NANASP PRESENTS A SPECIAL WEBINAR EVENT:
ELECTION 2016 – WHAT DO THE RESULTS MEAN FOR AGING POLICY?
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Election 2016
- Election for the ages with surprise outcome: Trump-Pence
- Republicans retain Senate majority right now: 51-48. Still waiting on Louisiana election
- Republicans retain House majority—slightly smaller than current Congress
- Governors—33 R, 16 D, and 1 independent

Where Are We and Where Do We Go?
- Time to move on
- Need to start planning as Trump/Congress are
- Trump and Republican majority will be ready on January 20… think Reagan and Obama
- Already seeing separation from campaign rhetoric to the reality of governing

What Will Happen?
- Infrastructure, ACA, tax cuts will be where it is at to start
- Remember again as Obama learned in 2010…
- One party rule can and will be messy

Lame Duck Session
- Before new President and Congress, existing Congress must finish its work
- Called lame duck session and it’s underway
- Only thing has to be done—funding for FY 2017
- Question is extension of short term Continuing Resolution (CR) or something else
- Now looks like punting again until March
Funding Levels
- If something changes—NANASP/MOWA and others continue to advocate for higher funding levels and against cuts
- Title IIIC Nutrition and Title VI Nutrition: House numbers better
- Elder Justice: Senate numbers
- State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs): Senate eliminated funding, House restored—prefer House
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP): Senate cut by $34 million, House restored—prefer House
- Continuing Resolution (CR) averts any cuts in SHIP and SCSEP

FY 2016-2017 Funding

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Lame Duck: Anything Else?
- Possible action on 21st Century Cures bill
- Modernizing health care research, delivery, innovations to move us into this century
- Reforms to NIH, FDA
- New focus on precision medicine
- Major bipartisan bill
- Beyond that...?

Between the Lame Duck and Jan 20, 2017
- Trump-Pence administration taking shape
- Appointments made to date of interest to NANASP
- AG, HHS Secretary, CMS
- Ones not yet made of interest to NANASP
- ACL, FDA, CDC
- USDA Secretary
- Undersecretary for Food and Nutrition
- DOL Secretary
- Employment and Training Administration

Other Important Appointments
- HUD Secretary
- DOT Secretary
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Social Security Administrator
- White House Advisor?
- Big ticket confirmations aimed to be done by Jan. 20; all could be under trifecta rules

Changes in New Senate
- Leadership: so far Schumer only big one
- Murray and Sanders in new leadership roles
- Committee changes not too major so far in Senate
- Casey top D on Senate Aging
Changes in New House

- Three important changes
- New Chair of Energy and Commerce (E&C)
- New Chair of Health Subcommittee in E&C
- New Chair of House Education and Workforce

It’s January 20—Now What?

- What happens in first 100 days?
- Promises vs. real policy
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) an early test
  - Not a repeal… but what?
  - Pre-existing condition protection—saved
  - Young adult coverage—saved
- After that?
- Will force Trump and Republicans to do an alternative?

“Replace” Package

- Mandate for coverage
- Exchanges and their future?
- IPAB
- What may happen first…
- Funding for CMMI

ACA and Medicare Reform

- Resolving inconsistent positions
- Trump supports Medicare but opposes ACA
- Important reforms to Medicare in ACA
- Do they last?
- Value based purchasing, independence at home, care transitions, ACO?
- Part D and closing of donut hole?
- Unclear how changes to ACA impact Medicare

Medicare Reform

- Deeper interest in Medicare reform by House Speaker Ryan
- Transform Medicare as it’s known today to a private voucher system known as premium support
- Limit on how much government pays
- Will be resisted on many fronts including NANASP and likely Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO)

Medicaid Reform

- Medicaid also impacted by ACA changes
- What happens to expansion? Both in states that have or are considering?
  - SD one example of a state giving up on expansion
- Does it lead to advancing a block granting of Medicaid?
- Control to states—lower Federal commitment
- Comes at time when HCBS spending higher than institutional care under Medicaid
### Block Granting Medicaid
- Does what to…
  - Waivers?
  - LTSS activities in the states?
  - Integrated care?
- Much to learn
- NANASP watching closely

### Budget Agreement
- Also in 2017 new budget agreement needed
- 2 year deal done
- Averted sequestration allowed some increases
- What follows
- Is deficit fervor dying down?
- Answer may rest with a certain 2017 issue
- Infrastructure investment. How big, how deep, how wide?

### Infrastructure
- Interesting Obama-Trump parallel
- Obama starts with stimulus
- Trump to start with something like it
- Stock market likes it
- Question: what goes under the tent?
- More than fixing roads, bridges?
- Improved housing
- Transportation beyond just roads?
- Investments in nutrition?

### How Can We Broaden?
- The job creation opportunities are a big selling point
- How to broaden the investment argument as part of this bill?
- Age friendly/ livable communities
- Can we address homelessness?
- Invest in safety net program to lower poverty?
- Time will tell

### The Older Americans Act (OAA) in 2017
- OAA in 2017—a quiet year or…?
- Technically about implementation of the 2016 reauthorization but
- Since only 3 years—and new players
- Do we reopen the discussion?
- Future of ACL?
- Data project

### Combating Nutrition Issues
- Also hoped for in 2017
- New initiatives to combat three threats to older adult health
- Malnutrition, senior hunger, food insecurity
- Investing in existing programs: OAA, SNAP, SFM, CSFP and their ability to promote better health
- Invest in more and better screening
Nutrition
- As move toward quality measures goes forward, inclusion of nutrition important
- Greater access to high nutrient foods to combat malnutrition
- Lot could be in Farm Bill, up in 2018

Vaccinations
- We need more attention on issue of getting more older adults to get vaccines: flu, pneumonia, tetanus, shingles
- 80-90% of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65+
- Only 24% of adults 60+ have received a shingles vaccination

Vaccination Action
- National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) coming up December 4-10
- Get your senior centers, nutrition programs to focus on this
- Resource page at end with more information
- NANASP will award microgrants to ten sites

Open Enrollment
- Open enrollment also front and center between now and December 7
- Important year to know about choices and what is best
- Medicare and Medicare Advantage
- Part D choices
- Trayliner Available for Download on NANASP website

The R’s
- In the key days ahead good for advocates to:
  - Regroup
  - Recommit to principles
  - Retool messages to meet current times
  - Resist threats to your principles and to your older adults
  - Rejoice when you win
  - Remember how you did it and
  - Redouble to do more.
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- NANASP Vaccine Resources: nanasp.org/vaccines
- Defeat Malnutrition Today: defeatmalnutrition.today
- Medicare Plan Finder: medicare.gov/find-a-plan
- Transition team: greatagain.gov

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