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(a) The Director on Aging shall:

(1) Administer programs and activities delegated by the federal government to the State under the provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, which are not otherwise committed by law to some other unit of State government;

(2) EVALUATE THE SERVICE NEEDS OF ELDERLY PERSONS IN THE STATE;

(3) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH EXISTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY;

(4) ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY;

(5) REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE ELDERLY BY SERVING AS AN ADVOCATE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT;

(6) PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES AND CIVIC GROUPS DEVELOPING LOCAL SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS;

(7) MAINTAIN A CLEARINGHOUSE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ELDERLY;

[[2]] (8) Coordinate, subject to existing law, assess, and evaluate all State and local programs and services, both public and private, insofar as they relate and are important to the well-being of the State's aged, including programs and services in the areas of income maintenance, public health, mental health, housing and urban development, employment, education, recreation, and rehabilitation of the physically and mentally handicapped;

[[3]] (9) Review and formulate policy recommendations to the Governor on publicly funded plans and programs which have an impact on the aged;

[[4]] (10) Consult with and advise the secretaries of the principal departments of State government with respect to the programs and services for the aged, for which they are primarily responsible;

(11) CHAIR THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON AGING SERVICES;

[[5]] (12) Develop a statewide plan incorporating local plans for a comprehensive and coordinated system of health, social, and community services for the aged, including housing, institutional, and noninstitutional care;