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Subject: Area Plan Question

The question was asked about the four focus areas referenced in #3 on page 5 of the Area Plan guidelines.

3. Goals and Objectives – Goals are visionary statements that describe the strategic direction in which the AAA is moving while objectives are the attainable, specific, and measurable steps the AAA will take to achieve each goal. One or more objectives should be included for each of the **four focus areas** of this PI. In addition, there should be goals and objectives for state and discretionary funded programs and services.

The details for the four focus areas can be found on page 3.

Focus Areas for FY 2017 Area Plan

The Area Plan must include measurable objectives that address all of the focus areas, A-D, below. In developing objectives, consider the role these areas serve in optimizing the AAA's long-term services and supports system (LTSS) for older adults and their caregivers.

A. Older Americans Act (OAA) Core Programs - OAA core programs are encompassed in Titles III (Supportive Services, Nutrition, Disease Prevention/Health Promotion, and Caregiver Programs), VI (Native American Programs), and VII (Elder Rights Programs), and serve as the foundation of the national aging services network. Describe plans to: coordinate Title III programs with Title VI Native American programs (where applicable); strengthen or expand Title III & VII services; increase the business acumen of aging network partners; work towards the integration of health care and social services systems; and integrate core programs with ACL discretionary programs.

B. ACL/LGOA Discretionary Grants (as applicable) – For each of the following ACL discretionary grant programs, develop measurable objectives that include integration of these programs with OAA core programs above (Focus Area A): Evidence-Based Disease and Disability Prevention Programs; SHIP, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and programs that support community living. Programs like SHIP are bound by performance measures established in federal and state guidelines.)

C. Participant-Directed/Person-Centered Planning – Making fundamental changes in regional policies and programs, which support consumer control and choice, is recognized as a critical focus for the Area Plan and by ACL. Describe your region's planned efforts (measurable objectives) to support participant- directed/person-centered planning for older adults and their caregivers across the spectrum of long-term care services, including home, community and institutional settings.

D. Elder Justice - As part of their role in coordinating programs and services for the protection of vulnerable adults under Title VII, the AAA should describe its activities to prevent, detect, assess, intervene, and/or investigate elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Working with the State Long Term Care Ombudsman, describe planned efforts (with measurable objectives) to support and enhance multi-disciplinary responses to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation involving adult protective services, LTC ombudsman programs, legal assistance programs, law enforcement, health care professionals, financial institutions, and other essential partners across the state.

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