. Each Area Agency on Aging (AAA) are State sanctioned and federally mandated.

The Older Americans Act (OAA) was passed in 1965. It was created to address the needs of community social services for older persons. The funding provides critical services to help keep older adults healthy and independent. The services included are meals, recreation, health promotion, benefits enrollment, caregiver support, transportation, etc. The 1973 revision established that State agencies receive the grants and that AAA identify and respond to the needs of older persons over 60 years old. The revision required that each AAA to establish an Advisory Council. The council is meant to advise on matters relating to the development of the area plan, administration of the plan and operations under the plan.

Ms. Briscoe informed the council that our State is sectioned into “Planning and Service Areas” (PSA). Our PSA is PSA1 and we are assigned to Bernalillo County. Each AAA is responsible for tailoring the programs and services to the specific needs in their community.

For a clear understanding of the service areas the following PSA’s were discussed. New Mexico has 4 Area Agencies on Aging. They include Metro AAA, Non- Metro AAA, Navajo Area Agency on Aging, and Indian Area Agency on Aging.

Six PSA' s across New Mexico

PSA 1 – Bernalillo County
PSA 2 Northern New Mexico (Non- Metro AAA)
PSA 3 Eastern New Mexico (Non- Metro AAA)
PSA 4 Southern New Mexico (Non- Metro AAA)
PSA 5 Navajo Nation
PSA 6 New Mexico Pueblos, Apache Nations (State IAAA – Title VI and State funding)

The City of Albuquerque was designated by the State Agency in 1984. It serves as the Area Agency on Aging for Bernalillo County otherwise known as PSA1. In 1984 the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was signed that included the County of Bernalillo, the City of Albuquerque, the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the Village of Tijeras. In 1995 the JPA was revised to what it is today.

The Advisory Council is to consist of the following:

- Six City of Albuquerque Appointees
- Three Bernalillo County appointees
- One appointee each from Village of Tijeras and Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

The council is to meet quarterly to provide insight and guidance regarding the Area Plan, policies, and programming.

The MetroAAA focuses on helping older adults "Age in place with dignity. We are able to do this by providing an array of services. All services promote the highest quality of life of seniors in our community.

Every four years a new Area Plan is built for our community. It is formatted based on State guidelines. The area plan takes into account the current population and service delivery trends.

Services provided:

Title IIIB – Access, In-Home, Legal and community supportive services include:

- Transportation, Assisted transportation
- Information and Assistance
- Case Management
- Adult day
- Homemaker
- Chores
- Home modifications/ Repairs
- Legal Services
- Physical Fitness
- Recreation/Socialization

Title IIIC-1 Congregate Meals

Title IIIC-2 Home Delivered Meals

Title IIID Disease prevention and health promotion

- Evidence Based (Tai Chi, EnhancedFitness)

Title IIIE Family Caregiver Support

- Respite
- Counseling, support groups, and training
- Access Assistance

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State – Only Funded services include:

- On Demand Transportation
- Senior Hunger Initiative supplemental nutrition
- GEHM Clinic medical screenings
- Intensive Case Management, Housing Navigation
- Senior Services – State funds to facilitate services in capital project facilities based on the budget provided at the discretion of the AAA.

Currents Providers of the MetroAAA include:

- Department of Senior Affairs
- Albuquerque Fire Rescue
- Bernalillo County
- Village of Tijeras
- Aging Well Collective
- Catholic Charities
- NM Senior Olympics
- Oasis Albuquerque
- Senior Citizens Law Office
- Meals on Wheels
- UNM College of Nursing
- Rail Yards Market
- Roadrunner Food bank
- Cornucopia
- Share your care
- Sierra Health
- Corus Health
- 1st Premier Home Care
- La Vida Felicidad
- Consumer Direct Care
- Heritage Home Healthcare
- Family Caregiver Center of NM

Mr. Alvarado shared the MetroAAA complies with:

- Older Americans Act
- State of New Mexico Administrative Code
- NAPIS Consumer and Service reporting
- Area Agency on Aging Policies and Procedures
- Federal, State and City of Albuquerque procurement rules (RFP)
- City of Albuquerque Administrative Requirements for contracts
- Training & Technical guidance

He highlighted that the MetroAAA has a great team that is dedicated to fulfilling these

requirements to ensure services for our senior population.

VII. Recruitment to fill vacancies, member terms:

Ms. Briscoe reported that there is one county vacancy and we are in the process of replacing 3 City of Albuquerque appointees. Until 3 new applicants have been appointed the current members will continue to serve. She encouraged members to make recommendations of candidates.

VIII. Advisory Member Community Feedback

Member Lynne Anker- Unnever shared that AARP is sponsoring a Scam jam on October 29th at the CNM Workforce build OCT. 29TH AT THE CNM WORKFORCE BUILDING Multiple members expressed their appreciation for the presentation. In the future they hope see it presented annually or when a new member is appointed.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2027 at 2 p.m.-3 p.m. tentatively at the South Valley Multipurpose Center.

X. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Joby Wallace. Member Lynne Anker-unnever seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature:_____

Prepared by: _____