

2023 Agenda

We plan to advocate for the below topics and other malnutrition-related topics, hold webinars, and participate in events. The “pillars” listed correspond to the 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health’s policy platform, which we influenced.

Funding advocacy (pillars 1, 2, 3, 5)

- OAA nutrition program/USDA nutrition programs
- Nutrition research, including NIH/USDA
- Dedicated funding for DGA work

Malnutrition Quality Improvement and Global Malnutrition Composite Score Measure

- Community referral piece of GMCS: identifying and promoting successful community partnerships as part of the malnutrition quality measure (MQii)
 - Webinars, briefings, and how-to resources
 - Advocate for hospital systems to take up quality measure components
 - Connect participating hospitals with community-based nutrition entities for patient referrals and care transitions

Farm Bill advocacy (pillar 1)

- Advocate to include improving food quality in USDA programs (CSFP, CACFP), malnutrition-related policy, and potential legislation on access to SFMNP, senior hunger task force, etc.

Food is medicine (pillar 2)

- Advocacy for legislation and hold educational webinars

Nutrition and Aging Resource Center (pillar 1, 2)

- Continuing to implement the 2020 Older Americans Act reauthorization’s malnutrition provisions at the local, state and federal levels
- Disseminate coalition resources (including existing screening tools) and integrate malnutrition into the Center’s priorities

Patient education (pillar 3)

- Expand current DMT resource page, promote research-backed education methods to better communicate with patients, and advocate for more resources for nutrition education in OAA nutrition programs

Dietary Guidelines for Americans (pillar 3, 5)

- Monitor each DGA committee meeting and advocate for focus on older adult nutrition

Nutrition and food security research (pillar 5)

- Identify and uplift new research and successful programs
- Continued focus on collecting malnutrition and nutrition risk prevalence data in HHS and USDA (community prevalence, minority populations?)

Other policy items

- Advocate for Medical Nutrition Therapy Act (pillar 2)
- Advocate for telehealth expansion policies/legislation (pillar 2)
- Continue to build linkages between malnutrition, health, and other related issues such as falls prevention and self-neglect (pillars 1-5)
- Educate and comment on updated Older Americans Act regulations (pillars 1, 2)

State/Local Coalition Development and Engagement

- Continued updates to and promotion and dissemination of the coalition's 2021 state legislative toolkits for legislators and advocates
- Working with state advocates to increase the number of states with Malnutrition Awareness Week proclamations/resolutions
- Working with states that are developing Master Plans on Aging to ensure the inclusion of nutrition-related policies in these plans