

Regional Listening Session Themes

July 20, 2004

Issue: Request for funding for adult protective services.

Issue: Need funding for additional assisted living homes.

Issue: There are limited access to chore services and they need funding.

Issue: There were suggestions for more collaborative partnerships with different agencies.

Issue: Native American traditions and culture should be acknowledged while working with Native American elders.

Issue: Diabetes has become an issue in Indian Country and they need funding to increase awareness and education.

Issue: Elder abuse is on the rise and need additional funding to assist.

Issue: Native American elders' health is a lot worse than other populations.

Issue: The U.S. needs to be honoring the Indian treaties.

Issue: They need support to improve coordination between Title III and Title VI programs.

Issue: Legal services are an unmet need for elders on a wide range of topics.

Issue: The quality of long-term care is poor and funding needs to be increased.

Issue: Additional funding for Medicaid and Medicare is needed.

Issue: The mental health of elders needs to be addressed. There needs to be more socialization and counseling.

Issue: Educational resources for nutrition education are requested.

Issue: Site visits are requested, rather than phone call outreach only.

Issue: Prescription Drug Bill needs changes because it allows employers to discontinue health coverage when employees become eligible for Medicare or for a state health plan.

Issue: Prescription drug abuse is on the rise. Doctors over prescribe and if they do need the medication, it is often too expensive.

Issue: Preserve the flexibility of Title VI services and increase the funding is needed. Along with the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

Issue: Request for more information on certain resources such as Lifeline program and energy assistance programs.

Issue: Staffing turnover is high due to low wages to Title VI employees. They need more funding to assist.

Issue: There is concern over OAIANNHP position with AoA and losing the status in the government.

Issue: There is a fear of lack of socialization for elders.

Issue: There should be direct funding to tribes for Title III services.

Issue: Need for additional funding for the Title VI Caregivers Program.

Issue: Additional Title VI Funding is needed.

Issue: A lot of tribes are in remote areas resulting in transportation issues.

Issue: Request for AoA to ask the President to convene a White House Conference on Aging and ensure there is a Native American presence at the conference.