

17—6.6 (231) Duties of AAA.

6.6(1) General. Each AAA shall fulfill the AAA duties specified in the federal Act, Iowa Code section 231.33 and this chapter. AAA shall:

a. Carry out functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, interagency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation designed to lead to and maintain a comprehensive and coordinated community-based system. This system shall serve the PSA so that older individuals may lead independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible;

b. Strive to offer a range of services which are readily accessible to all older individuals by utilizing public, private and voluntary entities and personal resources of the client;

c. Encourage collaborative decision making among public, private, voluntary, religious and fraternal organizations, as well as older individuals;

d. Assist in determining and providing special assistance or resources to the most vulnerable older individuals who are in danger of losing their independence; and

e. Perform all functions as delineated in the area plan.

6.6(2) Additional duties include:

a. Attempt to involve the private bar and legal services corporation in the PSA in legal assistance activities;

b. Submit all reports in accordance with the department-prescribed form or format and due dates;

c. Coordinate AAA activities with mental health services provided by community health centers and other nonprofit private or public organizations;

d. Compile and summarize information on institutions of higher education in the PSA which offer courses of study to older individuals at a no- or reduced-tuition rate and disseminate the information to older individuals at their gathering places;

e. Seek out older individuals who may be eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income benefits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, medical assistance under Titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, and benefits under the Food Stamp Act of 1977. The AAA shall provide information on the requirements for eligibility to receive these benefits and assist in applying for appropriate assistance and benefits;

f. Coordinate planning by individuals, agencies and organizations interested in the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older individuals and assist in implementation of educational and awareness activities, in coordination with the office of the state long-term care ombudsman program;

g. Coordinate planning with other agencies and organizations to provide health promotion activities for older individuals.