

**LCAO Community Services Committee Meeting**  
**May 31, 2018, 10:00am – 11:30am**  
**n4a (1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Suite 1200)**

**Attendees:** n4a, MRC, MOWA, NICOA, NASOP, NASW, NCOA, Senior Services of America, NAPSA, JFNA, LeadingAge, SAGE, NANASP, Altarum, Easterseals, Consumer Voice

**I. Guest speaker: Administration on Aging Deputy Assistant Secretary Edwin Walker**

- Updates at ACL/AoA:
  - Highlighted the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAD) events happening on June 5, including that Secretaries Sessions and Azar.
  - Currently in the midst of the 2020 budget cycle—will be presenting budget to internal council in mid-June.
  - ACL is working to advance Assistant Secretary Robertson’s “five pillar” priorities: supporting families and caregivers, protecting rights and preventing abuse, connecting people to resources, expanding employment opportunities, and strengthening the aging and disability networks.
    - Leaders in the agency (including Mr. Walker) have been assigned to “mentor” a chair of one of five task forces that have been tasked with designing a strategy to advance pillars.
    - Mr. Walker has encouraged task force chairs to reach out to community stakeholders, but exact plans moving forward are unclear.
  - Also noted that OAA Title III, VI and VII allocations are out to states—ACL is going through the process of posting them on the website:  
<https://www.acl.gov/node/124>
  - Also mentioned that ACL is in the final stages of releasing the FY 2019 budget congressional justification (CJ). (The CJ was released later that afternoon:  
<https://www.acl.gov/sites/default/files/about-acl/2018-05/FY2019ACL-CJ3.pdf>)
- OAA Reauthorization process within ACL
  - Encouraged advocates at all levels to look at reauthorization requests/priorities through the lens of “can we already do that in the Act?”
  - ACL is internally developing their principles/priorities for reauthorization, but going to wait on specific strategy approaches.
  - In the process of hiring a new Legislative/Congressional Relations Director at ACL to work with Congress and provide TA during the reauthorization process.
- CS “takeaways” from conversation
  - We need to focus on broader OAA awareness building on the Hill and with State leaders—lack of understanding about how the act works and what is/isn’t achievable with current statute.
  - Highlighted the need to reinforce the federal/state/tribal relationship within Title VI, as well.
- See attached LCAO timeline/framework and [2011 Consensus Recommendations Document](#)
- Coalition next steps: Use June to review 2011 priorities document, note the priorities that are no longer applicable and come to June meeting with idea of what organizational priorities LCAO members might be promoting (note: nothing needs to be fully fleshed out at this point)

## **II. FY19 Appropriations Process**

- House and Senate 302(b) allocations
  - Senate: \$179.288 billion. House: level with FY 2018. Senate is \$2 billion more than House
  - Note: Labor-HHS mark-ups scheduled for late June in both chambers—House is planning to go before the Senate (weeks of June 18 and 25?)
  - As of May 31, haven't started drafting bills yet
  - Potential "minibus" strategy with Defense/Labor-HHS
- FY19 Appropriations Letter: Review draft and sign-ons by 6/15
- FY19 Appropriations Meetings:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17L3VITq\\_c9JwWPlw42bKtM1aLtlpFhmIO2r3aUFLFtA/edit#gid=888051783](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17L3VITq_c9JwWPlw42bKtM1aLtlpFhmIO2r3aUFLFtA/edit#gid=888051783)

## **III. Other Legislative Activity and Reports**

- House Farm Bill
  - Failed on House floor before Memorial Day recess; Senate committed to a bipartisan process—markup scheduled for "early June," possibly June 11.
  - CBPP evaluated that House Bill got worse on the floor.
  - McConnell quoted on summer priorities – Defense authorization, water resources development, farm bill and appropriations.

## **IV. Announcements and Next Meeting**

- Erika Kelly's role at Meals on Wheels America is changing—as of June 1 she will step into a position managing both membership and policy for the association. Katie Jantzi will be stepping in to manage day-to-day federal policy efforts and serve as the primary POC for LCAO.
- Next Meeting: June 28 at 10:00am at n4a