What’s Happened Since the 2015 Conference!

- Pres. Obama signed P.L. 114-144 on April 19!
- NANASP involved over 6 years from listening sessions to sending letters, emails, and visiting the Hill many times, whether alone, with Meals on Wheels America, or as part of LCAO
- Two important NEW nutrition provisions of note:
  - Utilize registered dietitians
  - Encourage the use of local and fresh fruits and vegetables
- Victories in the bill also include the retention of separate titles for congregate and HD meals as well as retention of voluntary contributions and transfer authority
- NANASP supported the bipartisan 2 year budget agreement approved by Congress late in 2015
- It suspended any more sequestration and resulted in an increase of $20 million in funding for congregate and HD meals over FY 2015 funding
- We submitted outside witness testimony, two separate joint letters from NANASP and Meals on Wheels America, and went on numerous visits alone, with Meals on Wheels America, and as part of LCAO
- Since FY 2014, NANASP has helped achieve an increase of $67 million for OAA nutrition programs
FY 2017 President’s Budget

- Proposes an increase of $13.8 million for OAA nutrition programs but no increases for SCSEP
- Submitted outside witness testimony to appropriations committees in favor of nutrition and SCSEP increases; also submitted joint testimony with Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in favor of increases for USDA nutrition programs affecting seniors
- Sent joint letter with Meals on Wheels America to Congress in favor of the proposed $13.8 million increase for OAA nutrition programs
- Senate and House have not yet released their funding levels for these programs

White House Conference on Aging

- July 13, 2015, 6th in history
- 2 of the 4 priority topics were Healthy Aging and Long-Term Services and Supports
- For these categories, NANASP:
  - Co-hosted a webinar with AND (largest webinar of the WHCOA)
  - Submitted responses to the HA/HTSS policy papers
  - Hosted a listening session at our 2015 conference
  - Submitted a petition on recognition of malnutrition with 150 signatures/comments
- Paul Downey and Bob Blancato attended the Conference; Meredith Ponder attended the federal govt.’s listening session/watch party
- New proposed rule from USDA to increase accessibility to nutrition by enabling SNAP benefits to be used for HDMs

Defeat Malnutrition Today

- Started in October 2015
- NANASP is a charter member
- Over 40 national, state, local members
- Achieving the recognition of malnutrition as a key indicator and vital sign of adult health
- Working to achieve a greater focus on malnutrition screening and intervention through regulatory and/or legislative change across the nation’s health care system
Other Items

- Bob Blancato appointed to Tufts Nutrition Council, led by the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, in his capacity as Executive Director of NANASP.
- Also appointed as a member of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, recommended by NANASP.