

Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division

Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative

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Diabetes, Arthritis and Health Behavior

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Asthma

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Violence Prevention Programs Unit

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Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Analysis

Kari Gloppen, Supervisor

Drug Overdose Prevention

Dana Farley, Supervisor

Drug Overdose Epidemiology

Deepa McGriff, Supervisor

Suicide Prevention

Tanya Carter, Supervisor

Economics and Evaluation

Catherine Diamond, Supervisor

Occupational Health and Safety

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Finance and Support

Sarah Diaz, Supervisor

Recruitment and Program Evaluation

Christina Nelson, Supervisor

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Donna McDuffie, Supervisor

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Data Management

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Sickle Cell Data Collection

Jay Desai, Manager

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Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division Organizational Chart

This is the organizational chart for the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division leadership of the Minnesota Department of Health.

Director's Office

Khatidja Dawood is the Division Director, and Chuck Stroebel is the Assistant Division Director, with four Section Managers reporting directly to them. Communications Coordinator Karli Thorstenson, Operations Manager Jim Bluhm, Grants Specialist Jamie Joyce, Grants and Policy Specialist Mary Hopkins, and Administrative Support Staff Roberta Suski report directly to the Assistant Division Director. The Community Health Worker (CHW) Training Program staff report directly to the Division Director. The CHW Training Program Director is Kristen Godfrey Walters and the CHW Training Program Data Coordinator is Nasadir Mohamed.

Center for Health Promotion

Ann Zukoski is the Director for the Center for Health Promotion. Six unit supervisors report directly to her:

- 1. Prasida Khanal, Supervisor of the Oral Health Unit
- 2. Jim Peacock, Supervisor of the Cardiovascular Health Unit
- 3. Nicky Anderson, Supervisor of the Health Systems Unit
- 4. Teresa Ambroz, Supervisor of the Diabetes, Arthritis and Health Behavior Unit
- 5. Patty Takawira, Lead Worker of the Healthy Aging, Alzheimer's Unit
- 6. Anne Kukowski, Supervisor of the Asthma Unit

Injury and Violence Prevention Section

Catherine Diamond, Section Manager, supervises the Injury and Violence Prevention Section. Seven unit supervisors report directly to her.

- 1. Beatriz Menanteau, Supervisor of the Violence Prevention Programs Unit
- 2. Kari Gloppen, Supervisor of the Surveillance Epidemiology and Analysis Unit
- 3. Dana Farley, Supervisor of the Drug Overdose Prevention Unit
- 4. Deepa McGriff, Supervisor of the Drug Overdose Epidemiology Unit
- 5. Tanya Carter, Supervisor of the Suicide Prevention Unit
- 6. Catherine Diamond, Supervisor of the Economics and Evaluation Unit
- 7. Erik Zabel, Lead Worker of the Occupational Health and Safety Unit

Cancer Control and Prevention/Sage Programs Section

Melanie Peterson-Hickey, Section Manager, supervises the Cancer Control and Prevention/Sage Programs Section. Four supervisors report directly to her:

- 1. Sarah Diaz, Supervisor of the Finance and Support Unit
- 2. Christina Nelson, Supervisor of the Recruitment and Program Evaluation Unit
- 3. Donna McDuffie, Supervisor of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Unit
- 4. Manjusha Pillai, Supervisor of the Navigation Call Center Unit

Chronic Disease and Environmental Epidemiology Section

Jay Desai, Section Manager, supervises the Chronic Disease and Environmental Epidemiology Section. Three supervisors report directly to him:

The Minnesota Cancer Reporting System staff are in three units:

- 1. Mona Highsmith, Supervisor of the Field Service Unit
- 2. Judy Punyko, Supervisor of the Data Analysis Unit
- 3. Ashley Knealing, Supervisor of the Data Management Unit

This section also supports data and programmatic work related to Long Covid, as well as sickle cell data collection.

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