

231.23 Department of elder affairs duties and authority.

The department of elder affairs director shall:

1. Develop and administer a state plan on aging.
2. Assist the commission in the review and approval of area plans.
3. Pursuant to commission policy, coordinate state activities related to the purposes of this chapter and all other chapters under the department's jurisdiction.
4. Advocate for elders by reviewing and commenting upon all state plans, budgets, laws, rules, regulations, and policies which affect elders and by providing technical assistance to any agency, organization, association, or individual representing the needs of the elders.
5. Assist the commission in dividing the state into distinct planning and service areas.
6. Assist the commission in designating for each area a public or private nonprofit agency or organization as the area agency on aging for that area.
7. Pursuant to commission policy, take into account the views of elder Iowans.
8. Assist the commission in adopting a formula for the distribution of funds available from the federal Act.
9. Assist the commission in assuring that preference will be given to providing services to elders with the greatest economic or social needs, with particular attention to low-income minority elders.
10. Assist the commission in developing, adopting, and enforcing administrative rules, by issuing necessary forms and procedures.
11. Apply for, receive, and administer grants and gifts to conduct projects consistent with the purposes of this chapter.
12. Administer state authorized programs.
13. Provide annual training for area agency on aging board of directors members.
14. Establish a procedure for an area agency on aging to use in selection of members of the agency's board of directors. The selection procedure shall be incorporated into the bylaws of the board of directors and shall include a nomination process by which nominations are submitted to the department, objections to a nominee may be submitted to the department by a date certain, and if at least twenty-five objections to a nominee are received by the department, the nominee shall be eliminated from nomination for that term of membership.
15. Provide oversight to ensure that the composition of the area agency on aging board of directors complies with the rules of the department.

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1011

C87, § 249D.23

C93, § 231.23

2003 Acts, ch 141, §5; 2005 Acts, ch 45, §6; 2006 Acts, ch 1184, §106

