

- (II) PUBLIC HEALTH;
- (III) MENTAL HEALTH;
- (IV) HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
- (V) EMPLOYMENT;
- (VI) EDUCATION;
- (VII) RECREATION; AND
- (VIII) REHABILITATION OF SENIORS WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES; AND

(5) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE PLAN INCORPORATING LOCAL PLANS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED SYSTEM OF HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR SENIORS, INCLUDING HOUSING AND INSTITUTIONAL AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CARE.

(D) ADVOCACY AND CONSULTATION.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

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

(2) CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE THE SECRETARIES OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS THAT ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS;

(3) CONSULT WITH THE COMMISSION ON AGING ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS;

(4) PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES AND CIVIC GROUPS DEVELOPING LOCAL SERVICES FOR SENIORS;

(5) MAINTAIN A CLEARINGHOUSE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE INTERESTS OF SENIORS; AND

(6) REVIEW AND RECOMMEND POLICIES TO THE GOVERNOR ON PUBLICLY FUNDED PLANS AND PROGRAMS THAT AFFECT SENIORS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 70B, § 4(a)(1) through (10) and (12) through (15).

As to the substitution of references to "seniors" for the former references to "elderly persons", "the elderly", and "the aged" throughout this section, see General Revisor's Note to title.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to the Older Americans Act of 1965 "as amended" is deleted in light of Art. 1, § 21, which provides that a reference to a statute includes amendments.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to "agencies" is