

# Federal Platform Updates - 2022

Agenda Item #5, February 1, 2022

## **Criminal Justice and Public Protection**

- Added bullets to support funding for Victim Witness Assistance programs, to combat technology facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children, and to process DNA samples and prevent backlogs.

## **Public Health, Mental Health and Health Care Services**

- Combined the bullet regarding funding for substance abuse treatment programs with the bullet on health care to place treatment for substance use disorder care in parity with other health conditions.

## **Social Services**

- Added bullets to support funding for the Elder Abuse Act and to recruit, retain and support foster families.
- Added bullets to support legislation or regulatory guidance to enable states and counties to gradually phase in eligibility redeterminations and renewals for public assistance programs after the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency and to exempt Qualified Residential Treatment Programs from the Institution for Mental Diseases exclusion which prohibits Medicaid reimbursement in facilities of more than 16 beds.

## **Social Services** (continued)

- Added bullets to oppose actions which reduce funding for in-home supportive services, coordination of services to children with disabilities, and efforts to reduce or limit funding for Medicaid administration or benefits.

## **Transportation & Infrastructure**

- Added a bullet to support increases in Federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME investment Partnership Program to provide essential infrastructure and housing funds for low- and moderate-income rural communities and residents.

## **Water**

- Revised bullets to emphasize the need to increase water supply availability and address local and regional water quality issues and funding for building, repairing, upgrading, and maintaining water conveyance facilities in addition to levee and flood control systems in the County.