City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council



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> CASA Kitchen 2540 Karsten Ct SE, 87102 Monday, November 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. In-Person Meeting

> > https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83684832864

Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Evan Thompson at 12:24 PM.

II. Roll Call

- a. Present:
 - i. Advisory Council Members: Evan Thompson; Raymond Taylor, Jr.; Dr. Sheila Hundley; Henry Shonerd; Steve Borbas; Louis Carlentine; Lorey Esquibel (Zoom); Maria Martinez (Zoom)
 - ii. DSA Staff Members: Director Anna Sanchez; Shay Armijo; Marina Salazar; Timothy Martinez; Angel Montoya; Maria ReQua; Nikki Peone; Alan Armijo; Agnes Vallejos; Tyler Allison
- b. Not Present: Martha Medina

III. Approval of Minutes & Agenda

- a. Mr. Thompson motions to approve minutes, Dr. Hundley seconds. October Draft Minutes were approved.
- b. Mr. Thompson motions to approve the November Agenda, Mr. Shonerd seconds. The November agenda was approved.

IV. Public Participation

- a. Susan concerns regarding today's ABQ Journal article about deportation of undocumented individuals and how it will affect employment, and water rights issues.
 - ii. Director Sanchez informed Susan that these concerns do not fall under Senior Affairs directly, but the department is committed to assisting all seniors.
- b. Chuck Holman still concerned about lack of support and resources for older adults experiencing increasing rent prices and facing eviction.

i. Maria ReQua informed Chuck that while DSA does not provide direct services for individuals who need legal assistance or rental assistance vouchers, the I&A team provides resources for individuals who call in.

V. <u>CASA Highlights – Timothy Martinez</u>

- a. Participated in NM Grown Grant (from the NM Aging and Long-term Services Department).
 - i. Nutrition has received awards from NM Grown for two years in a row at their awards ceremony.
 - 1. Received "Blossom Award" recently.
 - ii. Nutrition recently added another Cook position to staffing.
 - iii. Transportation:
 - 1. Added a new transportation scheduling software Ecolane. (launched July 2024) which helps triage rides and increase ondemand performance.
 - 2. Bringing on Communication Center Specialist and Administrative Assistant.
 - iv. 50 employees currently working at CASA.

VI. Administration Report – Director Sanchez

- a. Environmental Planning Commission Meeting (GO Bonds) occured recently to review proposed projects to fund which would be available in late 2025.
 - i. DSA has a proposed 5.5 million that could be approved and be forth to Council this spring.
- b. DSA will be working evaluating menus and food costs, which includes working on consistency across all Senior/Multigenerational Centers and marketing.
- c. Food "advisory/triage" group may be needed to help engage our members in this discussion.
- d. Would like to partner more with senior living communities in 2025.

VII. Committee Updates: Evan Thompson invites committees to share updates.

- a. Agnes Vallejos hosted the Age-Friendly Summit earlier this month.
 - i. 80 people attended this year's Summit.
 - ii. Survey responses showed that participants were really happy with the Summit's topic (Housing Equity).
 - iii. ECHO NW came in and gave a presentation on housing equality in Albuquerque.
- b. Suggestion from Mr. Borbas work with Albuquerque Public Schools on partnering high school students with older adults who need help around the house, front yard, etc.
 - i. Agnes would like to look further into intergenerational programs for DSA.

VIII. Announcements and Council Business

a. Nothing to report.

IX. <u>Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Thompson motions to adjourn at 1:15 pm, Mr. Taylor seconds. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.</u>