WB Live!

A DC Update…
- Supreme Court and what else?
- Nomination of Brett Kavanaugh will dominate the Senate schedule
- Goal is confirmation by October 1 when SCOTUS convenes
  - Simple majority all that is needed now
  - But every Republican vote (50 since likely no McCain) needed
- Confirmation odds favorable but not guaranteed
Funding Issues

- FY 2018 is winding down
- Most important issue to NANASP—have our members seen the money?
- Left D.C. on or about the end of May and received by the states
- From there? We rely on reports from you
- NANASP and Meals on Wheels America worked hard for the $59 million that was just for nutrition

FY 2019

- Begins October 1
- Status:
  - House Labor-HHS funding bill out of full Appropriations Committee—next step is House floor action
  - Senate Labor-HHS also out of full Committee
- There are differences in the bills
- Need to pass each body, then work out differences
- By October 1 when FY 2019 begins
- Odds slim but not impossible

Funding for Our Programs

- Best description: the House and Senate support preserving the increases provided this year, but not adding to them for next year
- Flat funding for almost all OAA programs almost a guarantee
- Also important is: 2nd year in row Congress rejects Administration efforts to eliminate funding for quite a few programs, including SCSEP and SHIP
## FY 2018-2019

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## Transfer Authority

- A brief effort made by ACL to make major change in transfer authority under Title III
- Made as part of their budget submission to Congress
- Current law: can transfer 30% between IIIC and IIIB; 40% between congregate and home-delivered meals
- Their proposal: all Title III programs would be open to 100% transfer
- House and Senate said no and House added in strict rebuke: "This Act prohibits any transfer of funds made available in this Act except by the authority provided in this Act or another appropriation Act."
- NANASP conveyed its concerns
- Idea likely to reappear in 2019

## Speaking of 2019...

- In the year before scheduled reauthorization—situation remains quiet with OAA
- One of the more significant actions taken is the issuing of Nutrition Innovation Grants
  - "Supports the testing and documentation of innovative and promising practices that enhance the quality, effectiveness, and proven outcomes of nutrition services programs"
  - Could include pairing a nutrition intervention with another local/state issue like oral health, malnutrition, improving chronic conditions, improving mental health
A Look Toward Reauthorization

- NANASP and entire aging network associations anticipating reauthorization
- Question is what kind—simple extension? Modest tweaks? Transformational?
- Too early to know
- We see three broad goals:
  - More funding
  - More flexibility
  - More foresight—modernizing, etc.

Specifics?

- More specifically, having nutrition programs come out stronger
- Maintain what is good—voluntary contributions—separate C1 and C2 programs
- Review existing transfer authority between C1 and B, give more toward programs that compliment the nutrition programs
- Closer link between nutrition and health
- Greater focus on nutrition education helping to prevent malnutrition
- Value of socialization translated into more funding

Our Involvement

- NANASP on its own and with LCAO plans to be actively involved
- One additional interest we have:
  - More business acumen support from ACL going to nutrition programs
Other Priorities: Farm Bill

- There are disagreements about the largest part of every farm bill, SNAP:
  - Most disagreement: House version would enhance work requirements for food stamp recipients—but this would have a negative impact on older adults
  - Senate version is more bipartisan: reauthorizes all nutrition programs, research programs, and incorporates Casey/Collins bill
  - Casey/Collins bill: Nourishing Our Golden Years Act: extends Commodity Supplemental Food Program re-certification period
- Our preference is the Senate bill
- Both have passed their full chambers, now must work out differences

Other Priorities: MA and Nutrition

- Medicare Advantage has expanded its definition of “health-related supplemental services”
- CMS finalized the idea, with benefits being available next year
- Supplemental benefits to help beneficiaries with daily activities
  - Cover wheelchairs, grab bars, etc. for sure…and should cover nutrition services/home-delivered meals as well, but unclear on that
  - We are pushing for these services to be covered

Other Priorities: Medicare Part D

- 15th anniversary—still has great support among older adults
- Administration looking at reform proposals and we are as well
  - Fully support ending the gag rule
  - Exploring cap on spending
  - Examining the impact of point of sale rebates
  - Short-term benefit (lower costs) vs longer-term impact (possible higher premiums)
- Support closing of donut hole in 2019
- Expect to be involved in new group: Advocates for Medicare Part D
Other Priorities: Malnutrition

- We are members of Defeat Malnutrition Today
- Working on having these items become part of quality/meaningful measures of CMS:
  - Screening for malnutrition
  - Further assessment if screening is positive
  - Diagnosis of malnutrition
  - Creation of a nutrition care plan
- We are learning more about the work the VA is doing and looking for collaborations

Other Priorities: Elder Justice

- NANASP as part of the Elder Justice Coalition supports its efforts to address new emerging issue in elder abuse—tie to opioid crisis
- Recent NCEA survey in 9 states affirmed the connection between opioid addiction and resultant elder abuse
- The EJC had held focus groups in 4 states:
  - APS staff estimated double digit percent increases in elder abuse and exploitation in recent years tied to family members, caregivers and others having opioid-related problems, leading to misuse of opioids

Elder Justice and Opioids

- Funding is needed at the county/local level, particularly in rural America and particularly directed to Adult Protective Services, to develop protocols and systems
- Current and future opioid resources going to states could have dedicated funding to address this problem
Elder Justice and Opioids (cont.)

- Resources would be used for bringing together key public and private sector stakeholders for strategy development and information sharing.
- Also have asked that specific resources go to the aging network/ACL, APS, ombudsman, law enforcement and others to develop plans for coordination, collaboration, data collection and training to address elder abuse tied to opioid addiction.

Lightning Round!

- RAISE Family Caregivers Act
  - AARP led this fight
  - First time national strategy for helping family caregivers
  - Key development: naming of advisory council
- CHRONIC Care Act
  - Passed as part of the FY18 omnibus bill
  - Codifies the MA supplemental benefits, among other improvements to MA
- Vaccine awareness
  - Our work here will continue with the upcoming flu season…

Finally…

- August is just around the corner, and we’ll be providing resources to get you involved!
- Right now, visit nanasp.org/take-action to send letters on OAA funding and to get contact info for your Members of Congress.
- Email mponder@nanasp.org with advocacy questions or suggestions.
See You Soon!

- NANASP WB wants to hit the road in 2018 and 2019
- Want to hold an event featuring a Washington update let us know
- We can do a special WB right from your site and feature a story about your program and or your participants

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