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Duties of the representatives of the office.

(A) An ombudsman associate level 1 may:

- (1) Provide outreach to consumers and sponsors;
- (2) Observe in facilities, homes, and service sites;
- (3) Perform intake for all types of complaints;
- (4) Provide information to the public about the ombudsman program and consumer rights;
- (5) ~~Assist with handling~~ Handle uncomplicated complaints ~~while under the supervision of a certified ombudsman specialist or a certified ombudsman program director; and~~
- (6) Perform follow-up activities on complex complaints while under the supervision of a certified ombudsman specialist, a certified ombudsman program director, or candidates for certified ombudsman specialist or certified ombudsman program director who have completed the first forty hours of professional development, as specified in rule 173-14-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (7) Provide written reports of their activities to the regional ombudsman program or record their activities in the ombudsman documentation and information system for Ohio (ODIS), as required by the regional program. Paid and unpaid associates may enter volunteer reports into ODIS if approved to do so by the regional program director.

(B) An ombudsman associate level 2 may:

- (1) Perform the duties of an ombudsman associate level 1;
- ~~(2) Handle uncomplicated complaints;~~
- ~~(3) Perform follow-up activities on complex complaints;~~
- ~~(4)~~(2) Provide public presentations;
- ~~(5)~~(3) Assist with handling complex complaints while under the supervision of a certified ombudsman specialist, or a certified ombudsman program director, or candidates for certified ombudsman specialist or certified ombudsman

program director who have completed the first forty hours of professional development, as specified in rule 173-14-04 of the Administrative Code; and,

(C) An ombudsman specialist may:

- (1) Perform the duties of an ombudsman associate level 2;
- (2) Handle complex complaints;
- (3) Provide complaint supervision ~~once certified~~ after completing the first forty hours of professional development;
- (4) Review complaints to set ~~complaint-handling~~ complaint-handling priorities;
- (5) Assign complaints;
- (6) Manage the components of a volunteer program, which may include recruiting, screening, training, supervision, evaluation, and recognition of volunteers; and,
- (7) Record activities performed by other ombudsmen on their behalf and/or volunteer reports into ODIS.

(D) A certified ombudsman program director serving as a program manager shall perform the duties in this paragraph. A certified ombudsman program director who is not serving as a program manager may perform the duties in this paragraph as assigned:

- (1) Perform the duties of an ombudsman specialist;
- (2) Assume responsibility for the overall administration and management of the program's core and optional ombudsman services;
- (3) Assume responsibility for overall supervision of staff;
- (4) Participate in hiring staff;
- (5) Establish and review policies and procedures required in rule 173-14-21 of the Administrative Code;
- (6) Perform quality assurance of core and optional services;

(7) Record activities performed by other ombudsmen on their behalf and/or volunteer reports into ODIS;

~~(7)~~(8) Develop and implement the ombudsman plan in accordance with rule 173-14-23 of the Administrative Code; and,

~~(8)~~(9) Identify where additional resources are needed and ~~may~~ develop strategies for raising funds to meet those needs.

(E) Ombudsman specialists and ombudsman program directors shall record any reportable ombudsman activity in ODIS.

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