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333-3250

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).

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### DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services is responsible for six administrations: AIDS, Mental Hygiene, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Community Health Surveillance and Laboratories, Local and 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.

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### AIDS ADMINISTRATION

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AIDS Hotline (7 days a week)

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Established in 1987, the AIDS Administration provides public education and surveillance, professional education, and patient support services for persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The Administration consults and coordinates its work with twenty-four local health departments. Each local health department has counseling and testing sites where free tests and free consultations are available.

The Administration funds clinical activities for the diagnosis and evaluation of patients with AIDS. It also administers grants to community organizations for gay and minority outreach efforts.

### HEALTH SERVICES

Eric M. Fine, M.D., M.P.H., *Assistant Director*  
225-6804

Health Services was formed in July 1987 to support early intervention services for persons infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus which causes AIDS, and for persons at risk of infection. Health Services provides HIV counseling and testing, and seropositive medical and psychosocial follow-up services. The agency also trains and educates health care professionals and devises policies, plans, and funding for HIV-related health services.

### EPIDEMIOLOGY & PREVENTION

Joseph Horman, D.V.M., M.P.H., *Assistant Director*

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Created in July 1987, Epidemiology and Prevention oversees the Center for AIDS Epidemiology and the Center for AIDS Education.

### CENTER FOR AIDS EPIDEMIOLOGY

Audrey S. Rogers, Ph.D., *Chief*  
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Through case surveillance, epidemiologic investigations, seroprevalence, and other studies, the Center for AIDS Epidemiology determines the impact of the AIDS/HIV epidemic in Maryland. Data and information derived from studies are used by the Center to design programs for prevention and health care.

### CENTER FOR AIDS EDUCATION

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The Center for AIDS Education is also known as the Maryland Center for AIDS-Related Educational Services (MDCARES). Created in 1987, the Center develops, implements, and oversees programs designed to interrupt transmission of the AIDS/HIV infection. Prevention efforts help both the general population and individuals and communities at particular risk of AIDS/HIV disease.