

Office of Legal Services

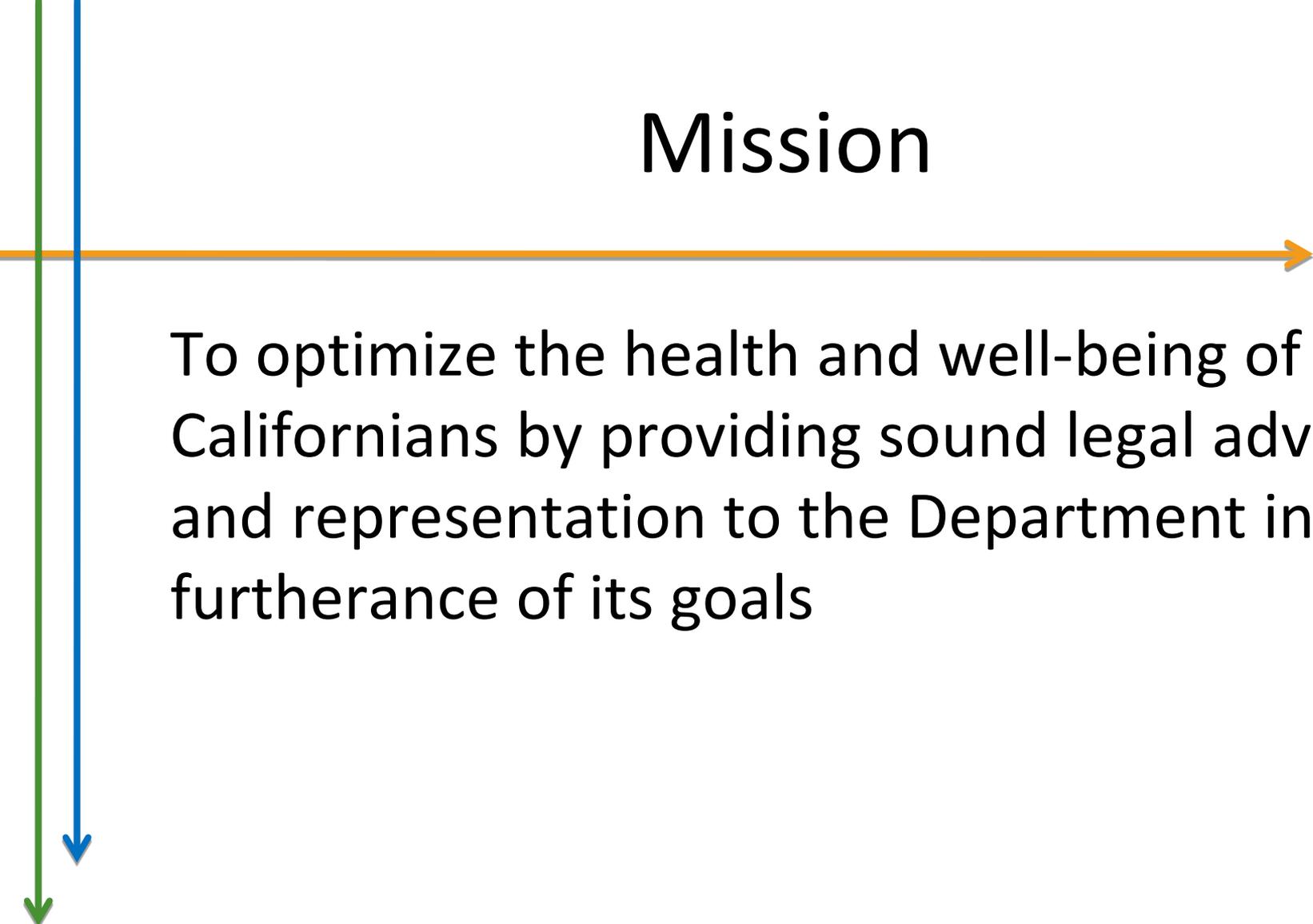
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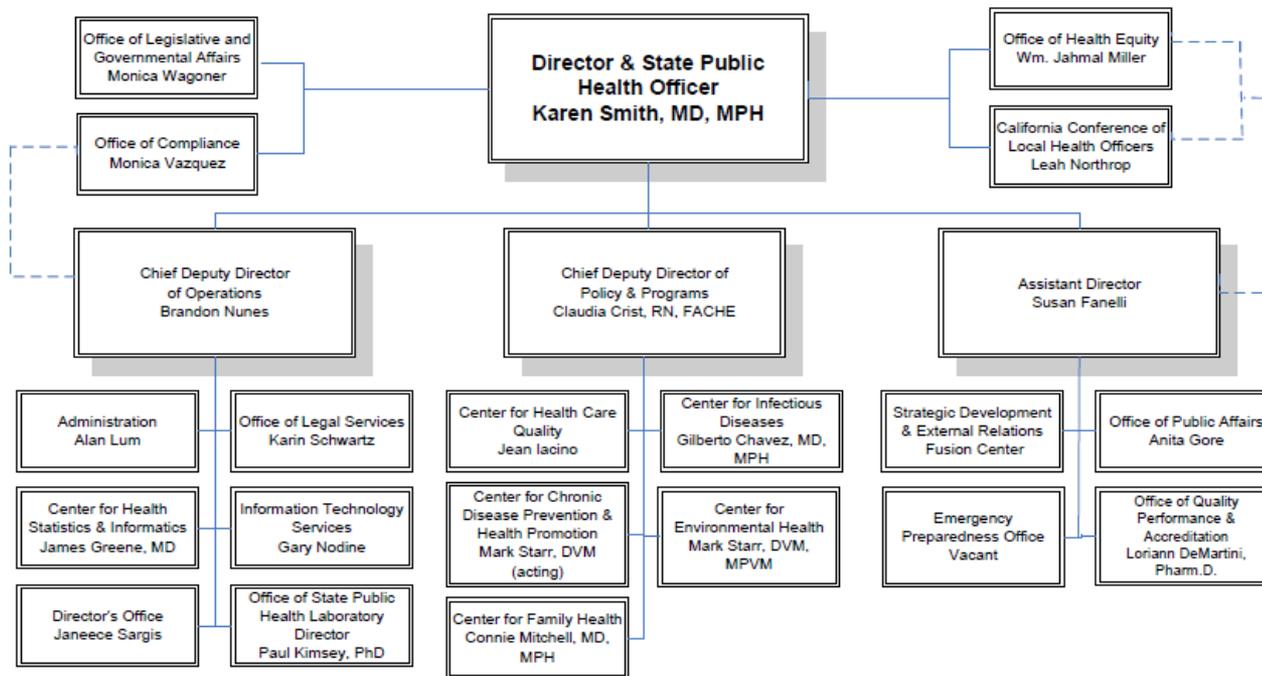
Mission



To optimize the health and well-being of all Californians by providing sound legal advice and representation to the Department in furtherance of its goals



Organization Within CDPH



Organization of OLS

- **Contracts and Prevent Services, a/k/a In-House Counsel Team.** 14 attorneys, one nonattorney professional
- **Center for Health Care Quality Team.** 8 attorneys, 3 nonattorney professionals
- **Administrative Litigation.** 12 attorneys, two nonattorney professionals
- **Regulations, Privacy, and Special Projects.** 8 attorneys, 8 nonattorney professionals

Key Functions

- Provide in-house counsel support to the 215+ CDPH programs, the directorate, and certain administrative units
- Represent CDPH in administrative litigation
- Privacy Office
- Office of Regulations



Relationship with Local Health Departments (LHDs)

- Respond to inquiries re scope of CDPH's jurisdiction (e.g., enforcement issues, quarantine power).
- Consult with other government entities on responses to public health emergencies (e.g., exercise of quarantine power; declarations of health emergency; executive orders; etc.).
- Other?

Questions for Discussion

- What type of legal support do you provide your LHDs?
 - Continuity
 - Emergency preparedness
- What resources would you like to see from CDPH OLS?

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