

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

**Monday July 18, 2022  
700 4th Street SW, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87102  
and Zoom**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>AAA Staff</b>
Pearson, Mel, Chair	Middleton, Kristen	Alvarado, Brian
Hays, Mike	Anker-Unnever, Lynne	Briscoe, Michelle
Hennie, Michele (Shelley)	Lay, Danny	Padilla, Melissa
Osoria, Guillermina	Lorino, Meggin	Archuleta, Renee
Angle, Herb Jr.	Mella, Hazel	Benavidez, Ana
		Kemp, Kyle
		<b>Guests</b>
		Dennis R Plummer
		Michelle Bishop-Couch
		Bryan Stearley
		Aimee Brown
		Nick Pavlakos

**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.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Hays. Shelley Hennie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting was made by Mike Hays. Shelley Hennie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. Adult Day Services presentation:**

Michelle Bishop-Couch spoke on behalf of Cornucopia Adult Day Services. Ms. Bishop-Couch is the CEO and has been with the organization for 15 years. Cornucopia's day facility for 18-50 year-old clients is located off of Bridge SW. The facility is a 9,000 sq. ft building on one-acre facility where they have a professional 60'x30' greenhouse. Cornucopia serves older adults at the South Valley Respite facility next door to the South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center. They provide door-to-door transportation for adult day service clients. Cornucopia also operates two assisted living homes and a family living program for adults with disabilities. Cornucopia's mission is to prevent institutionalization. Meals are provided at the South Valley Respite facility which opened July 6, 2021. Ms. Bishop-Couch shared some of the activities at South Valley Respite.

Nick Pavlakos spoke on behalf of Share your Care Adult Day Services. Mr. Pavlakos is the Executive Director and noted the partnership with the Area Agency on Aging has been important to the organization, especially in recent years through COVID. He noted Share Your Care is operating at 60 percent capacity primarily due to staffing shortages, not demand. Mr. Pavlakos noted how important caregivers are for older adults, and the toll caregiving can take especially without sufficient respite. He noted four of their five facilities, the four City sites (Barelas, Los Volcanes, North Valley and Bear Canyon), have re-opened following pandemic closures. They are serving approximately 60 older adults a day.

Ms. Briscoe spoke about the important partnership during the pandemic with both Cornucopia and Share Your Care continuing to older adults and caregivers remotely, and then the work to reopen and rehire staff.

Ms. Hennie shared there are private-pay adult day facilities in the community as well.

## **6. Updates:**

Ms. Briscoe introduced Kyle Kemp as the new Program Data Analyst II.

Ms. Briscoe shared the FY23 budget was submitted to State along with Area Plan. Ms. Briscoe also shared some minor updates and changes to the Area Plan requested by the State prior to approval. These included clarifications and more specific outcome measures, especially reducing waitlists following the FY24 Request for Proposals.

Staff and members welcomed new Older Americans Advisory Council member Herb Angle, Jr.

Ms. Briscoe discussed plans for provider trainings and reviews of the Area Agency on Aging Policies and Procedures. This would include adding Assisted Transportation based on results from the current program with Catholic Charities.

## **7. Member terms:**

Ms. Briscoe shared Area Agency on Aging staff will work with members to support reappointment for those that will be expiring or have expired. Ms. Briscoe shared there is one City vacancy to fill.

**8. Advisory Member Community Feedback:**

Mr. Angle asked about private sector support for programs.

**9. Next Meeting:** Monday, October 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Hays. Herb Angle, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Chairperson's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_