

Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division

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Chronic Disease & Environmental Epidemiology
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Cardiovascular Health
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Nicky Anderson, Health Systems Supervisor

Diabetes, Arthritis and Health Behavior
Teresa Ambroz, Supervisor

Aging and Health Communities Unit
Patty Takawira, Supervisor

Asthma
Anne Kukowski, Supervisor

Violence Prevention Programs Unit
(Sexual Violence, Labor and Sex Trafficking, Safe Harbor)
Caroline Palmer, Interim Supervisor

Suicide Prevention
Tanya Carter, Supervisor

Injury and Violence Epidemiology
Ericka Welsh, Supervisor

Drug Overdose Prevention
Vacant, Supervisor

Substance Use Prevention
Vacant, Supervisor

Substance Use Epidemiology
Deepa McGriff, Supervisor

Social Epidemiology & Translation
Kari Gloppen, Supervisor

Evaluation
Katie Fritz Fogel, Supervisor

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Recruitment and Program Evaluation
Tina Nelson, Supervisor

Cancer Planning and Partnerships
Michelle Brasure, Supervisor

Navigation Call Center
Manjusha Pillai, Supervisor

SagePlus
Manjusha Pillai, Supervisor

Finance and Budget Support
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Minnesota Cancer Reporting System (MCRS) Field Service
Mona Highsmith, Supervisor

Data Analysis and Reporting
Judy Punyko, Supervisor

Data Management
Ashley Knealing, Supervisor

Sickle Cell Data Collection
Jay Desai, Manager

Long Covid Program
Kate Murray, Supervisor

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 Eleanor Beaber, Grants Specialist Jamie Joyce, Projects and Policy Specialist Mary Hopkins, and Administrative Support Staff (vacant) report directly to the Assistant Division Director. The Community Health Worker (CHW) Training Program staff report directly to the Division Director. Kristin Godfrey Walters is the supervisor for the CHW Initiative and Community Engagement Unit. Kelly Lanigan is a management analyst who provides accessibility, budget, and SharePoint support.

Center for Health Promotion

Ann Zukoski is the Director for the Center for Health Promotion, and Eleanor Beaber is the Assistant Section Manager. Six unit supervisors report directly to Ann Zukoski:

1. Prasida Khanal, Supervisor of the Oral Health Unit
2. Jim Peacock, Supervisor of the Cardiovascular Health Unit
3. Nicky Anderson, Supervisor of the Health Systems Unit
4. Teresa Ambroz, Supervisor of the Diabetes, Arthritis and Health Behavior Unit
5. Patty Takawira, Supervisor of the Aging and Healthy Communities Unit
6. Anne Kukowski, Supervisor of the Asthma Unit

Injury and Violence Prevention Section

Catherine Diamond, Section Manager, supervises the Injury and Violence Prevention Section. Julie Hanson Perez serves as the Assistant Section Manager who provides overall support for section operations. A total of eight unit supervisors reside in this area, with three directly reporting to her:

1. Vacant, Supervisor of the Substance Use Prevention Unit
2. Deepa McGriff, Supervisor of the Substance Use Epidemiology Unit
3. Vacant, Supervisor of the Drug Overdose Prevention Unit
4. Kari Gloppen, Supervisor of the Social Epidemiology and Translation Unit
5. Katie Fritz Fogel, Supervisor of the Evaluation Unit

Beatriz Menanteau is the Associate Section Manager, with the remaining three directly reporting to her:

6. Tanya Carter, Supervisor of the Suicide Prevention Unit
7. Caroline Palmer, Interim Supervisor of the Violence Prevention Programs Unit, including the Human Trafficking Prevention Program addressing both sex and labor trafficking, and the Sexual Violence Prevention Program
8. Ericka Welsh, Supervisor of the Injury and Violence Epidemiology Unit

Erik Zabel is the Lead Worker for 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. Christina Nelson serves as the Assistant Section Manager, overseeing operations. Four supervisors report directly to Melanie Peterson-Hickey:

1. Vacant, Supervisor of the Finance and Support Unit
2. Christina Nelson, Supervisor of the Recruitment and Program Evaluation Unit
3. Michelle Brasure, Interim Supervisor of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Unit
4. Manjusha Pillai, Supervisor of the Navigation Call Center Unit, and SagePlus Program

Chronic Disease and Environmental Epidemiology Section

Jay Desai, Section Manager, supervises the Chronic Disease and Environmental Epidemiology Section. Four 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 Punyko, Supervisor of the Data Analysis Unit
3. Ashley Knealing, Supervisor of the Data Management Unit
4. Kate Murray, Supervisor of the Long-COVID Unit

This section also supports data and programmatic work-related sickle cell data collection.

Sarah Diaz provides support for operations and finance for this section.

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