**LCAO Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 27, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.

n4a (1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Suite 1200)

Attendees:

Consumer Voice, B’nai B’rith, Consumer Voice, Easterseals, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), Meals on Wheels America, Medicare Rights Center, National Senior Corps Association (NSCA), National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)  and National Council on Aging (NCOA).

Meeting Agenda

1. FY 2018 Budget and Appropriations Process

* Recap House Seniors Task Force briefing
  + On July 25, the House Seniors Task Force, chaired by Democratic Congresswomen Jan Schakowsky and Doris Matsui, invited LCAO Members to present at staff briefing regarding FY18 appropriations process and programs that affect older adults. Broad topics covered included the OAA, PPHF, Elder Justice, Housing, senior transportation. Ranking Member Scott attended and listened for approximately 25ming, as well as staff from 30+ offices. Attendees were encouraged to use LCAO members as a resource, as well as schedule recess visits/meetings with local community-based organizations delivering services to seniors in their districts.
* Share Latest Updates/Topline Levels (House Bills, Senate Bills)
  + ACL: Supportive Services, Senior Nutrition Programs, Family Caregiver Support and most other OAA programs:
    - Level funding at FY17 levels
  + ACL: SCSEP:
    - Transferred to ACL and cut by 25 percent
  + State Health Insurance Assistance Program zeroed out; very disappointing given that it has been the Senate in recent years that has proposed cuts
  + CDC - Older Adult Falls Prevention
    - Proposed cut
  + SSBG – level funding
  + CSBG and CDBG
    - $115M or 15% cut for CSBG and $100M cut for CDBG
    - Broad bipartisan support voiced for CSBG during LHHS markup
  + Rep. David Price (D-NC) introduced an amendment during the full-committee LHHS markup to rectify nearly all cuts under ACL (except CDSME), but it failed due to concerns over offsets. However, Chairman Cole (R-OK) and Rep. Joyce (R-IA) committed to working it out with the Senate.
* Intel/timing on next steps
  + Senate could bring up bill in Subcommittee during the first two weeks of August if remaining in session
  + Currently better 302b allocation than the House; appx. $8 billion+
* Scheduling Meetings (volunteers needed to schedule in August): [**https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17L3VlTq\_c9JwWPIw42bKtM1aLtIpFhmIO2r3aUFLFtA/edit?usp=sharing**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17L3VlTq_c9JwWPIw42bKtM1aLtIpFhmIO2r3aUFLFtA/edit?usp=sharing)
  + Consider Additional Targets?
    - Possible overlaps between defense authorizers/appropriators and Labor-HHS re: the harm that NDD programs are facing due to defense plus-ups.
    - Other suggestions: The Problem Solvers Caucus is working on tax reform and infrastructure: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/some-have-classified-it-as-treason-but-these-opposing-party-lawmakers-are-collaborating/2017/05/29/21529412-422e-11e7-8c25-44d09ff5a4a8_story.html?utm_term=.c3173104ba8d>

1. Co-Chairs Meeting and LCAO “goals” for the year

* What are key objectives of CS committee?
  + Brought up discussion, continue to identify these goals in the weeks ahead
* Additional discussion of grassroots activities/tools
* Considering Tax Reform Debate/LCAO’s role
  + What are organizations working on with regard to tax reform?
  + No objections to continuing to work on these issues within LCAO.

1. Lance Robertson Confirmation Hearing
   * Hearing is August 1 to consider for ACL Administrator/AoA Assistant Secretary
   * Request from HELP Committee staff for question for the record particularly from organizations with stakes in ACL programs; content more important than format
2. Other Announcements

* Schedule for CS meetings and August Meeting
  + Will schedule if need be depending on what is going on with approps/budget and health care
* Thoughts on speakers for meetings
  + Still seeking suggestions