

grants to investigate such issues. In addition, the Center communicates with national data bases of scientific literature in toxicology, chemistry, epidemiology, and related scientific disciplines; collaborates with agencies, such as the National Bureau of Standards, that are involved in programs related to health effects of fire; and promotes interest in fire-related issues at educational institutions in Maryland (Code Health—General Article, secs. 18-701 through 18-711).

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF FIRE

Appointed by Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene with Senate advice & consent: *not yet appointed*

The Advisory Council reviews the work of the Center for the Study of Health Effects of Fire. The Council also advises the Center's Director concerning the scientific evaluation of information collected by the Center and helps the Center set research priorities.

The Council consists of seven members appointed to five-year terms by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with Senate advice and consent (Code Health—General Article, secs. 18-706 through 18-710).

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services is responsible for Health Program Support Units and seven Administrations: Local Health; AIDS; Mental Hygiene; Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Community Health Surveillance; Family Health; and Developmental Disabilities.

The Deputy Secretary coordinates the development and implementation of policies, procedures, regulations, and standards to assure delivery of health services. The Deputy Secretary develops and promotes collaborative working relationships among the agencies and programs under the Deputy Secretary as well as with other units within the Department. Twenty-four local health departments report directly to the Deputy Secretary.

OFFICE OF HEALTH PROGRAM SUPPORT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

John Bland, *Director* 225-6541

Under the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services are Health Program Support Units for

Central Commitment, Children and Adolescents, Cooperative Agreements, Dental Services, Education, Manpower Management, Nursing, and Patient Advocacy.

CENTRAL COMMITMENT UNIT

Robert Stevens, *Director* 225-6584

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS UNIT

Desi Sapounakis, *Director* 225-6275

The Unit coordinates and makes decisions concerning all Department programs that affect children and youth.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT UNIT

Jonathan Foley, *Director* 225-6811

The Unit recruits physicians for areas that need medical help.

DENTIST UNIT

Michael Easley, *Director* 225-6782

The Dentist Unit serves a statewide advocacy role for dental programs, provides consultation, and implements fluoridation programs.

EDUCATION UNIT

Avrum Shavrick, *Director* 225-6789

MANPOWER MANAGEMENT UNIT

Stanley Weinstein, *Director* 225-6616

The Unit conducts special studies related to manpower needs.

NURSING UNIT

Geraldine Mendelson, *Acting Director* 225-6977

The Nursing Unit serves an advocacy role for nursing, prepares salary documents, and maintains nursing standards.

PATIENT ADVOCATE UNIT

Carolyn Bell, *Director* 225-6888

LOCAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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The Local Health Administration ensures that basic public health services are provided in all parts of the State. These services are provided in each county and in Baltimore City through local health departments under the direction of a local health officer. The health officer is jointly appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the local governing body. Each local health department administers and enforces State and local health laws and regulations in its jurisdiction. Programs meet the public health needs of the community and provide services not offered by the private sector.