

(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;

(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;

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

(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;

(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;

(13) Cooperate with and receive the cooperation of State, federal and local governmental units and agencies in effectuating the purposes of this article;

(14) Consult with the Commission on Aging on all matters pertaining to programs; [and]

(15) Be a member of the Governor's Executive Council[.];

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

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

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

[(3)] (18) [Submit] WITH THE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING, SUBMIT an annual