**LCAO Community Services Committee**

**Older Americans Act 2019 Reauthorization Timeline & Process**

**Goal:** To build consensus on a set of key LCAO OAA reauthorization principles and legislative recommendations and to produce a document outlining these priorities before, or shortly after, the 116th Congress convenes.

**Products:**

* Cover Letter
* Principles/Priorities/Tiers Identified
* Legislative Recommendations Document

**Process:**

* Co-Chairs will announce timeline at March CS meeting, receive input and present updated process and timeline at April full LCAO meeting. Determine full approval process (including for determining key reauthorization priorities/principles) by May LCAO meeting.
* CS Committee will conduct preliminary conversations with key committee/legislative staff to gage priorities/process on the Hill and understand how LCAO can effectively inform/guide reauthorization discussions.
* LCAO Members will review and build upon the 2011 consensus document, eliminating recommendations that were addressed in the 2016 reauthorization and/or those that are no longer pertinent to the 2019 reauthorization.
* LCAO groups will share and submit updated slate of organizational reauthorization positions/recommendations with CS co-chairs, who will then compile them into one evolving principles and recommendations document that serves as the basis for discussion.
* LCAO Community Services Committee will engage in a deliberate process to reach consensus on new recommendations and identify top priorities/principles for reauthorization.

**Approval:**

* The draft consensus document will identify which organization submitted the recommendation, and the submitter is expected to be able to elaborate on the idea and answer members’ questions at CS meetings. There may need to be additional information sharing outside of CS meetings.
* Recommendations will be approved according to a simple vote. If any CS member feels adamant that another group’s suggested recommendation is not supported by their org, good-faith attempts will be made to simplify or clarify language to reach consensus. If that is not possible, the recommendation will not be included in the LCAO document.
* We will also determine a process, pending input from CS Committee Members, to identify key priorities/principles for OAA reauthorization.

**2018 Timeline:**

March and April: disseminate and finalize timeline and process and receive initial input from Hill and Administration.

May: LCAO Members take the full month to review 2011 consensus document to evaluate recommendations, consider whether they are still relevant. Also, determine process for identifying top-tier reauthorization priorities/principles.

June, July: LCAO Members present and share ideas at regular CS meetings, which will focus on discussing early recommendations, educating each other, and making as much progress as possible on building the updated LCAO consensus document.

August, September and October: Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed to go deep on all proposed recommendations and move toward final consensus document.

November/December: OAA priorities/principles and recommendations circulated to full LCAO for review/approval.

December/January 2019: Full LCAO approval of priorities/principles and recommendations.