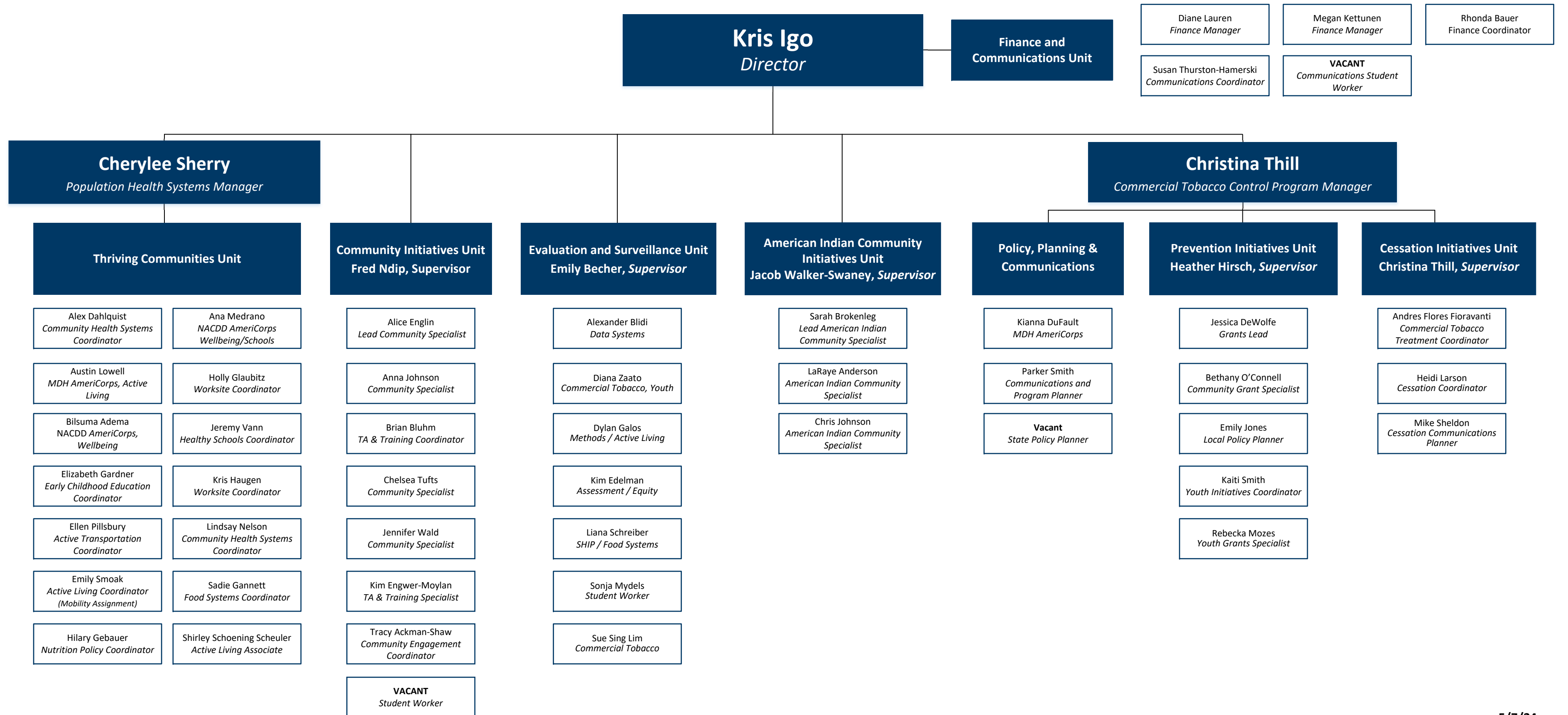


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The Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives (OSHII) supports all Minnesotans in leading healthier lives and building healthier communities by preventing chronic diseases before they start.

OSHII works in partnership with local public health and tribal nations, community leadership teams and other stakeholders to create community-level policy and environmental changes that promote and support individual choices that lead to increased healthy eating and active living and reduced commercial tobacco use.

We achieve success by:

- Leveraging local and state partnerships
- Strengthening communities' capacity to create their own healthy futures
- Offering the best evidence-based strategies in policies, systems, and environmental changes
- Evaluating the effectiveness of those strategies

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