



AAASWFL Advisory Council

Council Composition:

The Advisory Council bylaws ensure that members of the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida's Advisory Council represent all seven counties within the PSA. More than 51% of the membership must be 60 years of age or older. The Council shall include individuals and representatives of community organizations who will enhance the leadership role of the AAASWFL in developing a system of community-based services. Membership shall include clients (including minority individuals) or people who are eligible to participate in Older Americans Act programs, representatives of older persons, representatives of health care provider organizations, including providers of veterans' health care, representatives of supportive service provider organizations, individuals with leadership experience in the private and voluntary sectors, local public elected officials, and the general public. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Board of Directors of the AAASWFL, upon recommendation by the Council. Non-voting or ex-officio members may be chosen to provide technical expertise or broad program insight. Members are elected to serve a term of three years.

Frequency of Meetings:

Regular meetings of the Advisory Council must be held at least quarterly. However, the Council currently meets six times per year (or every other month) on the third Friday. Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:

- Friday, January 15, 2021
- Friday, March 19, 2021
- Friday, May 21, 2021
- Friday, July 16, 2021
- Friday, September 17, 2021
- Friday, November 19, 2021

Member Selection Schedule:

Member selection will be comprised of representatives from Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota counties, for three-year terms. The Council shall include individuals and representatives of community organizations who will enhance the leadership role of the AAA in developing a system of community-based services.

Service Term(s):

Elected officers consist of a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Officers serve a two-year term and may not serve more than two terms consecutively in the same office, unless approved by a supermajority of the Council. Members shall be elected to serve a term of three years. All regular terms shall begin January 1st. Members are eligible to be re-elected without term limits.

Mission and Vision Statements

The Mission Statement defines the purpose and primary objectives of AAASWFL. The Vision Statement describes what AAAAWFL intends to accomplish or achieve in the future.

Mission:

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida's mission is to connect older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity. The mission of the AAASWFL in 1978 was to improve the quality of social and health services; develop, plan, and administer service programs beneficial to seniors; and to raise the funds necessary to provide services. That mission has been modified to better represent the evolving functions of the AAASWFL and the growing g needs within the PSA, but the core purpose of the agency remains the same. The AASWFL continues to play a crucial role in prioritizing, administering, overseeing, and providing home and community-based aging services for older adults that have expanded to fulfill more of the needs of adults with disabilities in their service area.

Vision:

"To serve and connect the elderly and disabled of Southwest Florida by providing resources, access to programs and supportive services to enhance their well-being."