MDH
Minnesota Department of Health

625 Robert Street N.
St. Paul, MN 55155-2538
651-201-5000

Governor
Mark Dayton

Commissioner
Edward Ehlinger

State Epidemiologist and Medical Director
Ruth Lynfield

American Indian Health
Jackie Dionne, Director

Executive Office Administration
Sandy Pizzuti, Supervisor

Deputy Commissioner
Dan Pollock

Communications Office
Michael Schommer, Director

Legal Unit
David Orren, Director

Office of Legislative Relations
Melissa Finnegan, Director

Centers for Health Equity and Community Health
Deb Burns, Director

LuAnne McNichols, Assistant Director

Emergency Preparedness and Response, Cheryl Petersen-Kroeber
Health Equity, Sara Chute, Acting Director
Health Data, Vacant
Public Health Practice, Chelsie Huntley

Office of Inclusion
Vikki Getchell, Director

Affirmative Action Officer, James Baertlein

Health Protection Bureau
Paul Allwood, Assistant Commissioner

Environmental Health Division
Tom Hogan, Director

Dale Dorschner, Assistant Director

- **Drinking Water Protection,** Randy Ellingboe
- **Environmental Health Operations Center,** Justine Greene
- **Envir. Surveillance & Assessment,** James Kelly
- **Food, Pools, and Lodging Services,** Steven Diaz
- **Indoor Environments and Radiation,** Mary Navara
- **Well Management,** Chris Elvrum

Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention & Control Division
Kristen Ehresmann, Director

Emily Emerson, Assistant Director

- **Communications & Operations**, Stefani Kloiber
- **Cross Cutting Epidemiology, Prevention and Partnerships,** Claudia Miller
- **Emerging Infections**, Richard Danila
- **Foodborne, Waterborne, Vectorborne & Zoonotic Diseases,** Kirk Smith
- **Medical Director,** Raj Mody
- **STD/HIV & TB**, Krissie Guerard
- **Vaccine Preventable Disease,** Margo Roddy

Public Health Laboratory
Joanne Bartkus, Director

Myra Kunas, Assistant Director

- **Environmental Laboratory,** Paul Moyer
- **Infectious Disease Laboratory**, Sara Vetter
- **Newborn Screening**, Mark McCann

Health Improvement Bureau
Jeanne Ayers, Assistant Commissioner
Chief Health Equity Strategist

Community & Family Health Division
Maggie Diebel, Director

Janet Olstad, Assistant Director

- **Children and Youth with Special Health Needs**, Barb Dalbec
- **Family Home Visiting**, Dawn Reckinger
- **Maternal and Child Health**, Susan Castellano
- **Supplemental Nutrition Programs**, Betsy Clarke

Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Division
Mary Manning, Director

Chuck Stroebel, Assistant Director

- **Cancer Control**, Jonathan Slater
- **Center for Health Promotion**, Don Bishop
- **Chronic Disease & Environmental Epidemiology**, Alan Bender
- **Injury and Violoence Prevention**, Mark Kinde
- **Medical Director**, Jane Korn
- **Sage Program**, Shelly Madigan

Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives
Julie Myhre, Director

Chris Tholkes, Assistant Director

- **Community Initiatives Unit**, Susan Michels
- **Evaluation & Surveillance Unit,** Ann Zukoski
- **Healthy Community Unit**, Susan Bishop
- **Healthy Systems Unit**, Cherylee Sherry
- **SHIP Planning Unit,** Jessica Smith
- **Tobacco Prevention & Control Grants Unit**, Christine Godwin
- **Tobacco Prevention & Control Planning & Admin. Unit**, Laura Oliven

Prenatal to Three Policy & Systems Advisor
Megan Waltz

Health Systems Bureau
Gil Acevedo, Assistant Commissioner

Health Policy Division
Diane Rydrych, Director

Karen Welle, Assistant Director

- **Adverse Events Reporting,** Diane Rydrych
- **Center for Health Care Purchasing Improvement,** Dave Haugen
- **Health Care Homes,** Bonnie LaPlante
- **Health Economics Program,** Stefan Gildemeister
- **Office of Health Information Technology**, Martin LaVenture
- **Office of Rural Health and Primary Care**, Mark Schoenbaum
- **Office of Vital Records,** Molly Crawford
- **State Innovation Model,** Diane Rydrych

Health Regulation Division
Nancy Omondi, Director

Susan Winkelmann, Assistant Director
Martha Burton Santibanez, Assistant Director

- **Case Mix Review**, Sandra Nelson
- **Engineering Services**, Robert Dehler
- **Health Facility Complaints**, Kris Lohrke
- **Health Occupations Program,** Anne Kukowski
- **Home Care and Assisted Living Program**, Cathy Griffin
- **Licensing and Certification**, Mary Absolon
- **Managed Care Systems**, Tom Major
- **Mortuary Science**, Anne Kukowski

Office of Medical Cannabis
Michelle Larson, Director

Health Operations Bureau
Lee Ho, Assistant Commissioner

Alyssa Haugen, Deputy Chief Operating Officer

- **Bureau Administrator**, Virginia Davis
- **Center for Workforce Development**, Cathy Konopa

Finance & Facilities Management Division
Abigail Mosher, CFO

- **Budget Director**, Brian Awsumb
- **Facilities Management**, Kevin Umidon
- **Financial Management**, Sherry Kromschroeder

Human Resources Management Division
Kathie Eiland-Madison, Director

- **Employee Health & Safety,** Lonna Beilke

Office of Internal Audit
Amy Jorgenson, Audit Director

Agency Project Planning Office
Benjamin Curtis, Director

MN.IT@MDH
Anita Scott, CBTO, Director

Brenda Gabriel, Assistant Director

- **Applications Support & Development Director,** Diane Smith
- **Applications Support & Development Director,** Cory Stubbendick
- **Chief Information Security Officer,** Shawn Kammerud
- **Operations Director**, Kerry Ringstad

Updated January 25, 2017