

(7) Consult with the Commission on all matters pertaining to programs.

(b) With the prior approval of the Commission on Aging, the Director shall:

(1) Accept and use any State or federal funds for the purposes specified in this article;

(2) Prepare and submit a budget for the Office on Aging in accordance with the normal budget procedures; and

(3) Submit an annual report to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year, setting forth the results of any studies and its recommendations, if any, for legislation; and

(4) Subject to § 2 of this article, appoint a deputy director on aging.

(c) WITH RESPECT TO THE SHELTERED HOUSING FOR ELDERLY, THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROFIT OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION OR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY;

(2) MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF RENT AND OTHER SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FROM FEDERAL AND STATE SOURCES AND PROVIDE FOR SUBSIDIES NECESSARY FROM STATE GENERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST LOW INCOME AGED TO RESIDE IN SHELTERED HOUSING AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO MORE COSTLY, BUT NOT REQUIRED, INSTITUTIONAL CARE. FIND SPONSORS OR MANAGERS FOR SHELTERED HOUSING PROJECTS;

(3) ASSIST DEVELOPERS IN FORMULATING DESIGN CONCEPTS AND MEETING PROGRAM NEEDS;

(4) WHEN NECESSARY, PROVIDE SUBSIDIES FOR CONGREGATE MEALS, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PERSONAL SERVICES FOR SHELTERED HOUSING, AND DEVELOP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THESE SUBSIDIES;

(5) ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATION AND OPERATION OF SHELTERED HOUSING PROJECTS; AND

(6) CERTIFY AND REVIEW THE COMPLIANCE OF SHELTERED HOUSING PROJECTS WITH THE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED FOR GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATION AND OPERATION OF THESE PROJECTS.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 556(d) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments,