

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ORGANIZATION CHART

- Executive Office Administration, Trish Neumann, Office Manager
- Communications Office, Allison Thrash, Director
- Office of Legislative Relations, Lisa Thimjon, Director
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- Office of Data and Analytics, John Li, Chief Data and Analytics Officer
- Office of Data Strategy and Interoperability, Chris Brueske, Director
- Center for Health Statistics, Dan Fernandez-Baca

Chief of Staff, Imee Cambrono
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Commissioner
Supported by Sandy Pizzuti

Wendy Underwood
Deputy Commissioner
Supported by Nikki Jensen

- Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, Kotumu Kamara
- General Counsel's Office, Robin C. Benson, General Counsel
- Internal Audit and Analytics, Sandy Ludwig

HEALTH PROTECTION BUREAU
Myra Kunas, Assistant Commissioner
Support position, Vacant

State Epidemiologist and Medical Director, Ruth Lynfield

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
Tom Hogan, Director
Tom Higgins, Assistant Director

- Drinking Water Protection, Chris Elvrum
- Environmental Health Operations Center, Vacant
- Environmental Surveillance and Assessment, Stephanie Drier
- Food, Pools and Lodging Services, Angie Wheeler
- Indoor Environments and Radiation, Mary Navara
- Well Management, Teresa Purrington
- Water Policy Center, Tannie Eshenaur

INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY, PREVENTION AND CONTROL DIVISION
Jessica Hancock-Allen, Director
Emily Emerson, Assistant Director

- Communications and Operations, Christine VanBergen
- HIV/STI, Emerging, Respiratory Disease Surveillance, Kathy Como-Sabetti
- Cross Cutting Epidemiology, Programs and Partnerships Section, Kristin Sweet
- Foodborne, Waterborne, Vectorborne and Zoonotic Diseases, Kirk Smith
- Healthcare Associated Infections/Antimicrobial Resistance, Jacy Walters
- Vaccine Preventable Disease, Beth Parilla

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
Sara Vetter, Director
Jill Simonetti, Assistant Director

- Environmental Laboratory, Stefan Saravia
- Infectious Disease Laboratory, Anna Strain
- Newborn Screening, Carrie Wolf

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT BUREAU
Robsan (Halkeno) Tura, Assistant Commissioner
Supported by Nikki Jensen

Bureau Strategic Administrative Manager, Vacant

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH DIVISION
Noya Woodrich, Director
Meredith O'Brien, Assistant Director

- Children and Youth with Special Health Needs, Nicole Brown
- Family Home Visiting, Jennie Lippert
- Maternal and Child Health, Savannah Riddle
- Supplemental Nutrition Programs, Kate Franken
- Title V (MCH Block Grant), Elizabeth Taylor-Schiro

HEALTH PROMOTION AND CHRONIC DISEASE DIVISION
Khatidja Dawood, Director
Chuck Stroebel, Assistant Director

- Cancer Control/Sage Programs, Christina Nelson
- Center for Health Promotion, Ann Zukoski
- Chronic Disease and Environmental Epidemiology, Jay Desai
- Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives, Cheryl Sherry, Interim

INJURY PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
Catherine Diamond, Director
Autumn Baum, Assistant Director

- Budget and Operations Manager, Julie Hanson Perez
- Substance Misuse and Prevention, Vacant
- Injury and Violence Prevention, Beatriz Menanteau, Interim
- Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Control, Christina Thill

HEALTH SYSTEMS BUREAU
Carol Backstrom, Assistant Commissioner
Support position, Vacant

HEALTH POLICY DIVISION
Diane Rydrych, Director
Susan Castellano, Assistant Director
Karen Soderberg, Assistant Director

- Adverse Events Reporting, Rachel Jokela
- Health Care Homes, David Kurtzon
- Health Economics Program, Stefan Gildemeister
- Managed Care Systems, Julie Erickson
- Center for Health Care Affordability, Alex Caldwell
- Center for Health Information Policy and Transformation, Jennifer Fritz
- Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Zora Radosevich
- Office of Vital Records, Molly Crawford

HEALTH REGULATION DIVISION
Maria King, Director
Susan Winkelmann, Assistant Director
Matt Heffron, Assistant Director
Lindsey Krueger, Assistant Director

- State-regulated Facilities, Occupations and Complaints, Daphne Ponds
- Federal-regulated Facilities, Occupations and Complaints, Sarah Grebenc
- Program Operations, Rick Michals
- HRD Budget, Hardi Wangsabesari
- Training and Quality Management, Emily Poepping

HEALTH EQUITY BUREAU
Wendy Underwood, Acting Assistant Commissioner
Supported by Nikki Jensen

Director of Operations and Planning, Oliviah Walker
Budget and Compliance Coordinator, Darell Rengulbai

HEALTH EQUITY STRATEGY AND INNOVATION DIVISION
Odi Akosionu-DeSouza, Director
Sara Chute, Assistant Director

- Community Engagement and Health Equity Networks, Dai Vu
- Grants and Capacity Building, Saurav Dahal
- Policy and Systems Change, Blaire Rodenbiker
- Strategic Communications, Bridget Pouladian

OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH
Aisha Ellis, Director

- Planning and Grants, Vacant
- Policy and Systems, Vacant

OFFICE OF AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND TRIBAL RELATIONS
Kris Rhodes, Director

- Tribal Relations, Ravyn Gibbs
- Programs and Systems Advancement, Christine Godwin
- Communications Lead, Heather Brink

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, BELONGING, AND EQUITY STRATEGY
Shalome Musignac Jordán, Director

- Health Equity Strategy, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Vacant

HEALTH OPERATIONS BUREAU
Mel Gresczyk, Assistant Commissioner, Chief Operating Officer
Support position, Vacant

Director of Operations, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Mike Boettcher

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Kevin Umidon, Facilities Manager

- Freeman Building Services, Michael Launderville
- Public Health Lab Building Services, Curtis Berg
- Regional Building Services, Elizabeth Meyer
- Facility Services, Susan Lysdahl

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DIVISION
Cheryl Petersen-Kroeber, Director
Michelle Larson, Assistant Director

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Sandra Hanson
- PH Emergency Preparedness Consultants, Amy Smith
- Organizational Services, Chessa Kendrick
- Healthcare Preparedness Program, Erin McLachlan
- Strategic National Stockpile, Chad Ostlund

OFFICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL WELLBEING AND EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE
Annie Kiel, Director

PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIP DIVISION
Chelsie Huntley, Director
Becky Sechrist, Assistant Director

- Agency Projects and Planning, Vidhu Srivastava
- Strategic Planning, Vacant
- Public Health Practice, Kim Milbrath

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Joshua Bunker, Chief Financial Officer
Tara Barenok, Assistant Director

- Budget Operations, Terri Peaslee
- Budget Planning, Brendan Wright
- Communications and Continuous Improvement, Karen Gaides
- Financial Operations, Kathryn Kemerly (interim)

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Taylor Stiff, Director

- Staffing Manager, Annie Marin (Grant Warmus)
- Employee and Labor Relations Manager, Rachael Marshall
- Workforce Development Manager, Jennifer Winegarner
- Safety Administrator, Jolene Ziegler

The Health Equity and Health Operations Bureaus work collaboratively to provide agency-wide support.