17-6.3 (231) Area agency administration.

6.3(1) *Director.* The AAA shall employ a qualified director and may employ other staff as necessary to manage and monitor the area plan.

6.3(2) Director's responsibility. It is the responsibility of the AAA director to:

a. Ensure that all AAA duties as outlined in the federal Act, state law, this chapter and other rules promulgated by any agency having jurisdiction are performed;

- *b.* Develop the area plan;
- c. Implement organizational operations;
- d. Budget for services and operations;
- e. Coordinate implementation of services; and
- f. Monitor and evaluate services.

6.3(3) *Discrimination.* The AAA shall offer equal opportunities for employment or promotion to all employees and to applicants who meet the qualifications of the open position. Discrimination against any person because of gender, race, national origin, age, political affiliation, creed, color, religion, physical or mental disability, or other nonmerit factors is prohibited during any aspect of personnel administration and during employment.

6.3(4) *Affirmative action plans.* Each AAA shall develop an affirmative action plan which shall be available for review by the department.

6.3(5) *Training and development requirements.* Each AAA shall have a plan and procedures that will support a broad program of staff development activities to ensure training of volunteers, paid personnel and providers of services to Iowa's older individual population.

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