

2004 Listening Session Report – Phoenix

Phoenix, AZ
February 25, 2004

Eagle Shield Center, Connie Bremner

Issue: There is funding inequity in the Title III Program and would like direct funding from the government.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Hopi Elderly Services, Mary Tenakhongva

Issue: Elders need to be included in decision making processes because their voices and needs need to be honored at all levels of service provision.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: A lot of elders do not have electricity, running water, adequate housing or access to transportation.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Transportation services are very poor and there are only two vans for all elders.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Navajo Area Agency on Aging

Issue: Title VI needs to be able to provide more services.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Native Nations should be involved in the White House Conference on Aging Resolution. The White House Conference on Aging is not an AoA function. To have the tribes involved, tribes need to work with their congressmen and Senators to get a Native American appointed to that conference advisory committee.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Training & Technical Assistance is important and we need to keep them.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Funding is needed for elder abuse services.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Oneida Tribe, Florence Petri

Issue: Elder abuse is the largest concern and need additional funding.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Alzheimer's disease is growing in the Oneida Nation and there are needs for education and awareness and funding.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: An increase in funding is needed.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Tanana Chiefs, Valerie Dewey

Issue: Shipping costs to Alaska Bush communities are very high. Shipping a 100lb. bottle of propane from Fairbanks to lower Yukon can cost between \$600-800.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: High job turnover for cooks. They need education and more hours for cooks, they need an assistant, there's small kitchens, and poor kitchen equipment.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Need on-site training for budgeting, paperwork, and site visits.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Olijato Senior Center, BJ Holiday

Issue: Need technical assistance for the caregiver's program.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Intertribal Council of Arizona, Lee Begay

Issue: There are elderly health issues. There's a need for increased physical activity or considering spiritual and/or mental health issues. Need additional funding for all.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

ITCA and AAA, Randella Bluehouse

Issue: Needs services to keep elders in their communities (i.e.: caregiver services).

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Pueblo of Laguna Rainbow Center, Kathy Correa

Issue: Request AoA to provide technical assistance.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Navajo Division of Health, Anslem Roanhorse, Jr.

Issue: There is a lack of funding for health services.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Tribes should be included in national activities planning (i.e.: Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Reauthorization of OAA, etc.).

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Pueblo of Laguna, Clarence Marie

Issue: Needs for direct and increased funding for elder services.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Hopi Tribe, Dorothy Denet

Issue: Title III is an issue because the funds have to go through the state first.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: When the state finds them in a budget crisis, tribal funds are the first to get cut.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Needs for transportation, as the nearest grocery store is 60 miles away.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

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Native American Community Health, Inc., A. Diane Daychild

Issue: There is a need for more funding for urban Indian Elder programs.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Oneida Nation Elderly Services, Florence Petri

Issue: There is a need for education and awareness for Alzheimer's disease.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Increased funding requested for the programs.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Fairbanks, AK, Frida M. Williams

Issue: Request for regional training with AoA developed data collection documents daily, weekly, monthly, midyear and annually.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Funding request for elder abuse.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Fort Gill Apache Tribe, Kenneth Saupitty

Issue: Funding and nutritional needs for diabetes.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Would like more education on retirement and what to expect with social security.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Zuni Indian Tribe, Margaret Dosedo

Issue: would like to see more community based programs.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Direct funding for Elder abuse-elder protection programs.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

TCC, Val Dewey

Issue: Training is needed for nutrition and our cooks.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Shipping costs and logistics are difficult in rural areas.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Increase in funding.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

Issue: Would like to do less reporting.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP

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Issue: Request to waive Part B Medicare premium for eligible American Indian elders.

Policy Lead: Director of OAIANNHP