A newly created position of Assistant Secretary for Environmental Programs has been charged with the responsibility to integrate and consolidate the State's environmental protection programs, which have been organized into four cohesive units: Air, Water, Waste, and Community Health Management Programs.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the necessary staff and operating officials, provides the timely and responsive supporting services necessary for the health delivery systems to include those professional support services available to all levels of the organization.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is also responsible for the direction and coordination of numerous boards, commissions, and various citizen advisory groups, the majority of which are administered by the Assistant Secretary for Health Regulation and Policy Analysis. Immediately below are the staff offices that report directly to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, which perform department-wide services of a specialized nature.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Randall M. Lutz, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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The Office of the Attorney General serves as the legal adviser to the Secretary and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Fran Tracy, Director

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The Governmental Relations Office conducts legislative liaison between the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland General Assembly, and the U.S. Congress and evaluates pending legislation that affects Departmental activities. The Office also maintains pertinent legal data on health legislation and assists in developing, coordinating, and presenting Departmental initiatives and responses associated with the legislative process.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Henry G. Nathan, Chief

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This office directs the public affairs activities of the Department, coordinating all such activities with appropriate departmental officials and local health officers. The Office also arranges special events, disseminates employee information, and maintains the Department's emergency telephone system.

BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Chairperson: Mary Hemelt, 1981

Vice-Chairperson: Paul M. Vettori, 1982

Secretary: J. Patrick Jarboe, 1982

Marian L. Patterson, 1981; Dr. Ross Z. Pierpont, 1981; Alice Pinderhughes, 1983; Harold F. Wolff, 1983.

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The Board of Review was created by Chapter 77, Acts of 1969 (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 206-206C). Its seven members are appointed by the Governor and serve in an advisory capacity and hear appeals as provided by law.

OFFICE OF LOCAL HEALTH

Dr. Ruth H. Singer, Director

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Local health departments provide services to the residents of the State through their staffs of public health nurses, sanitarians, and other health workers. The Office of Local Health provides consultation and assistance to local health officers