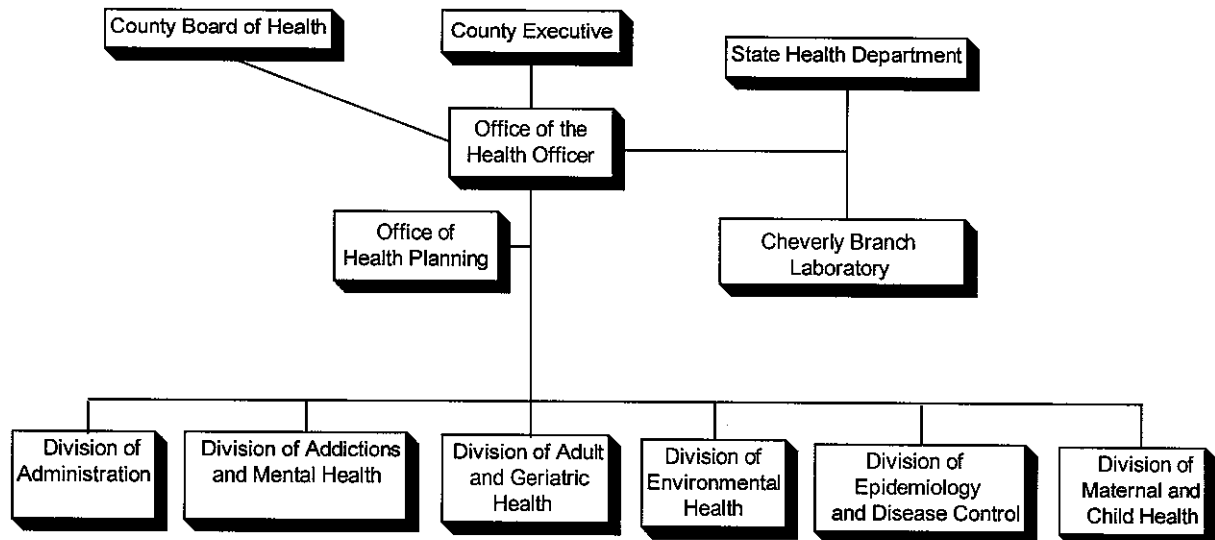


HEALTH DEPARTMENT - 70

MISSION

Protect and improve the health of our community.

ORGANIZATION CHART



DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

- Implements State and County laws and regulations; reports to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), the County Executive and to the Board of Health on public health issues in the County and the region. Participates in the review of public health policies and formulates recommendations to achieve public health goals.
- Implements numerous Federal and State grant programs responding to identified health needs in the community. Extensive reporting on financial and program outcomes is required by granting agencies.
- Licenses and inspects restaurants, grocery stores and other food service facilities, public swimming pools, spas, nursing homes and related elder care facilities and reviews plans to build or expand any of these facilities. Reviews and approves plats for subdividing and recording property, monitors water quality, regulates open burning at construction sites and provides regulatory oversight to help ensure that environmental standards are not degraded.
- Monitors the incidence and prevalence of infections and other diseases of public health significance and develops programs and interventions to reduce same.
- Provides ready access to a continuum of substance abuse treatment and preventive services for women, children, adolescents, families and adults.
- Monitors the incidence of infectious and other diseases of public health significance. Implements treatment programs and control strategies to interrupt disease transmission and reduce prevalence.
- Promotes public-private partnerships to meet health needs of the community. Contracts with many community providers of service; provides technical assistance to groups interested in providing public health services.