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OUR LEADERSHIP

Kitsap Public Health District has been protecting the health of our county's residents since 1947. The Health District and Kitsap Public Health Board are authorized under state statute, Chapter 70.05 Revised Code of Washington. The Kitsap Public Health Board is the official governing body for the Health District and is composed of seven local elected officials from the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners, and the mayors of Kitsap's four cities: Bremerton, Bainbridge Island, Port Orchard, and Poulsbo.

Our executive leadership team, listed below, directs our team of professional and support staff totaling over 100 full and part time positions:

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OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Health Officer

As required under RCW 70.05, each local health jurisdiction must have a health officer who is required to be an experienced physician licensed to practice medicine. Acting under the authority of the Health Board, the Health Officer enforces state public health laws and codes, supervises and maintains the health of the community, works to control and prevent the spread of disease, and is authorized to take such measures as deemed necessary to protect and promote public health.

Community Health Division

Our team of public health professionals and nurses provide immunizations, patient care and case management, care coordination to vulnerable individuals, prevention and control of communicable diseases, prevention education services to promote healthy eating, active living, and tobacco-free living. We also provide pregnancy and newborn support services to at-risk women through our home visiting programs. Community Health also has an epidemiology and community assessment program to assess and understand the population profile and health issues and trends in Kitsap County to inform our agency's work.

The Community Health Division is under the leadership of the Community Health Director, who reports directly to the Administrator.

Environmental Health Division

Environmental Health works to prevent illnesses or injuries that result from hazards in our environment – both human made and natural. Our work includes both education and enforcement, and has four main focus areas—food, water, sewage, and garbage/hazardous waste. We also provide technical assistance and advice for dealing with other environmental problems people may encounter in daily life, such as household mold, rodents and other pests.

While enforcing federal, state, and local regulations serve as the basis for many of these efforts, our main goal is to work diligently to provide business owners and other citizens with education and support so that there is no need for enforcement actions. The Environmental Health Division is led by the Environmental Health Director, who is a direct report to the Administrator.

Administrative Services Division

Our Administrative Services Division is the “backbone” of our agency and provides the core business functions necessary for a business and governmental public health jurisdiction to thrive and survive. Administrative Services includes executive secretary support to the Health Board, human resources, finance and accounting, information technology, emergency preparedness and response, administrative support, public information, contracting and legal, quality/process improvement, and facility maintenance/custodial services. The Administrative Services Division and greater Health District is led by the Administrator, appointed by the Health Board under RCW 70.05.045.