

Minnesota Department of Health 625 Robert Street N., St. Paul MN 55155-2538 | 651-201-5000 UPDATED 3/15/2024

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ORGANIZATION CHART

Executive Office Administration

Sandy Pizzuti, Supervisor

Communications Office Sam McCullough, Interim Director

Office of Legislative Relations

Lisa Thimjon, Director

Strategic Planning Lizzie McNamara

Brooke Cunningham, MD Commissioner

Wendy Underwood

Deputy Commissioner Supported by Kellie Giefer

Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, Kotumu Kamara

General Counsel's Office, Robin C. Benson, General Counsel

Internal Audit & Analytics, Sandy Ludwig

HEALTH PROTECTION BUREAU

Myra Kunas, Interim

Assistant Commissioner Supported by Michaelyn Nelsen

State Epidemiologist & Medical Director, Ruth Lynfield

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Tom Hogan, Director

Steven Diaz, Assistant Director Dan Symonik, Assistant Director

Drinking Water Protection, Sandeep Burman **Environmental Health Operations Center, Vacant**

Environmental Surveillance & Assessment, Vacant

Food, Pools & Lodging Services, Angie Wheeler Indoor Environments & Radiation, Mary Navara

Well Management, Teresa Purrington, Interim Water Policy Center, Tannie Eshenaur

INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY, PREVENTION &

CONTROL DIVISION

Jessica Hancock-Allen, Director Emily Emerson, Assistant Director

Communications & Operations, Christine VanBergen

Emerging Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response Section Kathy Como-Sabett

Cross Cutting Epidemiology, Programs & Partnerships Section, Kristin Sweet

Foodborne, Waterborne, Vectorborne & Zoonotic Diseases, Kirk

Healthcare Associated Infections/Antimicrobial Resistance, Jacy Walters

STI, Chryssie Jones

Vaccine Preventable Disease, Margo Roddy

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

Sara Vetter, Director, Interim Jill Simonetti, Assistant Director, Interim

Environmental Laboratory, Stefan Saravia Infectious Disease Laboratory, Anna Strain Newborn Screening, Carrie Wolf, Interim

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT BUREAU

Maria Sarabia

Assistant Commissioner

Supported by Theresa Culp

Bureau Strategic Administrative Manager, Andrew Greenlee

CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH DIVISION

Noya Woodrich, Director Kathy Wick, Assistant Director

Children & Youth with Special Health Needs, Nicole Brown

Family Home Visiting, Jennie Lippert Maternal & Child Health, Savannah Riddle Supplemental Nutrition Programs, Kate Franken

Help Me Connect Coordinator, Shawn Holmes Title V (MCH Block Grant), Elizabeth Taylor-Schiro

HEALTH PROMOTION & CHRONIC DISEASE DIVISION

Khatidja Dawood, Director Chuck Stroebel, Assistant Director

Cancer Control/Sage Programs, Melanie Peterson-Hickey Center for Health Promotion, Ann Zukoski

Chronic Disease & Environmental Epidemiology, Jay Desai Injury & Violence Prevention, Catherine Diamond

COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION

Chelsie Huntley, Director Becky Sechrist, Assistant Director

Health Statistics, Dan Fernandez-Baca

Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives, Kris Igo Public Health Practice, Kim Milbrath

HEALTH EQUITY BUREAU

Robsan (Halkeno) Tura

Assistant Commissioner

Supported by Theresa Culp

Bureau Strategic Administrative Manager, Oliviah Walker Equity Grant Specialist, Allison Larson

Budget and Compliance Coordinator. Vacant

Health Equity Performance and Research, Mark Caldwell

TRIBAL LIAISON

Ravvn Gibbs

HEALTH EQUITY STRATEGY & INNOVATION DIVISION

Odi Akosionu-DeSouza, Director Sara Chute, Assistant Director

Community Engagement and Collaboration, Vacant Equity Capacity Building, Vacant

OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH

DaVonna Rucker, Director

OFFICE OF AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH

Kris Rhodes, Director

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING Scottie Carter, Director

HEALTH SYSTEMS BUREAU

Carol Backstrom

Assistant Commissioner

Supported by Michaelyn Nelsen

HEALTH POLICY DIVISION

Diane Rydrych, Director Susan Castellano, Assistant Director

Adverse Events Reporting, Rachel Jokela

Health Care Homes, David Kurtzon

Health Economics Program, Stefan Gildemeister Managed Care Systems, Julie Erickson

Center for Health Information Policy and Transformation,

Jennifer Fritz

Office of Rural Health & Primary Care, Zora Radosevich Office of Vital Records, Molly Crawford

HEALTH REGULATION DIVISION

Maria King, Director

Susan Winkelmann, Assistant Director Lindsey Krueger, Assistant Director

State-regulated Facilities, Occupations & Complaints,

Daphne Ponds Federal-regulated Facilities, Occupations & Complaints, Sarah Grebenc

Program Operations, Jane Danner HRD Budget, Hardi Wangsabesari

OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

Alex Hooper, Director, Interim Chris Elvrum, Assistant Director

HEALTH OPERATIONS BUREAU

Mel Gresczyk, Interim

Assistant Commissioner, Chief Operating Officer Supported by Kellie Giefer

Bureau Strategic Administrative Manager, Mike Boettcher

AGENCY PROJECTS & PLANNING

Sandy Ludwig, Interim

DATA STRATEGY & INTEROPERABILITY

Chris Brueske, Interim

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Kevin Umidon, Facilities Manager

Freeman Building Services. Vacant

Public Health Lab Building Services, Vacant Regional Building Services, Elizabeth Meyer

Facility Services, Susan Lysdahl

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Joshua Bunker, Chief Financial Officer Brian Awsumb, Assistant Director

Budget Operations. Char Kimber

Budget Planning, Vacant

Financial Operations, Martina Cameron

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Taylor Stiff, Director, Interim

Staffing Manager, Taylor Stiff

Operations Manager, Kristi Lane

Employees and Labor Relations Manager, Rachael Marshall

Workforce Development Manager, Jennifer Winegarner

Safety Administrator, Jolene Ziegler

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE DIVISION Cheryl Petersen-Kroeber, Director

Deb Radi, Assistant Director

Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Sandra Hanson

PH Emergency Preparedness Consultants, Amy Smith

Organizational Services, Chessa Kendrick Healthcare Preparedness Program, Erin McLachlan

PH Emergency Preparedness Strategic National Stockpile and

Medical Counter Measures, Chad Ostlund

COVID Operations, Michelle Larson

Brenda Gabriel, Chief Business Technology Officer, Interim Brenda Gabriel, Assistant Director

Chief Information Security Officer, Applications & Service

Management, Shawn Kammerud

Program & Applications, Brenda Gabriel IT Administrative Support, Tanya Belanger

Application Support & Development, Rohit Saxena

Dev/Ops, Cloud Services & Application Development, Joseph Pugh