

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

**Monday July 19, 2021
700 4th Street SW, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87102
and Zoom**

Members Present	Members Absent	AAA Staff
Anker-Unnever, Lynne	Lorino, Meggin	Alvarado, Brian
Hays, Mike	Lay, Danny	Briscoe, Michelle
Mella, Hazel	Middleton, Kristen	Funes, Ana
Pearson, Mel, Vice Chair	Osoria, Guillermina	Padilla, Melissa
Stitelman, Leonard, Chair	Riley, Lydia	
		Guests

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

Mel Pearson made the motion to approve the agenda for July 19, 2021. Lynne Anker-Unnever seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mel Person made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021. Lynne Anker-Unnever seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. AAA Updates

Ms. Briscoe shared FY21 closed June 30, including additional State funding made available following the previous meeting. Bernalillo County received most of the funding based on their robust proposal including equipment to continue remote programs. City requested equipment. Share Your Care requested funding for dividers. Tijeras not able to receive items in time. Regular service funding closed successfully.

Ms. Briscoe spoke on FY22. Did not receive contract from state until week before meeting. Unable to share final budget due to late notice and challenges planning for over \$2 million in American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. ARPA funding is one-time funding. ARPA funding is able to be used over more than one year, but it is not appropriate for developing programs as it will not renew once expended.

Council members brainstormed ideas to spend additional funding. Ms. Anker-Unnever suggested revenue-generating programs that could be begun with ARPA funding and they become self-sustaining. Ms. Briscoe shared Home Services may use temps, other resources to implement a big project to clear waitlists and facilitate improvements like roofs not normally able to be repaired with limited program funding. Ms. Anker-Unnever suggested Senior Citizens Law Office may have cases they could pursue. Ms. Briscoe shared a potential innovative nutrition program with local restaurants. Other ideas include grocery delivery and expanding ridesharing, but may not be appropriate for one-time funding. Ms. Anker-Unnever asked about a City Conference on Aging.

Discussed utilization by older adults is slow to recover.

Mr. Hays suggested designing a pilot program that another agency takes on if successful. Ms. Anker-Unnever United Way as a resource to explore capacity of organizations, and suggested Teeniors. Discussed history with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Pearson suggested multiple-year programs with ARPA funding.

Ms. Briscoe spoke on progress toward reopening. Homemaker programs have staffing concerns, but continuing. Ms. Briscoe shared the transportation reopening plan to expand routes to improve coverage of Bernalillo County, and additional meal sites.

6. Recruitment to fill vacancies

One City vacancy, may have a County vacancy due to term limit.

7. Advisory Member Community Feedback

Ms. Mella spoke about 988 to be implemented July 22. Instead of 911 and law enforcement be the only option, a new contact number for behavioral, substance use disorder and mental health assistance.

8. Next Meeting: October 18, 2021 at 2:00pm

9. Adjournment: Leonard Stitelman made the motion to adjourn. Lynne Anker-Unnever seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

With there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Prepared by: _____