

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for initiating, and managing a local public health program and has the general powers and duties specified in Section 352 of the Public Health Law. The incumbent is responsible for maintaining a high standard of public health services in accordance with the general policies and objectives of the County Executive and County legislature and with applicable State and local health laws and ordinances. General supervision is exercised over the environmental health, sanitation, medical and public and/or community health nursing services. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Plans, organizes and directs a comprehensive local public health program;

Directs the operation of a program of licensing and inspecting to insure the sanitary quality of food served in public eating places;

Directs a public health program for promotion and supervision of water supply systems and sewage disposal systems, in so far as sanitation is concerned;

Supervises a program for the control of communicable diseases through investigation of dangerous diseases and the compilation and analysis of appropriate statistics;

Supervises the conduct of clinics for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and for the prevention and discovery of HIV Infection, tuberculosis and other diseases;

Participates in professional conferences and training programs and arranges for in-service training of staff;

Defines program goals, strategies and operating policies and procedures;

Develops, supervises and advises on cost allocation and budgetary plans concerning new and on-going programs;

Works with other departments and community groups to assess and address community health care needs and plans strategies accordingly;

Advises County legislature County Executive on issues related to public health and the environment;

Provides leadership, direction and control to department staff;

Prepares public relations material, such as, newspaper articles radio and television announcements, and speaks before groups and organizations regarding the functions and activities of the Health Department.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices and terminology of public health administration;

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of epidemiology, sanitation and of the diagnosis and treatment of communicable diseases;

Ability to plan, direct and evaluate public health programs;
Ability to deal with the public on projects related to public health;
Ability to plan and supervise the work of others;
Ability to prepare and analyze technical and statistical reports;
Interest in maintaining a high standard of professional ethics;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- *A) Possession of a Master's Degree in Public Health or a related field; and three years of public health administration experience; OR
- *B) Combination of education and experience deemed equivalent by the State Commissioner of Health.

NOTE: All appointments to be position of Public Health Director must be approved by the State Commissioner of Health.

SPECIAL NOTE: Incumbent is designated as an Emergency Operations Center staff member by the County Executive.

*As stated in Chapter I State Sanitary Code S.11.182