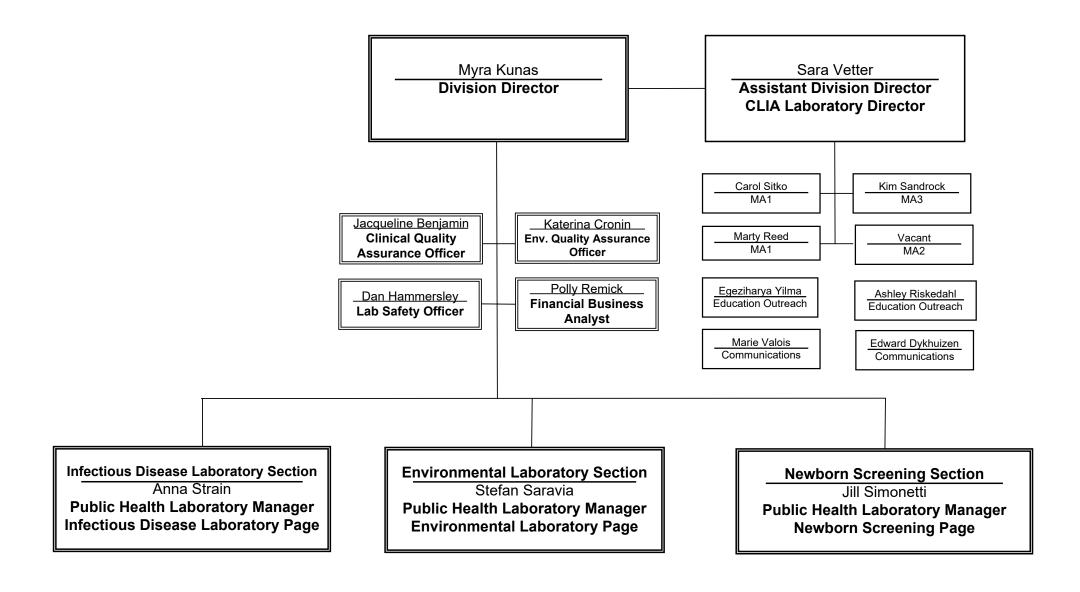
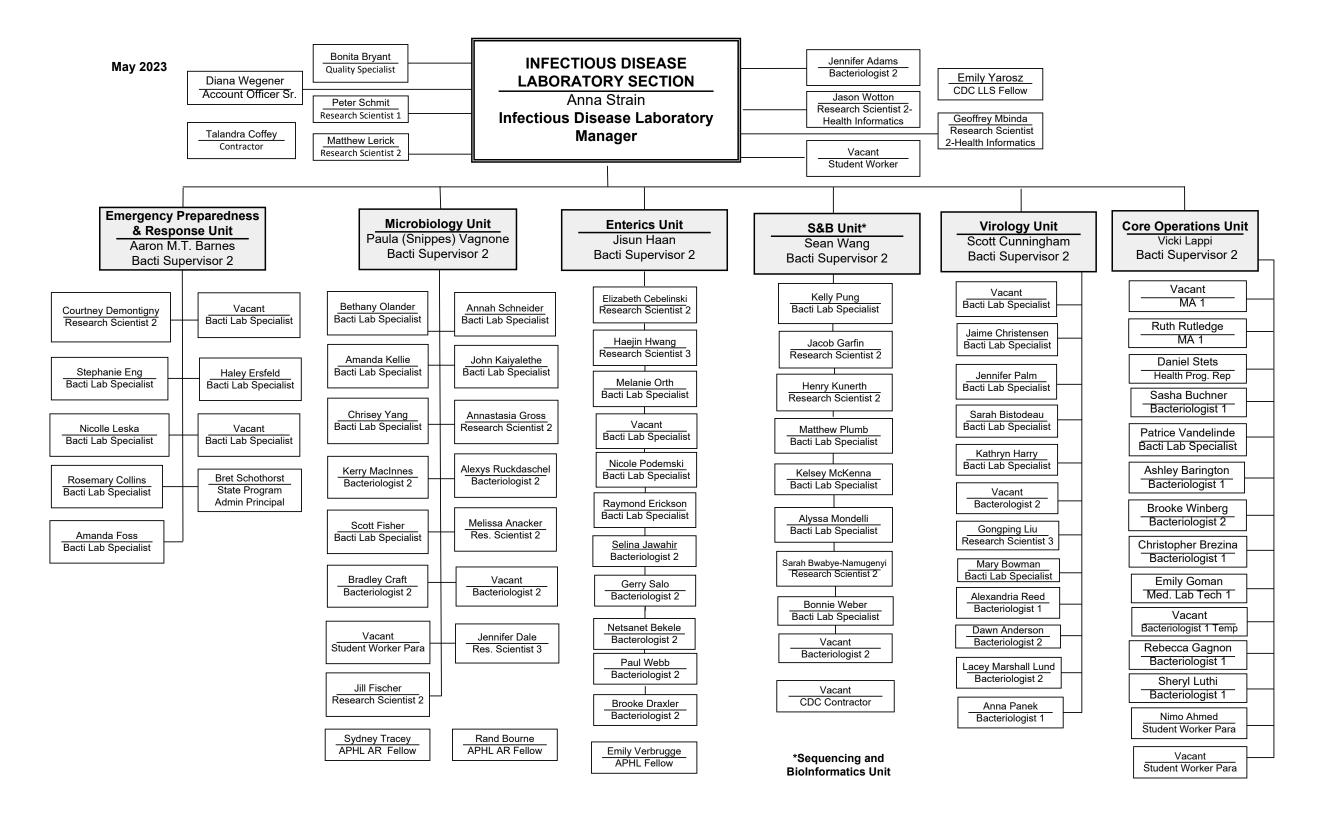
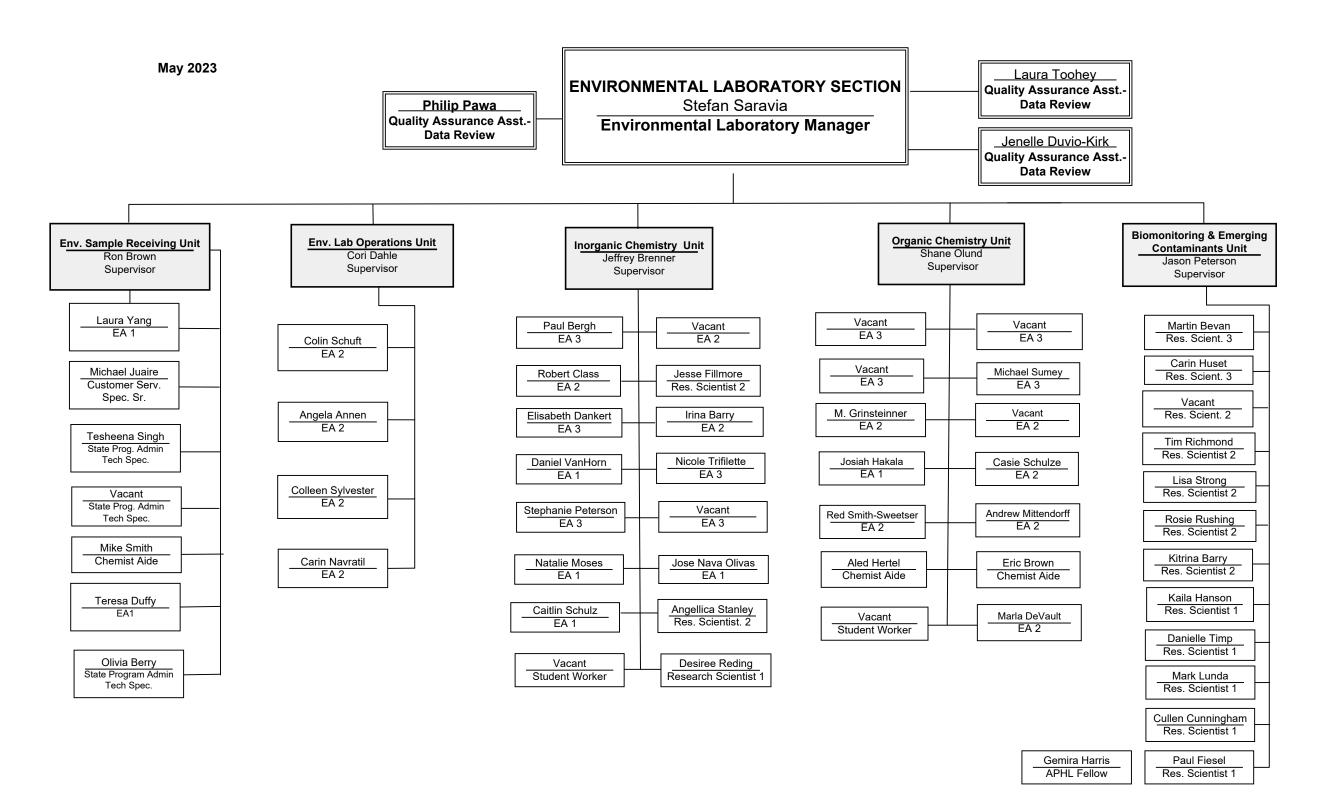


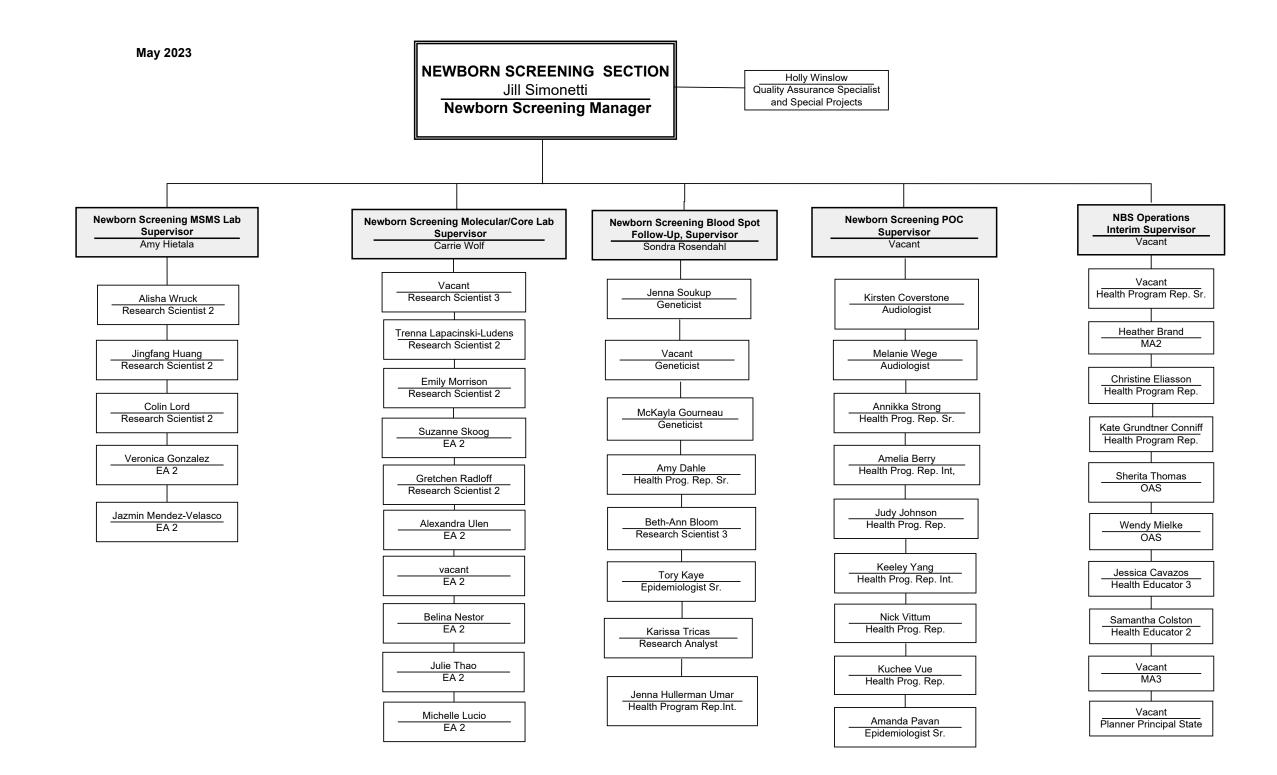
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## Public Health Laboratory Division Organizational Chart

This is the text version of the Division organizational chart for the Public Health Laboratory of the Minnesota Department of Health.

#### **Director's Office:**

Myra Kunas is the Division Director. The Section Managers, Jill Simonetti, Newborn Screening Section Manager; Stefan Saravia, Environmental Laboratory Section; Anna Strain, Infectious Disease Laboratory Section; Dan Hammersley, Safety Officer; Katerina Cronin, Environmental Laboratory Quality Assurance Officer; Jaqueline Benjamin, Clinical Laboratory Quality Assurance Officer; Polly Remick, Financial Business Analyst; and Sara Vetter, Assistant Division Director; report to the Director. Sara Vetter is the Assistant Division Director and CLIA Laboratory Director. Three Management Analysts, Kim Sandrock, Management Analyst 3; Carol Sitko, Management Analyst 1; Marty Reed, Management Analyst 1; Vacant, Management Analyst 2; Ashley Riskedahl, Education Outreach; Egeziharya Yilma, Education Outreach; Edward Dykhuizen, Communications; and Marie Valois, Communications; report directly to the Assistant Division Director.

### **Infectious Disease Laboratory Section:**

Anna Strain is the Infectious Disease Laboratory Section Manager: Bonita Bryant; Program Administrator Principal; Dianna Wegener, Account Officer Senior; Jennifer Adams, Bacteriologist 2; Peter Schmit, Research Scientist 1; Geoffrey Mbinda, Research Scientist 2; Research Scientist 1; Jason Wotton, Research Scientist 2-Health Informatics; Matthew Lerick; Research Scientist 2; Vacant, Student Worker; Emily Yarosz, CDC LLS Fellow; and Talandra Coffey, Contractor; report directly to the Infectious Disease Laboratory Manager. The six Unit Supervisors listed below; also report directly to the Infectious Disease Manager:

- Scott Cunningham, Bacti Supervisor 2: Immunology and Virology Unit: Jamie Christensen, Bacti Lab Specialist; Jennifer Palm, Bacti Lab Specialist; Sarah Bistodeau, Bacti Lab Specialist; Kathryn Harry, Bacti Lab Specialist; Gongping Liu, Research Scientist 3; Mary Bowman, Bacti Lab Specialist; Alex Reed, Bacteriologist 1; Anna Panek, Bacteriologist 1; Dawn Anderson, Bacteriologist 2, Lacey Marshall Lund, Bacteriologist 2; and Vacant, Bacteriologist 2.
- Victoria Lappi, Bacti Supervisor 2: Infectious Disease Core Operations Unit: Vacant; Management Analyst 1, Ruth Rutledge; Management Analyst 1, Daniel Stets; Health Program Rep; Vacant; Bacteriologist 1 Temp; Patrice Vandelinde, Bacti Lab Specialist; Christopher Brezina, Bacteriologist 1; Brooke Winberg, Bacteriologist 2; Rebecca Gagnon, Bacteriologist 1; Sasha Buchner, Bacteriologist 1; Sheryl Luthi, Bacteriologist 1; Ashley Barington, Bacteriologist 1; Emily Goman, Med. Lab Tech 1; Vacant, Student Worker Para; and Nimo Ahmed, Student Worker Para.
- Jisun Haan, Bacti Supervisor 2: Enterics Unit: Elizabeth Cebelinski, Research Scientist 2; Haejin Hwang, Research Scientist 3; Melanie Orth, Bacti Lab Specialist; Vacant, Bacti Lab Specialist; Nicole Podemski, Bacti Lab Specialist; Raymond Erickson, Bacti Lab Specialist; Selina Jawahir, Bacteriologist 2; Geri Salo, Bacteriologist 2; Paul Webb, Bacteriologist 2; Brooke Draxler, Bacteriologist 2; Netsanet Bekele, Bacteriologist 2; and Emily Verbrugge, APHL Fellow.
- Aaron M.T. Barnes, Bacti Supervisor 2: Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit: Courtney Demontigny, Research Scientist 2; Vacant, Bacti Lab Specialist; Stephanie Eng, Bacti Lab Specialist; Vacant, Bacti Lab Specialist; Nicolle Leska, Bacti Lab Specialist; Rosemary Collins, Bacti Lab Specialist; Amanda Foss, Bacti Lab Specialist; Bret Schothorst, State Program Administrator Principal; and Haley Ersfeld, Bacti Lab Specialist.

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- Paula Snippes Vagnone, Bacti Supervisor 2: Microbiology Unit: Annastasia Gross, Research Scientist 2; Chrissy Yang, Bacti Lab Specialist; Scott Fisher, Bacti Lab Specialist; John Kaiyalethe, Bacti Lab Specialist; Bethany Olander, Bacti Lab Specialist; Kerry MacInnes, Bacteriologist 2, Alexys Ruckdaschel, Bacteriologist 2; Bradley Craft, Bacteriologist 2; Vacant, Bacteriologist 2; Annah Schneider, Bacti Lab Specialist; Jennifer Dale, Research Scientist 3; Melissa Anacker, Research Scientist 2; Jill; Fischer, Research Scientist 2; Amanda Kellie, Bacti Lab Specialist: Vacant, Student Worker Para; Rand Bourne, APHL AR Fellow; and Sydney Tracey, APHL AR Fellow.
- Sean Wang, Bacti Supervisor 2, Sequencing and BioInformatics Unit: Kelly Pung, Bacti Lab Specialist; Jacob Garfin, Research Scientist 2; Henry Kunerth, Research Scientist 2; Matthew Plumb, Bacti Lab Specialist; Kelsey McKenna, Bacti Lab Specialist; Alyssa Mondelli, Bacti Lab Specialist; Sarah Bwabye Namugenyi, Research Scientist 2; Bonnie Weber, Bacti Lab Specialist; Vacant, Bacteriologist 2; and Vacant, CDC Contractor.

## **Environmental Laboratory Section:**

Stefan Saravia is the Environmental Laboratory Section Manager: Laura Toohey, Quality Assurance Assistant Data Review; Jenelle Duvio-Kirk, Quality Assurance Assistant Data Review; and Philip Pawa, Quality Assurance Assistant Data Review; reports directly to the Environmental Laboratory Manager. The five Unit Supervisors listed below report directly to the Environmental Laboratory Manager:

- Shane Olund, Supervisor, Organic Chemistry Unit: Michael Sumey, Environmental Analyst 3; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 3; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 3; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 3; Michael Grinsteinner, Environmental Analyst 2; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 2; Casie Schulze, Environmental Analyst 2; Josiah Hakala, Environmental Analyst 1; Red Smith-Sweetser, Environmental Analyst 2; Andrew Mittendorff, Environmental Analyst 2; Marla DeVault, Environmental Analyst 2; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 2; Aled Hertel, Chemist Aide; and Eric Brown, Chemist Aide.
- Cori Dahle, Supervisor: Environmental Laboratory Operations Unit: Colin Schuft, Environmental Analyst 2;
  Angie Annen, Environmental Analyst 2; Carin Navratil, Environmental Analyst 2; and Colleen Sylvester,
  Environmental Analyst 2.
- Jeffrey Brenner, Supervisor: Inorganic Chemistry Unit: Paul Bergh, Environmental Analyst 3; Robert Class, Environmental Analyst 2; Jesse Fillmore, Research Scientist 2; Elisabeth Dankert, Environmental Analyst 3; Irina Barry, Environmental Analyst 2; Nicole Triffilette, Environmental Analyst 3; Stephanie Peterson, Environmental Analyst 3; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 3; Natalie Moses, Environmental Analyst 1, Dan VanHorn, Environmental Analyst 1, Caitlin Schulz, Environmental Analyst 1; Jose Nava Olivas, Environmental Analyst 1, Angellica Stanley, Research Scientist 2; and Desiree Reding, Research Scientist 1.
- Ron Brown, Supervisor: Environmental Sample Receiving Unit: Laura Yang, Environmental Analyst 1; Michael Juaire, Customer Service Specialist Senior; Tesheena Singh, State Program Admin Tech Specialist; Mike Smith, State Program Admin Tech Specialist; Olivia Berry, State Program Admin Tech Specialist Teresa Duffy, Environmental Analyst 1; and Chemist Aide.
- Jason Peterson, Supervisor: Biomonitoring and Emerging Contaminants Unit: Martin Bevan, Research Scientist 3; Carin Huset, Research Scientist 3; Tim Richmond, Research Scientist 2; Lisa Strong, Research Scientist 2; Rosie Rushing, Research Scientist 2; Kitrina Barry, Research Scientist 2; Kaila Hanson, Research Scientist 1; Mark Lunda, Research Scientist 1, Danielle Timp, Research Scientist 1; Cullen Cunningham, Research Scientist 1; Paul Fiesel, Research Scientist 1; and Gemira Harris, APHL Fellow.

## **Newborn Screening Program Section:**

Jill Simonetti is the Interim Newborn Screening Program Section Manager. Holly Winslow, Quality Assurance Specialist and Special Projects reports to the Newborn Screening Section Manager. The five Unit Supervisors listed below report directly to the Newborn Screening Section Manager.

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- Amy Hietala, Supervisor: MSMS Laboratory Unit: Alisha Wruck, Research Scientist 2; Jingfang Huang, Research Scientist 2; Colin Lord, Research Scientist 2; Veronica Gonzalez, Environmental Analyst 2; and Jazmin Mendez-Velasco, Environmental Analyst 2.
- Carrie Wolf, Supervisor: Molecular and Core Laboratory Unit: Trenna Lapacinski-Ludens, Research Scientist 2; Emily Morrison, Research Scientist 2; Suzanne Skoog, Environmental Analyst 2; Gretchen Radloff, Research Scientist 2; Alexandra Ulen, Environmental Analyst 2; Vacant, Environmental Analyst 2; Julie Thao, Environmental Analyst 2, Belinda Nestor, Environmental Analyst 2; and Michelle Lucio, Environmental Analyst 2.
- Sondra Rosendahl, Supervisor: Newborn Screening Blood Spot Follow-Up Unit: McKayla Gourneau, Geneticist, Vacant: Geneticist; Beth Ann Bloom, Research Scientist 3; Jenna Soukup, Geneticist; Amy Dahle, Health Program Rep Senior; Jenna Hullerman Umar; Health Program Rep Intermediate; Tory Kaye, Epidemiologist Senior; and Karissa Tricas, Research Analyst.
- Vacant, Supervisor: Point of Care Unit: Kirsten Coverstone, Audiologist; Melanie Wege, Audiologist; Amanda Pavan, Epidemiologist Senior; Annika Strong, Health Program Rep Sr.; Amelia Berry, Health Program Rep. Intermediate; Judy Johnson, Health Program Rep; Keely Yang, Health Program Rep. Intermediate; Nick Vittum, Health Program Rep; and Kuchee Vue, Health Program Rep.
- Vacant, Supervisor: Newborn Screening Operations Unit: Vacant, Health Program Rep Senior; Heather Brand, Management Analyst 2; Christine Eliasson, Health Program Rep; Kate Grundtner-Conniff, Health Program Rep; Sherita Thomas, Office Administrative Specialist; Wendy Mielke, Office Administrative Specialist; Jessica Cavazos, Health Educator 3; Samantha Colston, Health Educator 2; and Vacant, Planner Principal State.