

DEPARTMENT ON AGING

Ch 231

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Linda Miller, Director Serves at Pleasure of Governor

The Older Americans Act of 1965, reauthorized in 2006, established the State Unit on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging. The current Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) was first created as the Commission on the Aging by the Iowa General Assembly in 1966. In 1986, the existing Commission on Aging was reorganized as a separate executive branch agency, and was renamed the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs. In 2008, the department was again renamed as the Iowa Department on Aging (IDA). The State Unit on Aging is established in Iowa under the “Elder Iowans Act” (Iowa Code chapter 231), which sets forth the role and responsibilities for the department and its commission as well as the Area Agencies on Aging. In 2004, the department was awarded an Administration on Aging discretionary grant to establish Iowa’s Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC); in 2006, the ADRC was codified in Iowa Code chapter 231 and in 2011, the state submitted a five-year plan to the U.S. Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to implement a fully functioning ADRC statewide by 2016. The department advocates for older Iowans and adult persons with disabilities and is responsible, in collaboration with Area Agencies on Aging across the state and ADRCs, for developing a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that helps Iowans maintain health and independence in their homes and communities. The department’s programs and services include but are not limited to: elder rights and legal assistance; elder abuse prevention and awareness; nutrition and health promotion; family caregiver advocacy; older worker services; case management; options counseling; and a wide array of information and assistance. Within the IDA is the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which advocates for the rights of residents living in various health care settings. The IDA Internet site is: www.iowaaging.gov/. The Internet site for Iowa’s ADRC is: www.lifelonglinks.org. An 11-member commission serves as the policymaking body for the department with seven members appointed by the Governor, two by the House of Representatives, and two by the Senate for four-year terms. Among its duties, the commission promulgates administrative rules and approves and monitors the area plans for the area agencies. The Governor appoints a department director subject to confirmation by the Senate.

POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION

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PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

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COMMISSION ON AGING

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| Richard Stone, Chair..... | Indianola | April 30, 2020 |
| Cheryl K. Arnold | Russell..... | April 30, 2021 |
| Carole Dunkin..... | DeWitt..... | April 30, 2019 |

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| Quentin Hart..... | Waterloo..... | April 30, 2021 |
| Suzanne Heckenlaible..... | Ankeny..... | April 30, 2018 |
| G. Willard Jenkins..... | Waterloo..... | April 30, 2021 |
| Richard Motz..... | Sioux City..... | April 30, 2020 |

Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly

Senate

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| Mark Chelgren..... | Ottumwa..... | January 13, 2019 |
| Amanda Ragan..... | Mason City..... | January 13, 2019 |

House

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| Mary Gaskill..... | Ottumwa..... | January 13, 2019 |
| Dawn E. Pettengill..... | Mount Auburn..... | January 13, 2019 |

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

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Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture

Mike Naig, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

The General Assembly created the Iowa Department of Agriculture in 1923. In 1986, the department was restructured and the name changed to Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to reflect its broadened focus, which now includes the Soil Conservation and Water Quality Division.

The mission of the department is to encourage a relationship between people and the land that recognizes the land as a resource to be managed to avoid irreparable harm. The department is tasked with developing and implementing policies that address the long-term future of agriculture as an economic activity as well as a way of life.

The department helps encourage, promote, market, and advance the interests of agriculture, including production practices, such as organic or conventional, that may lead to new opportunities for Iowa farmers. The department has the responsibility of providing consumer protection through the regulatory programs administered by the regulatory, laboratory, and inspection services. The department is responsible for the preservation and improvement of the quality of two of the state's most important natural resources, soil and water.

The department is comprised of four divisions: Administrative, Consumer Protection and Industry Services, Food Safety and Animal Health, and Soil Conservation and Water Quality.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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Margaret Thomson, Director

The Administrative Division assists the Secretary of Agriculture and other divisions in the administration of the department and in the implementation of legislation and statutory rules relating to the department. Internal support includes centralized accounting, auditing, budgeting, and human resources.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION

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Stephen Moline, Director

The purpose of the Consumer Protection and Industry Services Division is to provide protection for consumers of Iowa agricultural products and for Iowa farmers marketing their agricultural products. Special emphasis is given to grain sold by Iowa producers, and to products sold over a scale or through a meter.