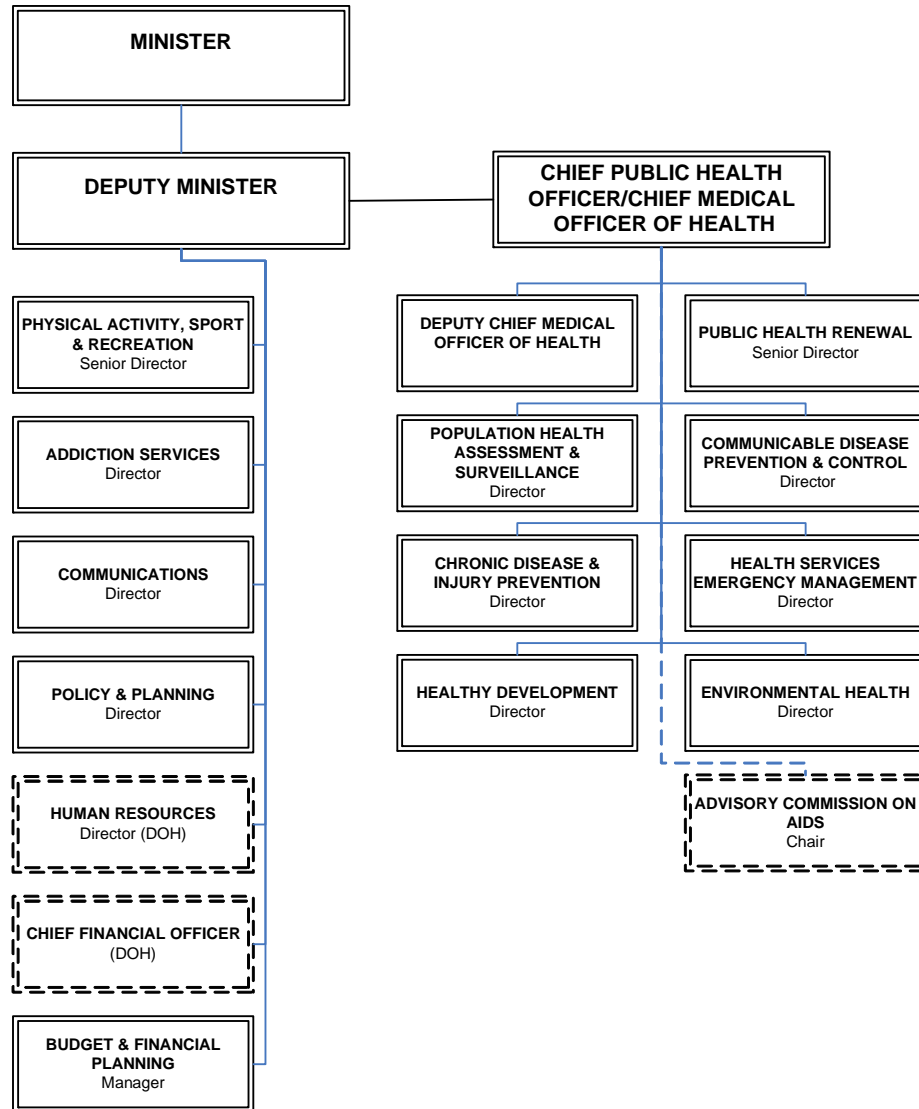


# Department of Health Promotion and Protection



## Responsibilities

The Department of Health Promotion and Protection (HPP) is responsible for responding to emerging public health threats, preventing chronic disease and injury, and promoting health among Nova Scotians. Its role spans all aspects of public health, physical activity, sport and recreation, addiction services and volunteerism.

## **Core Business Areas**

### **ADDICTION SERVICES**

Addiction Services provides a continuum of care and service spanning health promotion, addiction prevention, and early intervention and treatment. The focus is on alcohol, drugs, and problem gambling. Addiction Services collaborates with DHAs and the IVK as service deliverers. Strategic areas include:

- core service identification and program development and planning
- policy, service standards and best practices
- monitoring, tracking and auditing system performance
- provincial program development and research.

### **CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY PREVENTION**

The Department of Health Promotion and Protection is committed to a strategic and integrated approach to addressing chronic disease and injury prevention through the provision of leadership in evidence-based policy and program development, intersectoral collaboration, and capacity building in five priority areas of focus:

- healthy eating
- tobacco control
- injury prevention and control
- reduction of health disparities
- workplace health

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

Communicable Disease Prevention and Control focuses on:

- prevention and control of vaccine and non-vaccine preventable disease
- vaccine/biological management inclusive of publicly funded immunization programs
- outbreak management.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Environmental Health focuses on protecting health, reducing risk and enhancing and promoting safe and healthy environments through consultation and collaboration with other provincial departments, key stakeholders, and other jurisdictions. Strategic areas include:

- safe food
- safe drinking water
- safe environments.

### **HEALTH SERVICES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Health Services Emergency Management focuses on public health mitigation, prevention, response and recovery in relation to accidental, intentional or natural events that could impact the Nova Scotia health care system. Strategic areas include:

- All Hazard Planning
- Risk Assessment
- Readiness Management
- Business Continuity
- Strategic Reservices and Warehousing
- Research
- Post Event Debriefing (Lessons Learned)
- Exercises
- Training
- Education.

Health Services Emergency Management is a shared service with the Department of Health.

### **HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT**

Healthy Development focuses on:

- strategic planning related to early childhood development and sexual health across the life span
- supporting DHAs in the implementation of strategies developed across the department that span the entire life (early childhood, school aged children and youth, adults and seniors) and a multitude of settings (home, school, community).

### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT AND RECREATION**

Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation focuses on achieving better health outcomes and improving quality of life for Nova Scotians through participation in physical activity, sport and recreation. Strategic areas include:

- Active Health Living
- Sport
- Regional Services
- Hosting of Sporting Events

### **POPULATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND SURVEILLANCE**

Population Health Assessment and Surveillance focuses on the collection, analysis and interpretation of data to inform departmental and public health system decision-making. Strategic areas include:

- epidemiological analysis
- population based health surveillance and assessment
- research and program evaluation
- knowledge synthesis and transfer
- information management
- public health informatics
- provincial standards development and monitoring
- tools and method development.

### **VOLUNTEERISM**

Volunteerism focuses on growth and support of volunteerism in Nova Scotia by:

- creating the right environment and building capacity to support volunteerism in Nova Scotia
- encouraging Nova Scotians to participate in voluntary organizations
- building a collaborative partnership between government and the voluntary and nonprofit sector.

## **Legislation**

Acts Administered:

*Boxing Authority Act*

*Gaming Control Act (Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation)*

*Health Protection Act*

*Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act*

*Provincial Finance Act (Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation)*

*Smoke-free Places Act*

*Tobacco Access Act*