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Subject: RE: Region IV ACL/SUA Directors Meeting at SE4A

Here are the links to the two transition plans that we just referenced. Neither of these two transition plans have been approved by CMS, but CMS is referred to these two plans as "models". Please also let Damon or me know if you are interested in serving in the CMS workgroups on AL and ADS.
Thanks!

Martha

<http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS>

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Here is another sample letter regarding the OAA.

OAA Reauthorization Materials for Use by Coalition Partners and Other Allies
(Compiled by LCAO Community Services Committee)
9.15.14

Sample Letter to Adapt and Send to Senate

September XX, 2014

Dear Senator:

Our organization [customize to your group and mission] is concerned with the well-being of America's older population and so we write today about the Older Americans Act (OAA), which expired in 2011. Signed into law in 1965, the OAA is a primary vehicle for developing, coordinating, and delivering home and community-based services that help older adults maintain their independence. The OAA also includes the only federal workforce program targeted to help low-income older adults prepare for and obtain employment in the community, and a long-term care ombudsman program that protects the rights of seniors living in institutions. [Our organization] hopes that the OAA can be reauthorized this fall in a bipartisan fashion that both upholds the Act's mission to improve the lives of older adults and family caregivers, and protects its services. Nearly one year ago, the Senate HELP Committee passed a bipartisan bill (S. 1562) to reauthorize the Act. Yet, the bill—and the reauthorization process—remains stalled. Completing this bill's progress should be a priority in the remaining weeks of the 113th Congress. We believe that leaving the OAA unauthorized for yet another year fails to recognize or prioritize the needs of America's seniors. The OAA saves the government money. By keeping seniors healthy and in their communities, OAA programs can delay or prevent the need for more expensive institutional care, such as that paid for through Medicare or Medicaid, effectively saving taxpayer, state, and federal dollars. In addition to helping seniors age in place, OAA programs improve our country's fiscal future and promote efficiencies within the health care system by preventing unnecessary hospital stays, reducing readmission rates, coordinating care, and managing care transitions. We are concerned that as reauthorization continues to stall, the cumulative impact of our nation's economic and demographic pressures could threaten the very sustainability of these historically bipartisan programs, as well as the health, dignity, and independence of older Americans. Accordingly, [Organization] urges you to reaffirm your commitment to current and future seniors, as well as to the mission of the Act itself, by reauthorizing the OAA in 2014. Sincerely,

Sample Alert for Grassroots Activation

Getting to a 2014 Older Americans Act Reauthorization

Please reach out to your Senators in the remaining few weeks they are in DC before recessing for the November election and remind them how important the Older Americans Act is to seniors in their communities.

In July, 55 national organizations that are part of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO) sent a letter to lawmakers in both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) encouraging immediate action on the OAA. Additionally, LCAO members are meeting this month with key staff on the [House](#) and [Senate](#) OAA authorizing committees about advancing the OAA reauthorization, but it is imperative that lawmakers—especially in the Senate—hear from constituents about moving the Older Americans Act (OAA) this year!

OAA is currently stalled in the Senate, and the House will not act until the Senate does. **But hope is not lost!** The current compromise, The Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 1562), represents a bipartisan, modest, reasonable approach to reauthorizing these programs. The bill also reinforces the critical importance of OAA programs and services developed, coordinated and delivered every day by the Aging Network across the country.

In order to get this done we need a groundswell of grassroots and grassroots support for OAA reauthorization. Read on for a few resources n4a has put together that you that you can use!

Take Action:

CALL AND EMAIL: Call the DC and state offices of your Senators and submit comments via their websites. To find their websites: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm Or call the Senate Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Key Message: Please ensure that Older Americans Act reauthorization gets done this fall.

Sample talking points about the OAA:

- **The OAA enables older adults to stay at home in their communities.**
 - The Older Americans Act (OAA) funds programs—such as in-home supportive services, congregate and home-delivered meals, transportation, employment services and legal assistance—that help older adults remain in the much-preferred setting of their homes and communities.
- **The OAA provides critical services and supports that many people do not realize are funded by the federal government.**

- For more than 40 years, the OAA has funded focal points in local communities where older adults and families receive vital information and get connected to available services.

- **The OAA saves taxpayers money.**

- For many older adults, the OAA's home and community-based services can help prevent unnecessary hospital stays and readmissions and delay or avoid costly institutional placements, both of which save Medicare and Medicaid costs to taxpayers.

Sample talking points to tell your Senators about S. 1562:

- The Act came up for reauthorization in 2011, and there is a bipartisan bill, S. 1562, in the Senate that passed the HELP Committee but is currently stalled.
- We urge you to support S. 1562 and encourage your HELP Committee colleagues to reach a compromise regarding the funding formula to move OAA forward to be considered by the full Senate.
- Support these cost-effective, successful, community-based aging services that are helping seniors and caregivers every day in your district.

From: Martha Roherty

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 1:48 PM

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If you want to share thoughts on the WHCOA, please use the following—

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Good morning-

Attached please find the two letters that we referenced earlier today in our conversation regarding the DOL rule on FLSA from Oregon and Kansas. I have also provided you with the link to the toolkit that James Towes referenced from Boston College and the National Resource Center on Participant Directed Services.

Martha

<http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/gssw/nrcpds/tools/flsahomecaretoolkit.html>

From: Miskis, Constantinos (ACL/ORO/Region IV) [<mailto:Constantinos.Miskis@acl.hhs.gov>]

Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 12:42 PM

To: Miskis, Constantinos (ACL/ORO/Region IV)

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Wright, Joyce (ACL/ORO/Region IV); Walker, Edwin L. (ACL/AOA); Martha Roherty

Subject: Re: Region IV ACL/SUA Directors Meeting at SE4A

I hope everyone is traveling well or have arrived safely. I've received a couple of inquiries about the dress code for tonight's dinner. It's an informal dinner at "Oceanside" on the hotel property (we have to take a shuttle). It bills itself as "offering views of the Atlantic Ocean and overlooking a multi tiered pool scape, Oceanside is flip-flop friendly during the day and serves a specialty dinner menu in the evening." I'm going to wear jeans. Please let me know who is coming in case I have to adjust the reservation. See you in the lobby at 7pm.

Costas

On Sep 19, 2014, at 3:24 PM, "Miskis, Constantinos (ACL/ORO/Region IV)" <Constantinos.Miskis@acl.hhs.gov> wrote:

Dear SUA Directors,

We are looking forward to seeing you in Amelia Island for the ACL/SUA Directors Meeting. Please see the attached latest draft of the agenda with topics to consider ahead of the meeting. We hope you'll join us for an informal dinner on Sunday evening. We will meet in the lobby at 7pm. Please let me know if you have any diet restrictions. If you have any questions over the weekend you can reach me on my cell phone at 404-901-7619.

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Dear SUA Directors,

There had been some limited interest in holding the Region IV ACL/SUA Directors meeting on the Sunday of the SE4A Training Conference. However, due to the unavailability of key participants on Sunday we will be holding the meeting on our traditional day (for 9 years with a couple of exceptions) which this year falls on **Monday September 22nd from 10:00am to 4:30pm**. The meeting will be preceded by an SE4A general session from 8:30am to 10:00am featuring Dr. Jamie Huysman. As always, your SUA staff are also welcome to the meeting.

The Region IV ACL/SUA Directors meeting will include an address by **ACL Deputy Assistant**

Secretary for AoA Edwin Walker at the SE4A Awards Luncheon followed by a roundtable discussion with Edwin Walker exclusively for the participants in the ACL/SUA Directors meeting.

NASUAD Executive Director Martha Roherty will also be contributing to the meeting including leading the discussion on the CMS Rule.

Attached please find the proposed agenda. I am open to suggestions of additions and/or tweaks to the agenda. This will be a great meeting from both an informational perspective and in terms of peer-to-peer exchange of experiences and ideas crucial to the future of the Aging Network.

Topics will include (see agenda for more detail):

- ? ACL and AoA updates
- ? LTSS systems change including Managed Care, BIP, Aging & Disability coordination
- ? DOL Rule on minimum wage and overtime protections for direct care workers
- ? HHS Guidance on the requirement that states develop service systems responsive to needs and choices of clients
- ? CMS Rule on Medicaid HCBS settings
- ? Elder Rights/Adult Protective Services
- ? Fiscal outlooks

An informal group dinner will be held on Sunday at 7:00pm.

By reply to this email, please confirm your attendance (and/or that of staff) at the meeting as well as participation in the informal group dinner the night before.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Florida!
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