



SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

Advisory Council on Aging Agenda

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2025

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

In-person @

Benson Hospital Conference Room 450 South Ocotillo Ave. Benson, Arizona 85602

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Meeting Minutes
SEAGO Area Agency on Aging, Region VI
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Thursday, April 17, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

450 S. Ocotillo Ave. Benson, AZ 85602.

In person and Zoom

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Frank Montoya, President- Zoom
Arnold Lopez, 1st Vice President
Gary Clark, 2nd Vice President
Jaime Aguilar, Secretary
Sue Baz
Brenda Chacon

Bob Rivera - Zoom
Lisa Lane - Zoom
Stephanie Nabor - Zoom
Arnoldo Montiel
Susan M. Lange

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kathy Spangler
Wanda Leikem

Eva McElroy
Ricky Martinez

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dr. Varona

STAFF PRESENT:

Carrie Gibbons, Deputy Director
Michele Miller, Office Specialist

Celeste Vasquez, AAA Director

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Due to Zoom technical difficulties, President Frank Montoya could not be heard but could hear the meeting, so Vice President Arnold Lopez ran the ACOA quarterly meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of January 16, 2025, minutes

Bob Rivera moved to approve January 16, 2025, meeting minutes; Gary Clark seconded. The motion passes unanimously by those present.

2. Open floor for nominations to vacant seats

Director Vasquez reviewed changes in Article III: Composition and Membership of the ACOA By-Laws. The change in composition is due to the last population census. There are to be eight representatives from Cochise County, four from Graham, three from Greenlee County, and three from Santa Cruz. There are openings for one seat in Huachuca City, one for the City of Willcox, one for the unincorporated Cochise County.

Arnold Lopez asked the board about his continued service to the ACOA Board. In May, he will be moved to the Chair of the SEAGO Board, and he wants to make sure there is not a conflict of interest. He hopes someone will replace him.

Director Vasquez stated that the terms of the elected officials have not changed. Upon an appointment by the SEAGO Executive Board, Members shall serve a term of three (3) years. Each Member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. However, a previous Member can be reappointed if a vacancy cannot be filled in 90 days. The Advisory Council may submit a member's name to the Executive Board for reappointment for an additional term with the Advisory Council. Based on Article III.B - Composition and Membership, Section 4.

Mr. Frank L. Montoya has completed his second term as a Member of the Advisory Council. As stated in Article III.B - Composition and Membership, Section 4 above, Mr. Montoya has reached the two consecutive term limit.

Ms. Sue L. Baz has completed her first term as a Member of the Advisory Council. As stated in Article III.B - Composition and Membership, Section 4 above, Ms. Baz is eligible to serve a second term.

Director Vasquez stated that Sue Baz has completed her first term as a member of the Advisory Council. Ms. Baz is eligible to serve a second term.

Sue Baz stated she would like to serve a second term.

Bob Rivera moved to have Sue Baz serve a second term on board. Susan Lange seconded. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Dr. Arnoldo Montiel has completed his second term as a Member of the Advisory Council. As stated in Article III.B - Composition and Membership, Section 4 above, Dr. Montiel has reached the two consecutive term limit.

Director Vasquez stated upon reviewing the By-Law stated Article III, B. paragraph 4 that:

Upon an appointment with the SEAGO Executive Board, Members shall serve a term of three (3) years. Each Member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. However, a previous Member can be reappointed if a vacancy cannot be filled in 90 days. The Advisory Council may submit a member's name to the Executive Board for reappointment for an additional term.

This would prohibit Mr. Montoya and Dr. Montiel from serving unless there is a vacancy for 90 days. Jaimie Aguilar stated this very thing happened to him, and he waited 90 days and no one else came forward. He was reappointed for a fourth term. The item can be tabled for 90 days.

3. Election of Officers

Mr. Frank L. Montoya has served as President for two successive one-year terms and two terms as a Member of the Advisory Council. Based on Article III.B - Composition and Membership, Section 4 above. Mr. Montoya has reached two consecutive term limit.

Mr. Arnold Lopez has served as First Vice President for two successive one-year terms. Based on Article IV.C. – Nomination and Terms, Section 1 above. Mr. Lopez is eligible for re-election.

Mr. Gary Clark has served as Second Vice President for two successive one-year terms. Based on Article IV.C. – Nomination and Terms, Section 1 above. Mr. Clark is eligible for re-election.

Mr. Jaime Aguilar has served as Secretary for two successive one-year terms. Based on Article IV.C. – Nomination and Terms, Section 1 above. Mr. Aguilar is eligible for re-election.

Director Vasquez reviewed the Advisory Council on Aging's (ACOA) revised bylaws, Article IV.A. – Titles, state, "The Officers of the Advisory Council shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary." Article IV.C.2-4 – Nomination and Terms states, "Officers shall be seated upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. Nominations will be made from the floor at the April meeting, with the nominee's consent. The President shall not serve for more than three (3) successive one-year terms." There are no term limits for any other position. Mr. Montoya is eligible for another term if wanted.

Arnold Lopez asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of president, is any other ACOC Member is interested in the position? No response.

Mr. Montoya stated he is willing to serve another term if needed.

Arnold Lopez stated he does not want the position of President, with his appointment to the SEAGO Board, it would not be right. He asked Gary Clark if he would like to move up in board.

Gary Clark stated he is having some upcoming medical issues this summer. He feels the president is a huge responsibility, you need to stay on top of the issues and do your homework. He likes the idea of the board remaining as it is.

Bob Rivera moved to table all of Action Item 3. Election of Officers to July 17 ACOA quarterly board meeting. Jaimie Aguilar seconded. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Director Vasquez clarified that the ACOA Board would vote July 17th for its members and then the item would be on the SEAGO Executive Board Agenda in August.

Gary Clark asked if a class on Robert's Rules of Order is+ available. Director Vasquez will investigate a class for the board.

III INFORMATION ITEM

1. SEAGO-AAA Program Updates

Director Vasquez reviewed the Program Update memo in the packet.

AAA currently has only one vacancy within the program. This position is the Benson/Willcox Case Manager position. Ana Martinez, who has worked with children with special needs for over twenty-five years, has filled the Douglas Case Manager position. Yessenia Alcala, who has worked as a caregiver for over ten years, has filled the Sierra Vista Case Manager position. We are very happy to have them both on board.

The SEAGO AAA team will be attending and presenting at the 7th Annual World

Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Conference June 16, 2025, in Phoenix. There will be other WEAAD events at Region 6 sites, to educate and raise awareness about the issue among our seniors and communities. Older Americans month is in May, and we are celebrating older Adults' contributions, exploring the many opportunities for staying active and engaged, as we age. Several Region 6 events are planned, please check and see if you can attend.

In Collaboration with local agencies, SEAGO AAA and the City of Douglas has partnered to bring the Arizona Attorney General to Douglas, May 22. Attorney General Kris Mayes will be hosting a Town Hall focused on elderly scams. Director Vasquez encouraged the board to review the AAA event schedule for opportunities to attend any events in their areas.

2. State Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Allocations Alert

Director Vasquez reviewed the \$214,973 funding for 2025. The money allocations fluctuate by program title.

The Area Agency's on Aging were supposed to respond to the Request for Proposal, but the State decided not to renegotiate contracts and just renew contracts with the AAAs.

3. Legislative Update

Director Vasquez reviewed the packet memo with the board.

She summarized her trip to Washington, DC, the Conference she attended and her advocacy with our Arizona Legislators. She reviewed the reorganization of the Department of Health and Human Services which includes a plan to split the functions of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) into three other, existing agencies (the Administration for Children and Families, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation). It is unclear at this time if any specific programs currently administered by ACL will be cut or eliminated, but the HHS reorganization includes a deep reduction in HHS staff members. Currently, there is a lot of confusion and uncertainty. It is the time to do some heavy advocacy, education for the community, so the community knows what the Older American Act provides, so they can reach out to the legislators.

Gary Clark said the public doesn't understand where funding comes from, it's a communication breakdown with the clients how their services are paid for.

IV MEMBER/STAFF INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Gary Clark reported on an opportunity for legal aid in Douglas, at the County building, on the first and third Tuesday of the month. A new border wall between Arizona and Mexico is being built between Naco to Nogales, housing will become even tighter for our seniors, as the workers move in. There has been a cost increase for insurance in this area for local businesses, which means some are cutting staff to make ends meet. The AZ Attorney General is hosting an event in Douglas, he encouraged participation. Advocacy is needed for the passage of the Older American Act; it affects our senior's quality of life. He has been dealing with scam calls.

- Susan Lange feels Patagonia is changing, the Mine is opening, and it has created an increase of traffic in town. Housing rental costs have gone up

from \$400-\$600 a unit to \$1,000-\$3,000. They have widened Highway 82. There is no parking to be found in town, due to the increased traffic. The Patagonia senior center continues to be busy with congregate meals, but they do not offer home delivered meals. There are several different groups utilizing the Senior Center. There is a new bike shop in town, and it generates more bikes in the area and on the highway. The Fire Department is being dismantled, and they will have to rely on Sonoita's Fire Department. There are more changes coming, few home rentals available, no job opportunities, the senior population is suffering with the changes.

- Bob Rivera stated Stephanie and SEACUS are a blessing to the senior community. They take donations of durable medical equipment. He attended the ribbon cutting for the second House of Hope, in Safford, named after Kathy Grimes.

- Jaime Aguilar feels it is time to listen to people, sympathize and empathize with them, think of solutions outside the box, don't get caught up with the political stuff. The staff of AAA support each other, and they learn from the others before them. We are people of service.

- Dr. Arnoldo Montiel stated the congregate site continues to grow. On an average month they serve 1,281 meals to 166 clients, their donations are \$2,408. They are now serving Rio Rico on Fridays, they call ahead and ask for the number of meals needed, and they send the meals out in their van Rio Rico. He invited everyone to Nogales' Mother's Day event in May

- Suz Baz stated that the Tombstone Congregate site continues to be busy. The Tombstone Health Fair has been rescheduled to the fall. She agrees with Mr. Aguilar, we need to focus on humanity, be kinder to each other and to speak up when things aren't right. She spoke about the upcoming rally in Sierra Vista. She wants to leave the world a better place than she found it.

- Arnold Lopez asked Director Vasquez for her Older American Act talking points, he is meeting with Congressman Ciscomani in a few days. He would like documentation to talk along and to leave with Ciscomani.

Director Vasquez stated she will get him the documents.

- Brenda Chacon asked if there was legal aid in Safford. She feels like she is learning the ropes.

Stephanie Nabor stated no, they refer clients Legal Aid in Sierra Vista.

- Frank Montoya had nothing to add.

- Stephanie Nabor is excited to host SEAGO/AAA events in May, in Safford and one in Duncan. SEACUS is having a fundraising event April 26, 9-2 at Senior Center in Safford. They will have concession stand type food. The proceeds will benefit the senior center programming and meals. It will be held around the same time as the Spring Festival and will provide a place to come in and rest during the event. Transportation program is doing well and growing.

V SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING **July 17, 2025**

VI ADJOURNMENT

Jaimie Aguilar moved to adjourn the quarterly meeting of the Advisory Council on Aging at 12:12 p.m. Gary Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed by all those members present. Meeting adjourned.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (ACOA)
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: JULY 17, 2025
SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Advisory Council on Aging's (ACOA) revised bylaws dated February 21, 2025, state, under Article III – Composition and Membership, Section A.1., that the ACOA consists of eight representatives from Cochise County, four from Graham County, three from Greenlee County, and three from Santa Cruz County.

Section A.1.a. states that at least ten of the eighteen members shall be age sixty or older and that every effort shall be made to ensure the inclusion of persons with the greatest economic or social need, minority individuals, and participants in services funded through the Agency.

Section B.4. states that members appointed by the SEAGO Executive Board shall serve three years (3). Each member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. However, a previous member can be reappointed if a vacancy cannot be filled in 90 days. The Advisory Council on Aging may submit a member to the Executive Board for reappointment for an additional term.

There are currently **five (5) vacant** seats, and members are selected to represent incorporated cities, towns, and the unincorporated portions of each county. The current vacancies apply to the following:

Cochise County (3):

One (1) seat for Huachuca City
One (1) seat for the City of Willcox
One (1) seat for County Unincorporated

Greenlee County (1):

One (1) seat for the Town of Clifton

Santa Cruz County (1):

One (1) seat for the City of Nogales

Mr. Frank Montoya's second term representing the **Town of Clifton** expired on March 14, 2025. To date, we have not received any interest from other potential members in filling this seat. Mr. Montoya is willing to serve on the Council if reappointed, as this seat has been

vacant for 90 days.

Dr. Arnoldo Montiel's second term representing the **City of Nogales** expired on March 14, 2025. To date, we have not received any interest from other potential members in filling this seat. Dr. Montiel is willing to serve on the Council if reappointed, as this seat has been vacant for 90 days.

There are currently two (2) members whose successful first three-year term is due to expire on August 19, 2025. The following members may be reappointed for a second three-year term if they wish to continue:

Graham County:

Mr. Robert Rivera, representing the **Town of Thatcher**

Ms. Lisa Lane, representing **Graham County Unincorporated**

Nominated representatives will commence their term on the date approved and appointed by the SEAGO Executive Board, which is scheduled for August 22, 2025.

Attachments: none

Action Requested:

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Action Requested Below:

A motion to approve the proposed representatives to the SEAGO Executive Board for appointments to fill seat vacancies.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (ACOA)
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: JULY 17, 2025
SUBJECT: ACOA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Advisory Council on Aging's (ACOA) revised bylaws, Article IV.A. – Titles, state, "The Officers of the Advisory Council shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary." Article IV.C.2-4 – Nomination and Terms states, "Officers shall be seated upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. Nominations will be made from the floor at the April meeting, with the nominee's consent. The President shall not serve for more than three (3) successive one-year terms." There are no term limits for any other position.

ARTICLE IV.B. - Duties

President: The Advisory Council President shall preside at all meetings of the Advisory Council. The President shall coordinate and construct the meeting agendas with Agency staff and perform other duties that pertain to the office of the President, including the right to limit debate and discussion, fill Officer vacancies, and call a Special Meeting.

First Vice President: In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall perform all duties as pertain to the office of President.

Second Vice President: In the absence of the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall perform all duties as pertain to the office of President.

Secretary: Should the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President be absent, the Secretary shall act as President and designate another Member as Secretary Pro tem.

The ACOA's slate of officers is:

Officers:	Took Office:	Term:
Frank Montoya, President	4/20/2023	second
Arnold Lopez, First Vice President	4/20/2023	second
Gary Clark, Second Vice President	4/20/2023	second
Jaime Aguilar, Secretary	4/20/2023	second

Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Member: VACANT

Article IV.C. – Nomination and Terms

Section 1. Officers shall be elected by majority vote annually, the terms of office being one (1) year, or until their successors are qualified and elected.

Section 4. The President shall not serve for more than three (3) successive one-year terms.

Article III.B. – Composition and Membership

Section 4. Upon an appointment by the SEAGO Executive Board, Members shall serve a term of three (3) years. Each Member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. However, a previous Member can be reappointed if a vacancy cannot be filled in 90 days. The Advisory Council may submit a member's name to the Executive Board for reappointment for an additional term.

Mr. Frank L. Montoya has served as President for two successive one-year terms. Based on Article IV.C. – Nomination and Terms, Section 1 above. Mr. Montoya is eligible for nomination if he is reappointed as the representative of the Town of Clifton, since that seat has been vacant for 90 days.

Mr. Arnold Lopez has served as First Vice President for two successive one-year terms. Based on Article IV.C. – Nomination and Terms, Section 1 above. Mr. Lopez is eligible for re-election.

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Attachments: none

Action Requested:

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Action Requested Below:

A motion to elect a slate of Advisory Council on Aging Officers for Fiscal Year 2026.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: JULY 17, 2025
SUBJECT: AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAMS UPDATE

Administration:

I was invited to present at Community & Legislative Partners on Aging at the Arizona House of Representatives in Phoenix on May 22, 2025. I focused my presentation on educating them on the services offered through the Older Americans Act and the adverse effects it would have on the State if the programs were not funded federally.



We currently have one vacancy within the department. This is for the Benson area Case Manager. We are actively recruiting and attempting to fill that position immediately.

SEAGO AAA has partnered with the Arizona Community Health Workers Association (AzCHOW) to develop a program called "Comiendo Fresco" (Eating Fresh), which will provide vouchers to seniors to purchase fresh produce at local stores. Our Douglas Case Manager works with them to identify clients needing additional food and nutritional assistance. The vouchers will be \$20 weekly. This is phase one of the program, and the grant AzCHOW received was awarded for two years.

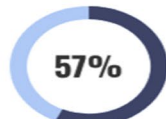
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SEAGO AAA DATA

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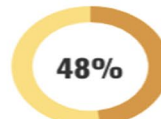
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Clients under the FPL

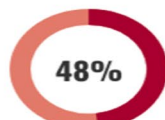


Spanish is Primary Language



Moderate to Great Nutritional Risk

Congregate Meals Data



Moderate to Great Nutritional Risk



Transportation Data



Riders are new to the transportation services



Please note that this data is missing the final report for June 2025.

Family Caregiver Support Program:

In April, the team was interviewed by Alexis Ramanjulu from [KGUN9 News Tucson](#) (click this link to view the story). The story focused on “Resources for seniors in jeopardy because of federal funding cuts.” Seana Riffle did a fantastic job recognizing a Family Caregiver who benefited from our services and was willing to give testimony.

SEAGO AAA was a vendor at Bisbee Pride this June. It allowed for direct connection with the community and showed awareness of services tailored to meet the needs of all individuals.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program:

The HPR Program is thriving, featuring two vibrant Tai Chi classes in Santa Cruz County and Spanish classes for the A Matter of Balance (AMOB) program in Nogales. In an exciting development, our HPR volunteers will launch a new AMOB class in Nogales at the end of August, creating more opportunities for community wellness and engagement. We hope for a Matter of Balance class in Duncan, AZ, soon. Additionally, there is interest in AMOB in Sierra Vista, along with potential new coach volunteers joining our team.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman:

Recently, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOC) participated in the

Department of Economic Security's (DES) inspiring World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) event in Phoenix. Looking ahead, we are eager to attend the US Aging conference in July, where we will deepen our knowledge and enhance our skills. Our commitment to community outreach remains strong, as we strive to connect and educate.

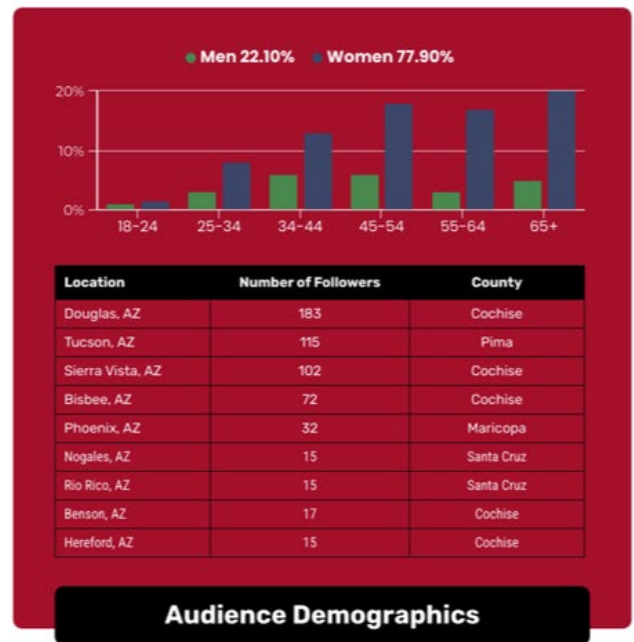
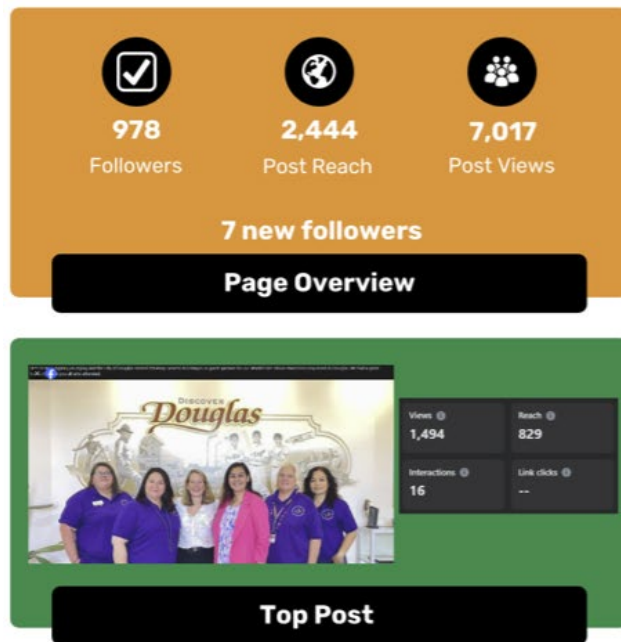
Southeastern Arizona Elder Abuse Taskforce's (SEAEAT) mission to raise awareness and provide education continues to flourish. June marked World Elder Abuse Awareness Month (WEAAM), and we proudly hosted four impactful events. In Nogales, we welcomed around 100 attendees and vendors; in Safford, we engaged about 60 passionate participants; in Clifton, we attracted roughly 20 attendees and vendors; and in Douglas, we celebrated a gathering of approximately 103 attendees and vendors. Each event was an excellent opportunity to foster community connection and awareness.

SEAGO AAA brought Attorney General Kris Mayes to Douglas for an Elder Abuse Town Hall. The event and media coverage were successful. You may view the videos and articles by clicking on the links below:

- [KGUN 9 Tucson](#)
- [KVOA 4 Tucson](#)
- [Douglas Dispatch](#)



Social Media:



State Health Insurance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol:

SHIP-SMP is collaborating with Region VI Health Centers to establish primary care physician (PCP) offices. The SHIP/SMP Coordinator has been working closely with the Attorney General and various political candidates to raise awareness about SMP services related to fraud and scams. Chiricahua Community Health Center's AHCCCS department has partnered with SHIP/SMP to identify beneficiaries with Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) needs. Chiricahua Medical Center has successfully reinstated a significant percentage of its LIS beneficiaries with AHCCCS and has also assisted in exploring potential applications for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

In May, we celebrated Older Americans Month (OAM) by providing education and socializing activities, such as OAM Bingo, with our seniors in all four counties. The turnout was a great success.



Attachments: none

Action Requested:

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☐ Action Requested Below:



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: JULY 17, 2025
SUBJECT: AAA FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SUBAWARDS

Background:

SEAGO AAA completed the SFY2025-2026 Subawards by June 30, 2025. Attached is a summary of the funds awarded to our contractors/providers. Please note that we closely monitor the use of these funds, and if needed, we may reassign funds to another service or provider to fully utilize what we have been awarded by the state. In addition, if additional funds become available, we will evaluate the needs within the region and request them as needed.

Attachments: SEAGO AAA Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Subawards

Action Requested:

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SEAGO AAA Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Subawards			
Case Management			
Available Funding Graham and Greenlee:			\$ 45,000
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
SEAGO-Area Agency on Aging	Case Management		\$ 103,120
Graham/Greenlee County			
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Case Management	Graham County - All	\$ 45,000
Santa Cruz County			
SEAGO-Area Agency on Aging	Case Management		\$ 58,120
Home Care Cluster			
Available Funding By County:			
Cochise:			\$ 473,200
Graham:			\$ 179,500
Greenlee:			\$ 43,000
Santa Cruz:			\$ 175,618
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
Accent Care	Attendant Care	Cochise County - All	\$ 213,200
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 57,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 67,000
Lutheran Social Services	Attendant Care	Cochise County - All	\$ 86,000
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 36,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 14,000
Graham County			
Accent Care	Attendant Care	Graham County - All	\$ 14,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 6,500
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Attendant Care	Graham County - All	\$ 134,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 20,000
	Home Repair	Graham/Greenlee	\$ 3,000
	Adaptive Aids	Graham/Greenlee	\$ 2,000
Greenlee County			
Greenlee County Health Department	Attendant Care	Greenlee County - All	\$ 40,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 3,000

Home Care Cluster (continued)			
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Santa Cruz County			
Accent Care	Attendant Care	Santa Cruz County - All	\$ 3,400
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 15,518
	In-home Respite		\$ 6,000
Consumer Direct	Attendant Care	Santa Cruz County - All	\$ 57,000
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 22,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 500
Lutheran Social Services	Attendant Care	Santa Cruz County - All	\$ 65,000
	Attendant Care-SSBG		\$ 3,000
	In-home Respite		\$ 3,200
Meals Programs			
Available Funding By County:			
Cochise: \$			463,423
Graham: \$			222,731
Greenlee: \$			143,731
Santa Cruz: \$			310,461
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
City of Tombstone	Congregate Meals	Tombstone	\$ 70,000
Douglas ARC	Congregate Meals	Douglas	\$ 12,500
	Home Delivered Meals	SE Cochise County	\$ 200,000
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Cochise County	\$ 180,923
Graham County			
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Graham County	\$ 45,231
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Congregate Meals	Safford	\$ 48,500
	Home Delivered Meals	Graham	\$ 129,000
Greenlee County			
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Greenlee County	\$ 45,231
Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services	Congregate Meals	Clifton and Duncan	\$ 48,500
	Home Delivered Meals	Greenlee	\$ 50,000
Santa Cruz County			
Mom's Meals	Home Delivered Meals	Rural Santa Cruz County	\$ 90,461
Santa Cruz Council on Aging	Congregate Meals	Nogales	\$ 150,000
Senior Citizens of Patagonia	Congregate Meals	Patagonia	\$ 70,000

Transportation			
		Cochise: \$	150,000
		Graham: \$	30,000
		Greenlee: \$	26,000
		Santa Cruz: \$	5,000
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
Cochise County			
City of Benson	Transportation	Benson Area	\$ 42,500
City of Bisbee	Transportation	Bisbee Area	\$ 32,500
City of Douglas	Transportation	Douglas - Cochise Cnty	\$ 30,000
City of Willcox	Transportation	Willcox Area	\$ 25,000
Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICAP)	Transportation	Cochise County -All	\$ 20,000
Graham County			
Easter Seals Blake Foundation	Transportation	Graham County	\$ 30,000
Greenlee County			
Easter Seals Blake Foundation	Transportation	Greenlee - Clifton	\$ 10,500
		Greenlee - Duncan	\$ 15,500
		Santa Cruz County	
Valley Assistance Services-Tentative	Transportation	Santa Cruz County	\$ 5,000.00
Unobligated Funds			
Available Funding All Counties:			\$ 218,112
Provider	Service	Service Area	Contract Amount
WAIVED	Legal Services	All Counties	\$ -
TBD	Housekeeping	Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties	\$ 2,000
TBD	CNG-HDM	All Counties	\$ 216,112
Grand Total - All			\$ 2,485,776



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: CELESTE VASQUEZ, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR
DATE: JULY 17, 2025
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Federal Update:

A version of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization bill was introduced in the US Senate on June 18, 2025. The reauthorization would extend funding through fiscal year 2030 and aims to strengthen services for older adults, particularly in areas like caregiver support. The bill has received bipartisan support, with Senators like Kirsten Gillibrand and Bernie Sanders actively involved in its reintroduction. As of the completion of this memo, the bill is pending in the House of Representatives.

The “One Big Beautiful Bill” passed and was signed into law on July 4, 2025. This bill has draconian cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will impact older adults, especially those in rural areas. We suspect that the State Legislature will have to come back to adjust spending due to the changes in Medicaid and the impact that it will have on the AHCCCS budget. Now that budget reconciliation is over for this year, we will turn our full attention to the appropriations bills moving through Congress. Our advocacy efforts are not over, and I plan to schedule meetings with our members of Congress, who will be in Arizona in August.

State Update:

The Legislative Session is over, and we are so excited to have received \$7 million in one-time non-lapsing funding, with \$2 million for HCBS and \$5 million for housing. A couple of our state AAA Directors attended the Governor's bill signing on July 1, 2025, to thank the Governor for her advocacy on behalf of Area Agencies on Aging.

Attachments: none

Action Requested:

☒ Information Only

☐ Action Requested Below: