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MISSION STATEMENT: The Monroe County Commission on Aging serves as an advocate for the senior citizens of the county. The Commission is charged with recommending to the County Board of Commissioners the prudent spending of public funds to promote the health, dignity and independence of seniors. Commission spending recommendations follow a careful assessment of current and projected senior needs. The greatest benefit will go to those most in need. The most frail will receive the highest priority.

The scope of this department ranges from the general accounting of tax dollars to the County Board of Commissioners and the County tax payers to the advocacy of the need for increased service and representation of the County's Senior Population. These tasks are done in the following manner:

- ❖ Regular monthly fiscal accounting by funded providers and COA Director
- ❖ COA representation on several local committees and close cooperation with the AAA 1-B Board of Directors and staff.
- ❖ Regular visitation of funded providers
- ❖ Analysis and assessment of service purchased for Monroe County Seniors
- ❖ Yearly budgeting of County Dollars
- ❖ Maintaining information on funded service providers
- ❖ Dispensing of COA prescription discount dollars
- ❖ Liaison to funded service providers, County Board of Commissioners and Commission on Aging
- ❖ Community Presenter
- ❖ Conduct research on applicable senior issues
- ❖ Identify service gaps and explore feasibility of closing service gaps
- ❖ Information and Referral to the community
- ❖ Provide information and counseling to the public on senior issues
- ❖ Provide staff support to the Commission on Aging

The items listed above are the general day-to-day duties of the agency and the support staff. Other duties are evident at times or may be assigned by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners or County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer. The Commission on Aging meets monthly and is comprised of nine members, one from each county district.

