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

Mary Manning is the Division Director and Chuck Stroebel is the Assistant Division Director with four Section Managers reporting directly to them. The Administrative Support Unit Supervisor Claudia Fercello, the Communications Coordinator Karli Thorstenson, and the Operations and Projects Coordinator Daniel Okabue all report directly to the Assistant Division Director. There is not a direct reporting relationship between MNIT@MDH and the Director’s Office, but they support the Division as a whole.

Center for Health Promotion Section

Khatidja Dawood, Section Manager, supervises the Center for Health Promotion Section. The Assistant Manager Jim Bluhm reports directly to her. Additionally, six unit supervisors report directly to Khatidja Dawood:

1. Prasida Khanal, Supervisor of the Oral Health Unit
2. Stanton Shanedling, Supervisor of the Cardiovascular Health Unit
3. Al Tsai, Supervisor of the Stroke Unit
4. Jim Peacock, Supervisor of the Heart Disease Unit
5. Teresa Ambroz, Supervisor of the Diabetes and Health Behavior Unit
6. Vacant, Supervisor of the Asthma Unit

Injury and Violence Prevention Section

Mark Kinde, Section Manager, supervises the Injury and Violence Prevention Section. Jim Bluhm, Assistant Manager, reports directly to him. In addition, seven unit supervisors report directly to Mark Kinde:

1. Beatriz Menanteau, Supervisor of the Safe Harbor & Sexual Violence Prevention Unit
2. Jon Roesler, 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. Vacant, Supervisor of the Drug Abstraction 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. Four supervisors report directly to him:

1. Jessie Shmool, Supervisor of the Environmental Epidemiology Unit

The Minnesota Cancer Reporting System staff are divided in three units:

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

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