



PIMA COUNCIL ON AGING AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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What is an Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council?

The Pima Council on Aging Advisory Council is a twenty member voluntary group of people that offer advice, recommendations, information, and guidance to the agency staff and Board of Directors.

The Council is a direct means for older persons in Pima County to have their interests represented in Area Agency on Aging activities and reflected in the formal “Area Plan for Aging Services.”

What are the Roles and Responsibilities of the Advisory Council?

- Advise PCOA on the development and administration of the Area Plan.
- Advise on all operations conducted under the Area Plan.
- Review and comment on all amendments to the Area Plan.
- Advise on the conduct of public hearings.
- Represent the interests of older persons.
- Review and comment on all community policies, programs, and actions which affect older persons.
- Rank needs in order of priority.
- Prioritize service delivery.

What is the Composition of the Council?

- At least 50% older persons including program participants, minority individuals, and those in greatest social and economic need.
- Representatives of older persons.
- Local elected officials.
- General public.
- Non-voting representatives from agencies receiving OAA Title III funds

How is the Advisory Council Selected?

- Annual recruitment can occur as needed, with new members accepted on an “alternate” or non-voting basis.

- As vacancies occur, the Advisory Council Nominating Committee makes recommendations for formal or voting membership from these individuals and from names suggested by the community, public and private agencies and organizations, concerned individuals and present Council members.
- Members are selected by the Advisory Council.
- Appointments are made by the Board of Directors.

How do they function?

- Currently, the Advisory Council meets the third Wednesday morning of each month except in July, August and December, unless extra meetings are needed.
- Two site visits per year alternate with business meetings. These site visits are usually to attend COSCO (Council of Senior Citizen Organizations) meetings.
- Council members are also expected to conduct pre-scheduled individual site visits once in each year to either the Catholic Social Services Central Kitchen; accompany a driver on a home delivered meal route; accompany a case manager on a home visit, or visit a senior nutrition center.