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NANASP 2016 RESOLUTIONS – *Adopted by membership on June 3, 2015*

Older Americans Act

WHEREAS the Older Americans Act celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2015;

WHEREAS the Older Americans Act was last reauthorized in 2006 to last through 2011;

WHEREAS Congress is more than four and a half years late in renewing the Older Americans Act;

WHEREAS programs that are not authorized can be prevented from being funded;

WHEREAS millions of older Americans, including many in “the greatest economic or social need,” are served daily by the Older Americans Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges Congress to reauthorize the Older Americans Act before the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2015). NANASP supports S.192, the bipartisan Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015, and calls on the Senate to complete action on the bill and for the House to pass the same bill to achieve reauthorization.

Funding Levels and Sequestration

WHEREAS a return to sequestration will occur beginning October 1 unless corrective legislation is passed to prevent it;

WHEREAS the Older Americans Act programs and other programs which serve older adults were severely impacted by sequestration in Fiscal Year 2013, forcing closures, wait lists, and cutbacks, impacts which are still felt today;

WHEREAS the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 budget calls for an end to sequester and funds Older Americans Act senior nutrition programs at \$874.6 million, which includes a \$40 million increase in funding for congregate and home-delivered meals, as well as \$20 million for new evidence-based demonstration grants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges Congress to avoid a return to sequestration. NANASP strongly supports the President’s proposed funding levels for OAA senior nutrition programs, particularly the \$40 million increase in funding for the congregate and home delivered meals programs.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

WHEREAS the Senior Community Service Employment Program, or SCSEP, is the largest federally-funded program which targets older adults seeking employment;

WHEREAS it is authorized by Title V of the Older Americans Act;

WHEREAS the President's FY 2016 budget request proposes maintaining the SCSEP funding levels from FY 2015 at \$434 million for FY 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports the maintenance of the \$434 million funding level from FY 2015 and would like to see these funding levels increased to reflect the increase in minimum wage in certain states.

White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA)

WHEREAS a White House Conference on Aging is scheduled to be held in 2015;

WHEREAS four priority topics—healthy aging, retirement security, elder justice, and long-term services and supports—have been identified;

WHEREAS NANASP, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Abbott Nutrition conducted a pre-Conference national Listening Session in January 2015 on “Nutrition = Solutions to Healthy Aging and Long-Term Services and Supports”;

WHEREAS nutrition is a key to healthy aging and a critical part of long-term services and supports;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges that the final work product of the 2015 White House Conference on Aging include specific recommendations related to nutrition and its importance to the future of aging in America;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2015 Conference include specific support for the Older Americans Act nutrition programs pointing out its value to older adults and the savings it produces for Medicaid and Medicare;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NANASP calls on the Conference to recommend that malnutrition be recognized by federal agencies and healthcare professionals as well as consumers and caregivers as a key indicator of older adult health.

Medicare Part D

WHEREAS the Medicare Part D program continues to enjoy a 90% satisfaction rate among the older adults it serves;

WHEREAS it continues to operate at a lower cost outcome than projected when the law was passed;

WHEREAS it has maintained steady premiums over the past three years and has offered seniors wide choices in plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports the existing Medicare Part D program and opposes any proposals which would result in any cost shifting or higher premiums for beneficiaries or reduction in choice of plans.

Care Transitions

WHEREAS the five year old Affordable Care Act has provided funding for programs to develop care transition programs to lower hospital readmission rates;

WHEREAS many aging network programs have been involved in these programs;

WHEREAS the program that these care transition grants were modeled after (the Coleman model) does not have a strong emphasis on nutrition as a key element of successful care transitions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges that new care transition programs that are awarded under the Affordable Care Act be based on models that feature a distinct role for nutrition, including malnutrition screening and interventions.

Senior Corps

WHEREAS The President's FY 2016 budget request proposes level funding for the three Senior Corps Programs: the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and the Senior Companion Program, administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

WHEREAS The President's FY 2016 budget request dropped an earlier proposal to restructure significantly the three Senior Corps programs that would have had a noticeable and immediate negative impact on their programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports the President's FY 2016 budget request for Senior Corps, rejects the FY 2015 proposed restructuring, and urges the Administration to continue to seek ways to expand opportunities for community service for all older Americans.