
OFFICE ON AGING

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BUDGET (CODE 23.01.07)

FY1991 Total Appropriation	\$29,661,248
General Funds	\$14,573,508
Special Funds	\$ 55,055
Federal Funds	\$15,032,685
FY1991 Total Authorized Positions	63.5

MANDATED REPORTS

*Annual Report of Commission on Aging to Governor
 & Director on Aging.*

*Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly due
 Jan. 1.*

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

DIRECTOR ON AGING

Rosalie S. Abrams 225-1102

COMMISSION ON AGING

Rev. Monroe R. Saunders, Sr.,
Chairperson, 1991

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Joseph T. Howell, *Chairperson*

GUARDIANSHIP ADVISORY BOARD
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Bernard Popick, *Chief* 225-1064

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Donald Wassmann 225-1106

**NUTRITION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
 DIVISION**

Janette Martin, *Chief* 225-1095

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Shirley Whitfield, *Chief* 225-1083

Condict Stevenson, *Maryland Long-Term
 Care Ombudsman*

**HOUSING & CONTINUING CARE
 DIVISION**

Ilene W. Rosenthal, *Chief* 225-1118

PLANNING & EVALUATION DIVISION

Suzanne Bosstick, *Chief* 225-1270

Formed in 1975, the Office on Aging administers, consolidates, and coordinates statewide programs to meet the needs of older Marylanders (Chapter 261, Acts of 1975). Origins of the Office trace to 1959 when the State Coordinating Commission on the Problems of the Aging was created (Chapter 1, Acts of 1959). The Commission was renamed as the Commission on the Aging in 1971 (Chapter 595, Acts of 1971). The Governor, in 1974, established the Governor's Coordinating Office on Problems of the Aging. In 1975, staff from the Commission and the Governor's Coordinating Office were merged to form the Office on Aging, a

cabinet-level agency. The Commission on Aging was reassigned both as an advisory and as a policy-making board to the Director.

The Director on Aging is appointed by and responsible to the Governor and serves on the Governor's Executive Council. To evaluate services needed by elderly persons and to set priorities for meeting these needs, the Director chairs the Inter-agency Committee on Aging Services. The Director also serves as advocate for the elderly at all levels of government.

The Office on Aging has five Divisions: Housing and Continuing Care; Long-Term Care; Management; Planning and Evaluation; and Nutrition and Community Services. The Office is aided by the Commission on Aging, the Guardianship Advisory Board, and the Financial Review Committee (Code 1957, Art. 70B).

COMMISSION ON AGING

Rev. Monroe R. Saunders, Sr., *Chairperson, 1991*

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair):
 Jean Rose Moser, 1991; Charles M. Rouzer, 1991; Harold P. Gross, 1993; Laura H. Dale, 1994; Paul A. L. Haber, M.D., 1994; Peter P. Lamy, Sc.D., 1994; George J. Weems, M.D., 1994; three vacancies.

Nonvoting members appointed by Governor: vacancy, Senate; Pauline H. Menes, House of Delegates.

The Commission on Aging advises the Director on Aging about programs and concerns of the Office on Aging. The Commission consists of thirteen members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. At least seven members must be fifty-five years of age or over. Eleven members representing various regions are selected because of their interest in the problems of the elderly. One member of the State Senate and one member of the House of Delegates serve as nonvoting Commission members. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code 1957, Art. 70B, sec. 3).

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Joseph T. Howell, *Chairperson, 1992*

Appointed by Director on Aging: Montel Hill, 1992; Frederick M. Hudson, 1992; Carol Moore, 1992; Sanoma Nixon, 1992; Edward P. Crouch, 1993; George Greenleaf, 1993.

The Financial Review Committee was created in 1985 (Chapter 752, Acts of 1985). Upon referral by the Office on Aging, the Committee evaluates the financial condition of providers of continuing care who are experiencing financial difficulty. The Committee then recommends what action the Office should take.

The Committee's seven members are appointed to three-year terms by the Director on Aging (Code 1957, Art. 70B, sec. 17A).