

LCAO Community Services Committee Meeting  
October 26, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.  
n4a (1730 Rhode Island Ave, Suite 1200)

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), EasterSeals, B'nai B'rith, National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC), National Council on Aging (NCOA), National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), Meals on Wheels America, PHI, Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI)

1. FY 2018 Budget/Appropriations
  - Recapped Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) call with LCAO Co-Chairs regarding the Republican FY 2018 budget resolution and reconciliation timeline to move tax reform by the December holidays. Also previewed predictions about using FY 2019 budget/reconciliation process to advance spending cuts to mandatory/non-defense discretionary programs, as well as the projections for an FY 2018 budget deal/final spending bill.
  - Community Services (CS) co-chairs will draft an LCAO sign-on letter regarding the support for a bipartisan budget deal for FY 2018-2019, similar to efforts in the past
  - Expressed support for broader coalition advocacy effort on tax/spending cut strategy
2. Advocacy Efforts/Scheduling Meetings to react to House/Senate Appropriations Bills
  - Discussed meeting targets, including House and Senate Approps Leadership, Defense Appropriators (NEW), LHHS Subcommittee Members; CS Committee Members volunteering for setting-up meetings
  - Link to Google spreadsheet with targets and meeting assignments:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17L3VITq\\_c9JwWPIw42bKtM1aLtlpFhmIO2r3aUFLftA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17L3VITq_c9JwWPIw42bKtM1aLtlpFhmIO2r3aUFLftA/edit?usp=sharing)
3. Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization
  - Kicked-off general strategy discussion
    - Current OAA reauth expires September 2019
  - Discussed next steps for coalition
    - First steps: scheduling call with Hill staff who have been asking about OAA reauth priorities (Senate Aging, HELP)—what are they thinking and what do they want to know from aging orgs/coalitions right now?
    - Continue to keep this on the agenda and develop a timeline for coalition work in the coming months
4. Other Updates
  - Provided overview of NDD United Hill Briefing and new report entitled, *Faces of Austerity 2.0: How Budget Cuts Continue to Make Us Sicker, Poorer, and Less Secure*
    - A copy of the report can be found online: [www.raisethecaps.org](http://www.raisethecaps.org)
    - Follow the conversation and help spread the word on social media with the following hashtags: #CutsHurt and #RaiseTheCaps
    - View and share the latest NDD United toolkit with your networks: <http://bit.ly/2zTfQ60> (Sample social media messages on page 20)
  - Recap of HELP Committee majority staff meeting with Curtis Vann
  - Care Corps Letter
    - Still open for meeting with groups that have concerns—please let Autumn know if you would like contact information to set up meetings with co-sponsor offices. They are eager to engage folks.
  - The *Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act* – which establishes new requirements aimed at improving the DOJ's response to elder abuse crimes, among other things – was signed into law on October 18

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 30 @ 10 a.m. @ n4a