

**17—6.8 (231) AAA advisory council.**

**6.8(1) *Member requirements.*** The AAA shall establish an advisory council composed of members, at least one-half of whom are aged 60 and older, which shall include:

- a. Recipients of services under the Act, including minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas;
- b. Representatives of older individuals;
- c. Current local elected officials;
- d. The general public;
- e. Representatives of health care provider organizations, including providers of veterans' health care, if appropriate;
- f. Representatives of supportive and nutrition service providers; and
- g. Persons with leadership experience in private and volunteer sectors.

**6.8(2) *Duties.*** It shall be the specific responsibility of the advisory council to advise the AAA and:

- a. Advocate for older individuals in the PSA by keeping informed of all activities and proposals concerning the older individuals;
- b. Review and make recommendations on the content, formulation, administration and priorities of the area plan and participate in public hearings on the area plan;
- c. Serve as an information link between the AAA and providers of services to older individuals in the PSA;
- d. Review and comment on community policies, programs and actions which affect older individuals;
- e. Assist in generating local support for development of programs for older individuals in the area.

**6.8(3) *Frequency of meetings.*** The AAA advisory council shall meet at least quarterly.

**6.8(4) *Staff support.*** The AAA shall provide staff and assistance to the AAA advisory council.

**6.8(5) *Bylaws.*** The AAA advisory council bylaws shall contain at least the basic bylaws: name, purpose, members, officers, meetings, committees, parliamentary authority and procedure for amendment of bylaws. The bylaw on membership shall include, but is not limited to, the number of, selection process and length of terms for members.