

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

**Monday January 10, 2022
700 4th Street SW, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87102
and Zoom**

Members Present	Members Absent	AAA Staff
Anker-Unnever, Lynne	Lay, Danny	Briscoe, Michelle
Hennie, Michele	Hays, Mike	Alvarado, Brian
Lorino, Meggin		Padilla, Melissa
Mella, Hazel		Archuleta, Renee
Middleton, Kristen		Benvidez, Ana
Pearson, Mel - Vice Chair		Lopez, Matthew
Osoria, Guillermina	Guests	
Riley, Lydia	Michael McGuire, SCLO	
	Tim Sheahan, Alzheimer's	

1. Call to Order

The Older Americans Advisory Council (OAAC) meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Introductions

Staff and OAAC members introduced themselves, welcome new member Michele Hennie (Shelley).

Advisory Council members recognized the important contributions of Dr. Leonard Stitelman, former Chair of the OAAC. Vice Chair Mel Pearson called for nominations for Chair.

A motion to nominate Mel Pearson as Chair was made by Lynne Anker-Unnever. Meggin Lorino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to nominate Lynne Anker-Unnever as Vice Chair was made by Mel Pearson, Meggin Lorino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hazel Mella. Meggin Lorino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting was made by Lynne Anker-Unnever. Shelley Hennie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Senior Citizens Law Office (SCLO) Presentation

Michael McGuire, Staff Attorney and Outreach Coordinator with Senior Citizens Law Office (SCLO) presented on behalf of Brwyn Downing, Executive Director.

Mr. McGuire shared SCLO has continued services during the pandemic, including remote client interactions. SCLO is welcoming clients back in the offices and back in the community offering workshops with strict safety protocols. SCLO lawyers carrying higher caseloads with more complex issues. The closing of Social Security Administrative offices presented additional challenges. Housing issues and rent inflation have been a growing issue throughout the pandemic, and SCLO will be hiring a temporary housing attorney.

Hazel Mella shared concerned regarding formerly incarcerated older adults. Mr. McGuire shared SCLO has no barriers to serving seniors.

6. AAA Updates

Michelle Briscoe shared no changes to the FY22 budget. Using existing funding, the AAA is funding the SCLO temporary housing attorney, Senior Olympics evidence-based EnhanceFitness program, and Catholic Charities for assisted transportation with available budget.

The aging network is requesting additional funding during the 2022 legislative session. Senior Day will be virtual.

Ms. Briscoe shared AAA staff have conducted four public meetings in November and December regarding the next four-year Area Plan and City waiver. The fifth and final public meeting will be conducted by Zoom at 3:00 p.m. following the OAAC meeting. AAA staff went on the radio and television to encourage turnout to public meetings. The deadline for submitting the Area Plan is in March. This is a four-year area plan, and the AAA will release an RFP for FY2024.

7. Recruitment to fill vacancies

Ms. Briscoe noted one City vacancy needs to be formally filled, but a nomination has been made.

8. Advisory Member Community Feedback

Lynne Anker-Unnever shared her work with Department of Senior Affairs on the age-friendly initiative and updates on community resources. Guillermina Osoria expressed her gratitude to Michelle Briscoe and Brian Alvarado for listening and working on areas of concern. Mr. Alvarado shared his gratitude for all OAAC members for their dedication as well.

8. Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 11, 2022 at 2:00pm. Lynne Anker-Unnever suggested the adult day service providers attend a future meeting.

9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Hazel Mella. Guillermina Osoria seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature:  _____

Prepared by: _____