

Section 1

Introduction

The North Delta Area Agency which is designated under section 305(a)(2)(A), of the Older American Act is required to write a four-year Area Plan which shall be governed by the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Plan provides a comprehensive and coordinated system for Supportive Services, Nutrition Services, and Multipurpose Senior Center Activities for seniors 60 years and older. Consideration is given on the number of older individuals who have greatest economic need; low income minority with the greatest economic need; greatest social need; and low income minority with the greatest social need.

The Area Plan is a grant application submitted by the Area Agency to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs in order to receive funds. It also contains provisions required in implementing regulations by the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. In addition, other sections of the Plan address the following:

- Provision of assurances that an adequate proportion of funds are provided for Services (decision making and budget development)
- Address the identity of designated focal points
- Provision for the establishment and maintenance of Information & Assistance Services
- Goals and Objectives set to provide services to specific target groups
- Recognition of the Area Agency Advisory Council, who serves as advisors
- Establishment of effective and efficient procedures for coordination of Services
- Recognition of current census data
- Description of activities of the Area Agency; also Communications with the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
- Provision of information by educating the public, service providers, and local officials
- Fulfilling Older American Act requirements

The Plan also provides assurances that the Area Agency provides leadership and advocacy on behalf of seniors for the following:

- Community Awareness
- Coordination of services with other providers
- Increase access to Activities and Services
- Provision of comprehensive serviced delivery in East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Richland, Tensas and Union Parishes