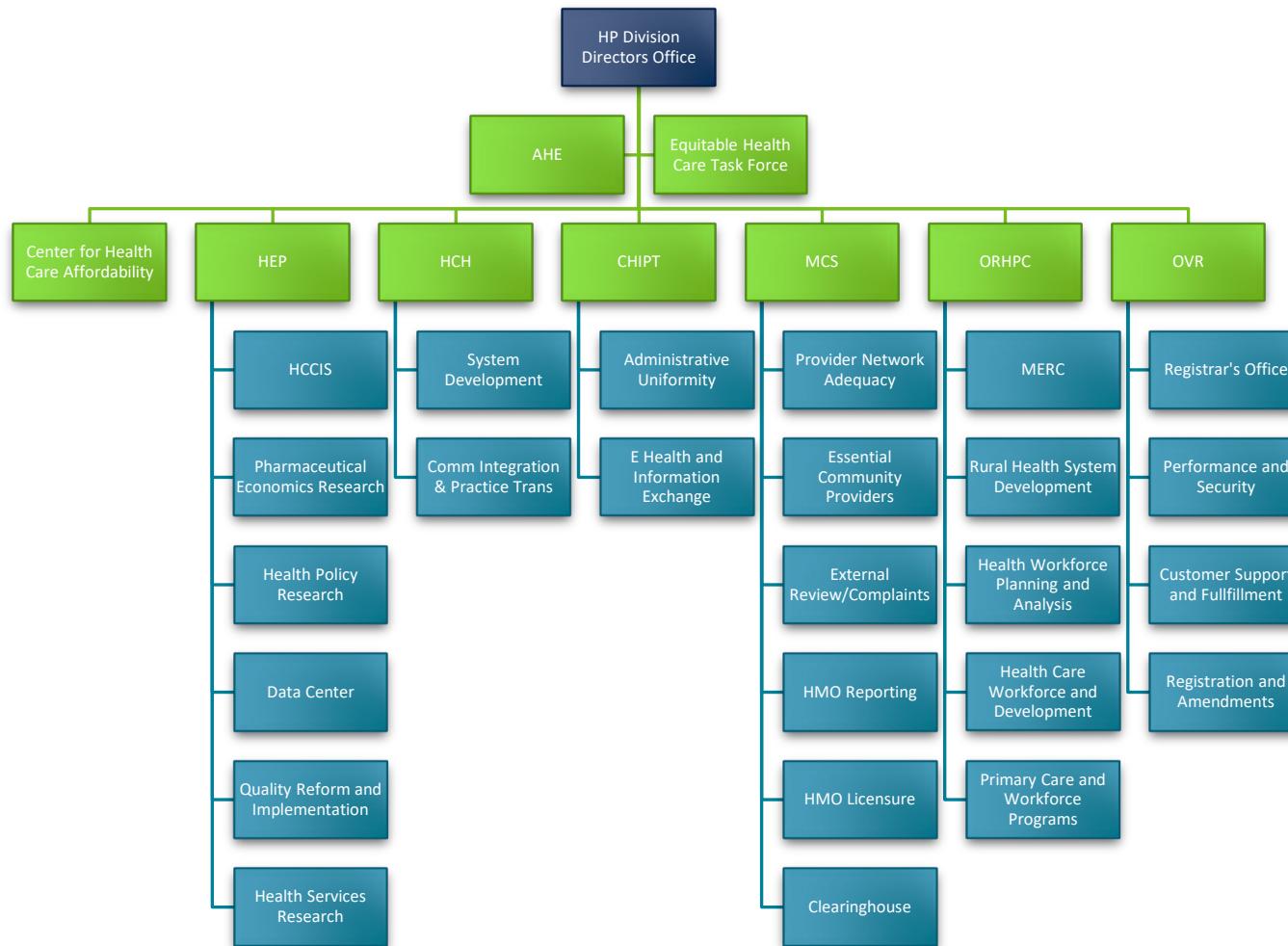


# Health Policy Division Staff and Organization List

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## Division Director's Office

- **Division Director:** Diane Rydrych
- **Assistant Division Directors:** Susan Castellano, Karen Soderberg
  - **Health Policy Specialist:** Tara Borton
  - **Financial Management:**
    - Barb Fischer
  - **Information and Communications Coordinator:** Morgan (Foster) Powers

## Adverse Events Reporting (AHE)

- **Program Director:** Rachel Jokela

## Equitable Health Care Task Force

- **Reports to:** Division Director's Office
  - Denise McCabe
  - Julia Stumpf

## Center for Health Care Affordability

- **Program Director:** Alex Caldwell
  - Elle Talsma Weise

## Center for Health Information Policy and Transformation (CHIPT)

- **Program Manager:** Jennifer Fritz
  - Susie Blake
  - Sarah Shaw

## Administrative Uniformity

- **Supervisor:** Jennifer Fritz
  - Vacant

## E Health and Health Information Exchange

- **Supervisor: Vacant**
  - Bilqis Amatus-Salaam
  - Kari Guida

- Anne Schloegel

## Health Care Homes (HCH)

- **Program Manager:** David Kurtzon

### System Development

- **Supervisor:** Tina Peters
  - Georgia Anderson
  - Lisa Behr
  - Heidi Carlson
  - Joan Kindt
  - Jennifer Strickland
  - Amanda Ubongen

### Community Integration and Practice Transformation

- **Supervisor:** Vacant
  - Catherine Johnson
  - XP Lee

## Health Economics Program (HEP)

- **Program Director:** Stefan Gildemeister
- **Program Deputy Director:** Cara Bailey
  - Kristen Ackert
  - Diane Hammond
  - Kelsey Schaenzer
  - Joseph Lee

### Minnesota Health Care Cost Information System (HCCIS)

- **Supervisor:** Cara Bailey
  - Tracy Johnson

### Pharmaceutical Economics Research

- **Supervisor:** Annelisa Steeber
  - Margaret Abraham-Kaz (Contractor)
  - Alissa Bolz (Contractor)

- Margaret Darling
- Sean MacDonell
- Abby Vogel
- Jodi Drinkwine (**PEPR Supervisor**)
  - David Raatz
  - Madison Stangl

## Health Policy Research

- **Supervisor:** Vacant (Stefan Gildemeister and Cara Bailey)
  - Kelsey Besse
  - Renee Saarela
  - Michelle Wilson
  - Julia Wacloff
  - Vacant

## Data Center

- **Supervisor:** Karl Fenstrom
  - Michael Adams
  - Beth Bowerman
  - Erinn Sanstead

## Quality Reform Implementation

- **Supervisor:** Denise McCabe
  - Rachel Cahoon
  - Sarah Evans
  - David Hesse
  - Kelsey Kannenberg

## Health Services Research

- **Director:** Pam Mink
  - Mimi Amelang
  - Michael Burian
  - Astrid Knott
  - Ben Nicla

## Managed Care Systems (MCS)

- **Program Manager:** Julie Erickson
- **Assistant Program Manager:** Alisha Simon
  - William (Bill) Christjaener
  - Sara Dufour
  - Andrea Ecklund
  - Dena Harrell
  - Nathan Hierlmaier
  - Mekibib Hirpo
  - Eric Holland
  - Kirsten Peterson
  - Michelle Stein
  - Brenda Sorvig
  - Mary Timm
  - Rachel Wittkopp

## Clearinghouse

- Reports to MCS
  - Cheryl Jacobson

## Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)

- **Program Manager:** Zora Radosevich
  - Robin Bly
  - Vacant

## MERC (Health Care Workforce and Education)

- **Supervisor:** Zora Radosevich
  - Diane Reger

## Rural Health System Development/Trauma

- **Deputy Director:** Tim Held
  - Emma Distel
  - Courtney Erdman
  - Maria Flor

- LynMarie Harris
- Tammy Peterson
- Gina Vue
- Grace Liu, *student worker*
- Sarah Tannert-Learner, *student worker, HPCD*
- Dee Telkamp

## Health Workforce Planning and Analysis

- **Supervisor:** Nitika Moibi
  - Teri Fritsma
  - Valerie Stofferahn
  - Megan Loew
  - Melissa Stevens (Contractor)
  - Madison Weirick

## Health Care Workforce and Development

- **Supervisor:** Ann Linde
  - Siham Abdellah
  - Roble Aden
  - Lauren Bumgarner
  - Tarissa Host
  - Melanie Innes
  - Erik Larson
  - Joanne Madrid
  - Renee Richie
  - Samantha Rowbottom
  - Kayla Seymour

## Primary Care and Workforce Programs

- **Supervisor:** Laura Sutter
  - Rebekah Ehlebracht
  - Elizabeth Fenske
  - Brenda Flattum
  - Katie Hentges

- Daniel Merkl
- Therese Nett
- Ann Odens
- Liza Root, *contractor*
- Sarah Grafstrom
- Mai La Ong Vang
- Gao Nue Xiong

## Office of Vital Records (OVR)

- **Program Manager:** Molly Crawford

### Registrar's Office

- **Supervisor:** Molly Crawford
  - Mary L Connor
  - Heidi Granlund
  - Dylan Slivik
  - Sarah Ryan
  - Shonda Wright

### Performance and Security

- **Supervisor:** Anne Kleppe
  - Sally Almond
  - Nancy Bollman
  - Melanie Charpentier
  - Cheri Denardo
  - Carl Haydel
  - Nicole Hering
  - Ali Ruprecht

### Customer Support and Fulfillment

- **Supervisor:** Bill Devine
  - Jose Andrade
  - Shelly Eichenlaub
  - Michael Fanslow

## HEALTH POLICY STAFF

- James Kasal
- Justin Maine
- Sharon Mitchell
- John Mogren
- Seth Nesting
- Mary Roguski
- Gretchen Younger
- Vacant

## Registration and Fulfillment

- **Supervisor:** Krista Bauer
  - Lead: Maria Schaff
  - Jean Cocchiarella
  - Kimberly Dodge
  - Aura Mendoza Alburquerque
  - Jean Garman
  - Maureen Sheehy-Kustaa

## Health Policy MN.IT Services

- **Supervisor:** Erica Johnson
  - Jason Tillman
  - Noah Mosley
  - Hung Nguyen
  - Adrian Flak
  - Yang Yang
  - Mashhood Yunus

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