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The Iowa State Board of Health is the policy-making body for the Iowa Department of Public Health. It has the powers and duties to adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations. It advises and makes recommendations to the governor, General Assembly, and the director of Public Health, relative to public health, hygiene, and sanitation. Under the direction of the director, the Iowa Department of Public Health exercises general supervision of the state's public health; promotes public hygiene and sanitation; and, unless otherwise provided, enforces law relating to public health. The department's programs are conducted through three major divisions and the Executive Staff Director.

Executive Staff - *Mark Schoeberl, director, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-4343*

The Executive Staff division is responsible for coordinating the department's research and statistical analysis activities, communications, administrative rules promulgation, strategic planning, policy development, and federal and state legislative relations. It also administers the Certificate of Need Program, the Healthy People 2010 process and regulates Organized Delivery Systems.

Administration and Regulation, Division of - *David Fries, Deputy Director of Operations; Director, Division of Administration and Regulation; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5784*

The Division of Administration and Regulation provides administrative support to the department including fiscal management, office services, special projects, information management, purchasing, and personnel documents processing. It also administers the vital records section, which is responsible for the registration and issuance of birth, death, marriage, and other confidential records in accordance with Chapters 22 and 144, *Code of Iowa*. Other programs include the Chronic Renal Disease Program, Emergency Medical Services and Professional Licensure who's responsibility is the coordination, support, and licensing of 18 boards of health-related examiners.

The division is responsible for the office of the State Medical Examiner. The state medical examiner provides assistance, consultation, and training to county medical examiners and law enforcement officials; keeps records concerning death or crimes requiring investigation by this division; and promulgates rules regarding the manner and techniques to be employed while conducting autopsies, and the nature, character, and extent of investigations to be made in cases of homicide, or suspected homicide necessary to allow a medical examiner to render a full and complete analysis and report. The state medical examiner receives reports of deaths in this state affecting the public interest and may require autopsies.

This division also regulates programs including asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls compliance monitoring and toxic substance evaluations regarding toxic waste sites. Health engineering and consumer products safety programs focus on compliance with the FDA milk standards, various environmental water quality problems, a swimming pool and spa registration program, and product safety recalls.

Radiological health programs include the registration and licensure of radiation emitting equipment and radiation operators. Radioactive materials are licensed and inspected to ensure low level radiation exposure. Radon mitigation, testing and control programs are also administered. The division is also responsible for approving laboratories that desire to perform drug testing services for businesses located or doing business in Iowa.