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 is 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.