

The Conference

- Held September 28th, 2022
 - Many food and nutrition experts and advocates and those with lived experience invited
 - More than \$8 billion in commitments from the private sector were made in conjunction with the conference
- First one since 1969, which produced the WIC and SNAP programs
- Goal is to develop a roadmap to end hunger and diet-related disease and improve nutrition by 2030

The Pillars

- Actions organized around 5 pillars



- **But all that really matters is what happens after...**

Aging-Related Provisions Include...

Increasing funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) nutrition programs

Universal screening for food insecurity in fed. health care systems; incentivizing other payors and providers to screen for FI and other social determinants of health

Leveraging federal nutrition programs to promote healthy habits and nutrition education

Expanding access to nutrition counseling

Regular updates to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans with detailed national nutrition education campaigns

Modifying a current law that inhibits SNAP retailers from stocking a variety of healthy foods as a requirement to participate in the SNAP program

Creation of an aging and nutrition research agenda within ACL

Post Conference: Short Term

- White House Food as Medicine pilot program to cover medically tailored meals under Medicare
- USDA National Summit on Nutrition Security and Healthcare
 - Builds off one major outcome from the White House conference: formalizing and advancing the link between nutrition and health
- Senate Committee on Agriculture hearing this week, led by Sen. Cory Booker
 - Food as Medicine: Current efforts and potential opportunities
- Senate Committee on Aging hearing held today, led by Sen. Bob Casey
 - Setting the Table: Promoting Healthy and Affordable Food for Older Americans
 - Casey has introduced bills which would create an older adult hunger/nutrition task force and authorize funding for research into older adult hunger/nutrition for ACL

Post-Conference: Long Term

- New Congress
 - Democrats retain Senate 50-49
 - Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) returning chair of Senate Agriculture, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) new chair of Senate Appropriations, Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) returning chair of Senate Aging
 - Rep. GT Thompson (R-PA) new chair of House Agriculture, Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) new chair of House Appropriations

Long Term: Farm Bill Reauthorization

- Over 80% of funding goes to nutrition
 - Includes SNAP, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Senior Farmers Market, Emergency Food Assistance, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- The 2023 reauthorization could be a key implementer of the Conference ideas and policy proposals, including increases to SNAP allotments, changing the law that inhibits SNAP retailers from stocking a variety of healthy foods, and increases in authorizations for these programs
- Sen. Brown is on Ag Committee and should be contacted

Long Term: Medicare Reforms

- Drug negotiation, cap on insulin costs, new dental and mental health rules
 - Poor oral health a risk factor for poor nutrition/malnutrition
- Medicare coverage of Medical Nutrition Therapy
 - Medicare only covers nutritional counseling for people with kidney disease/transplant and diabetes, but people with many other conditions would also benefit
 - Part of the MNT Act and Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2022

Long Term: Medically Tailored Meals

- Possible Medicaid coverage of medically tailored meals
 - Pilots started this year in Oregon and Massachusetts
- Other expansion of “food as medicine” programs
 - Over 800 Medicare Advantage programs cover meals, food, and/or produce
 - Healthcare orgs are starting to prescribe food

Long Term: 2019 GAO Report Implementation

- Further implementation of the 2019 GAO report on older adult nutrition programs
- Focus on the specific nutritional needs of older adults in the 2025-2030 update of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Ensure meals meet federal nutrition requirements in the congregate and home-delivered meal programs and in CACFP meals provided in adult day care

Long Term: OAA/Federal Nutrition Programs

- Ongoing funding challenges for FY23 and FY24
- Oversight of all major nutrition programs post-pandemic and post public health emergency
- Grab and go, other nutrition program innovations were a success during the pandemic; could continue post-PHE

TBD: FY 23 Nutrition Funding Situation

- So far, the numbers proposed for FY 23 for OAA nutrition:

Program	FY22 Final	FY23 President	FY23 House	FY23 Senate Ds
Older Americans Act Programs				
Title III-B Home and Community-Based Services	\$398.6 million	\$500 million	\$450 million	\$430 million
Title III-C Nutrition Total	\$966.7 million	\$1.273 billion	\$1.26 billion	\$1.03 billion
<i>III-C-1 Congregate Meals</i>	\$515 million	\$762 million	\$700 million	\$550 million
<i>III-C-2 Home-Delivered Meals</i>	\$291 million	\$410 million	\$400 million	\$320 million
<i>III-C Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)</i>	\$160 million	\$100 million	\$160 million	\$160 million

- Add to this two other realities during and beyond pandemic
 - Added demand
 - Inflation (10% for food over last year)
- Advocacy is being led by NANASP with MOWA, asking for doubling of funding to \$1.93 billion

In Closing

- We appreciate the interest of Benjamin Rose in the White House conference and the important work you and your colleagues do every day providing nutrition services
- The Conference proposed lofty goals, but if we start work now and get everyone involved, we can make an impact
- Many of these ideas and policy proposals will require action from Congress, so get involved in post-conference advocacy!

Advocacy Links

OAA III-C Funding

nanasp.org/take-action



WH Conference Page

bit.ly/WHhungerconf



Other Resources

- Defeat Malnutrition Today: <https://defeatmalnutrition.today>
- White House Conference page: <https://bit.ly/WHhungerconf>
- Private sector commitments:
 - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/09/28/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-administration-announces-more-than-8-billion-in-new-commitments-as-part-of-call-to-action-for-white-house-conference-on-hunger-nutrition-and-health/>
- USDA strategy page: <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/wh-2022-nutrition-conference-fns-role.pdf>