



Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division

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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. Rachel Mahon-Bosman does not have a direct reporting relationship with the Director's Office, but she supervises the Operations Unit which supports the Division as a whole. 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 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

Mark Kinde, Section Manager, supervises the Injury and Violence Prevention Section. Seven unit supervisors report directly to him:

1. Beatriz Menanteau, Supervisor of the Safe Harbor & Sexual Violence Prevention Unit
2. Kari Gloppen, Supervisor of the Surveillance Epidemiology and Analysis Unit
3. Dana Farley, Supervisor of the Drug Overdose Prevention Unit
4. Nate Wright, 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

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 Pynyko, 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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