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## Overview of Environmental Health Services , City of Cape Town

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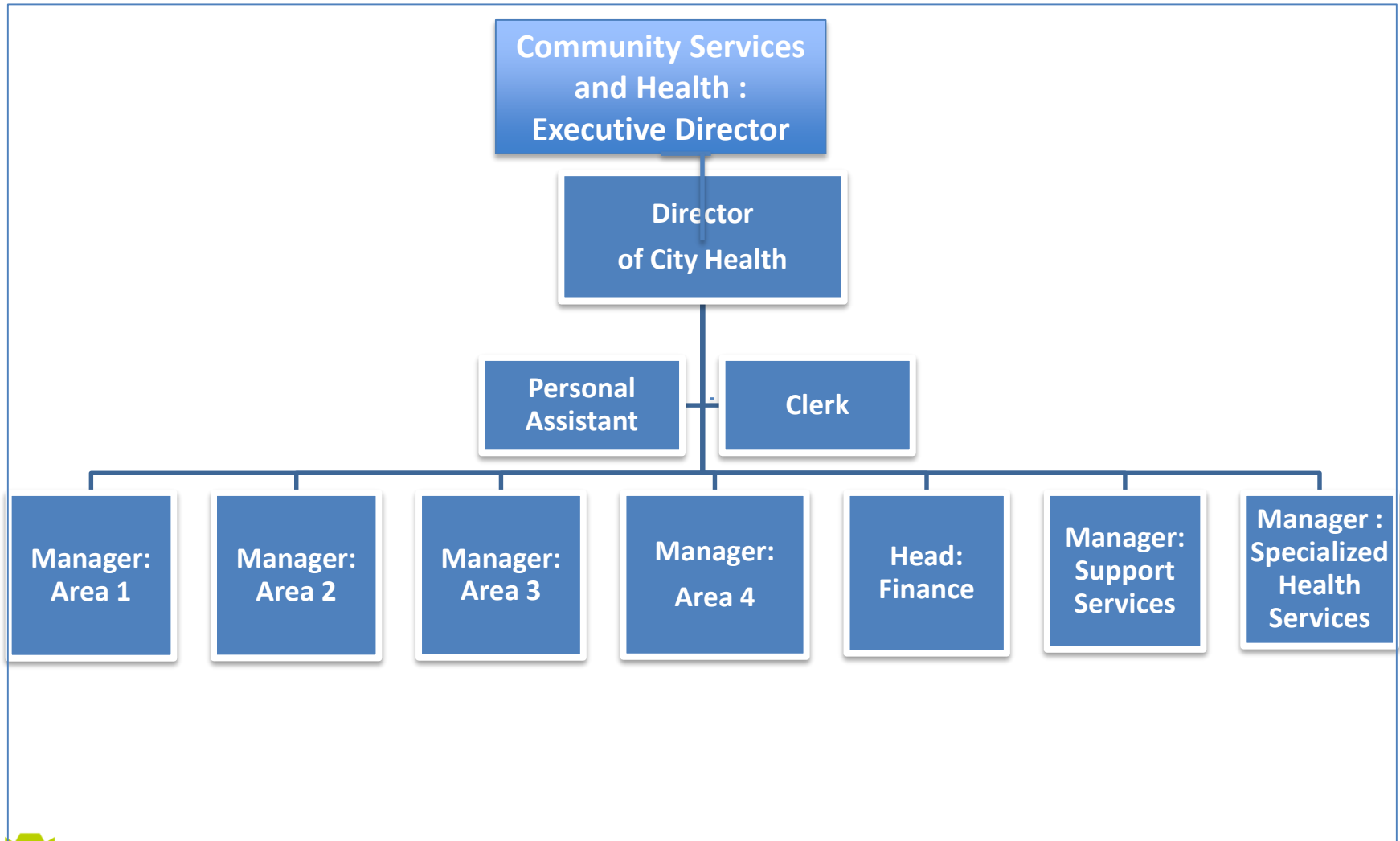
# EH GOVERNANCE

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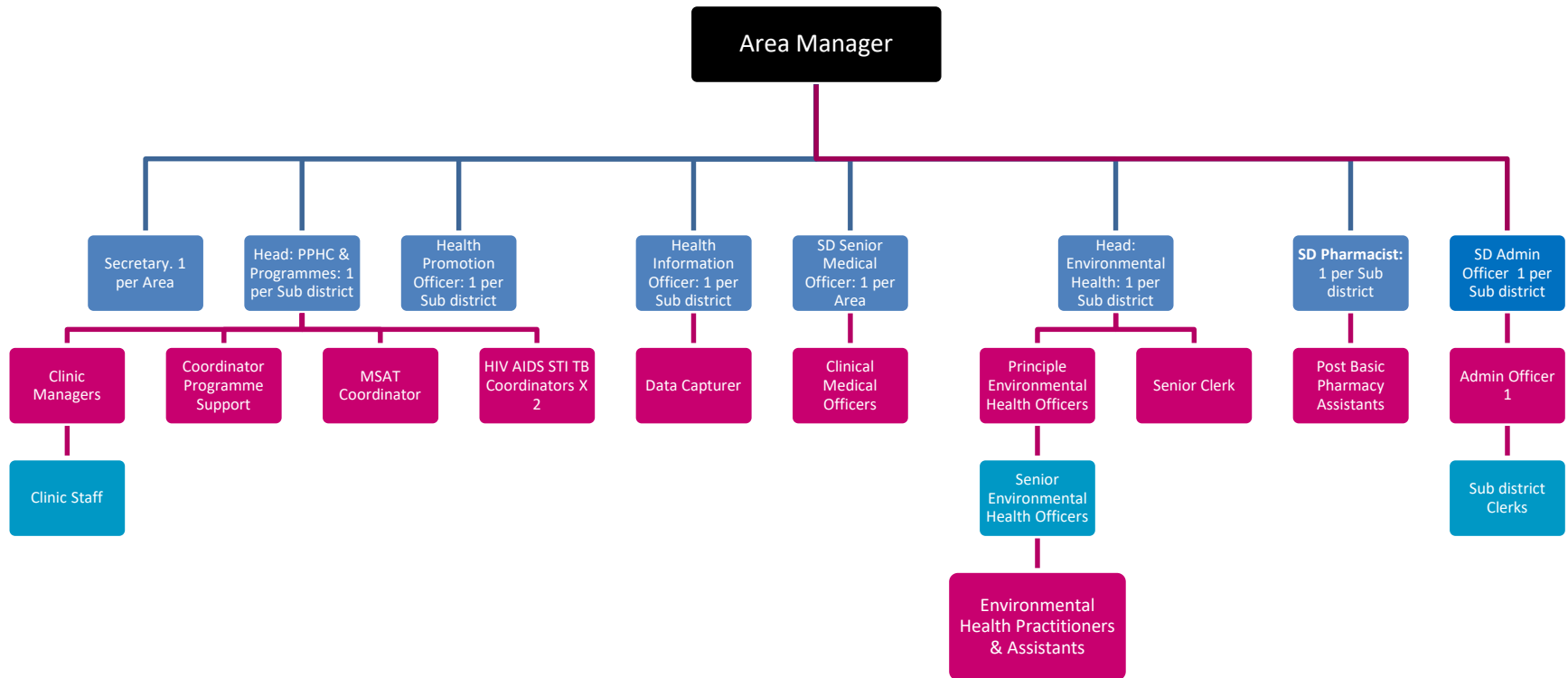
- **Mayoral Committee Member** : Community Services and Health : Dr Zahied Badrodien : delegations as per System of Delegations.
- System of Delegations : **Section 79 Portfolio Committee** : Community Services and Health : Chairperson : Cllr Ronel Viljoen : Delegations : This Committee has an important oversight role especially in regard to the IDP, budgets, policies, rendering of services, strategic objectives and priorities and by-laws. Oversight entails the watchful, strategic and structured scrutiny of the actions of the executive and administration of the Municipal Council.
- City Health is one of 4 Departments within this portfolio (Libraries, Recreation and Parks, Social Development and Early Childhood Development)
- The Directorate is headed by Mr. Ernest Sass : **Executive Director Community Services and Health** : delegations : various : shared with Director Health : determination of operational systems and procedures,
- **Director Health** : Dr Waarisa Fareed : delegations : SDBIP, National Health Act, Sections 18(2), 32 and 76 shared with **Area Managers**.
- **Heads : EH : PEHP's/RACP/EHP's : functional delegations** related to various EH specific legislation, e.g. Human Remains, Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, R638, Air Quality, Noise etc.
- EHWG : no delegations, serves to co-ordinate and report to HMT.



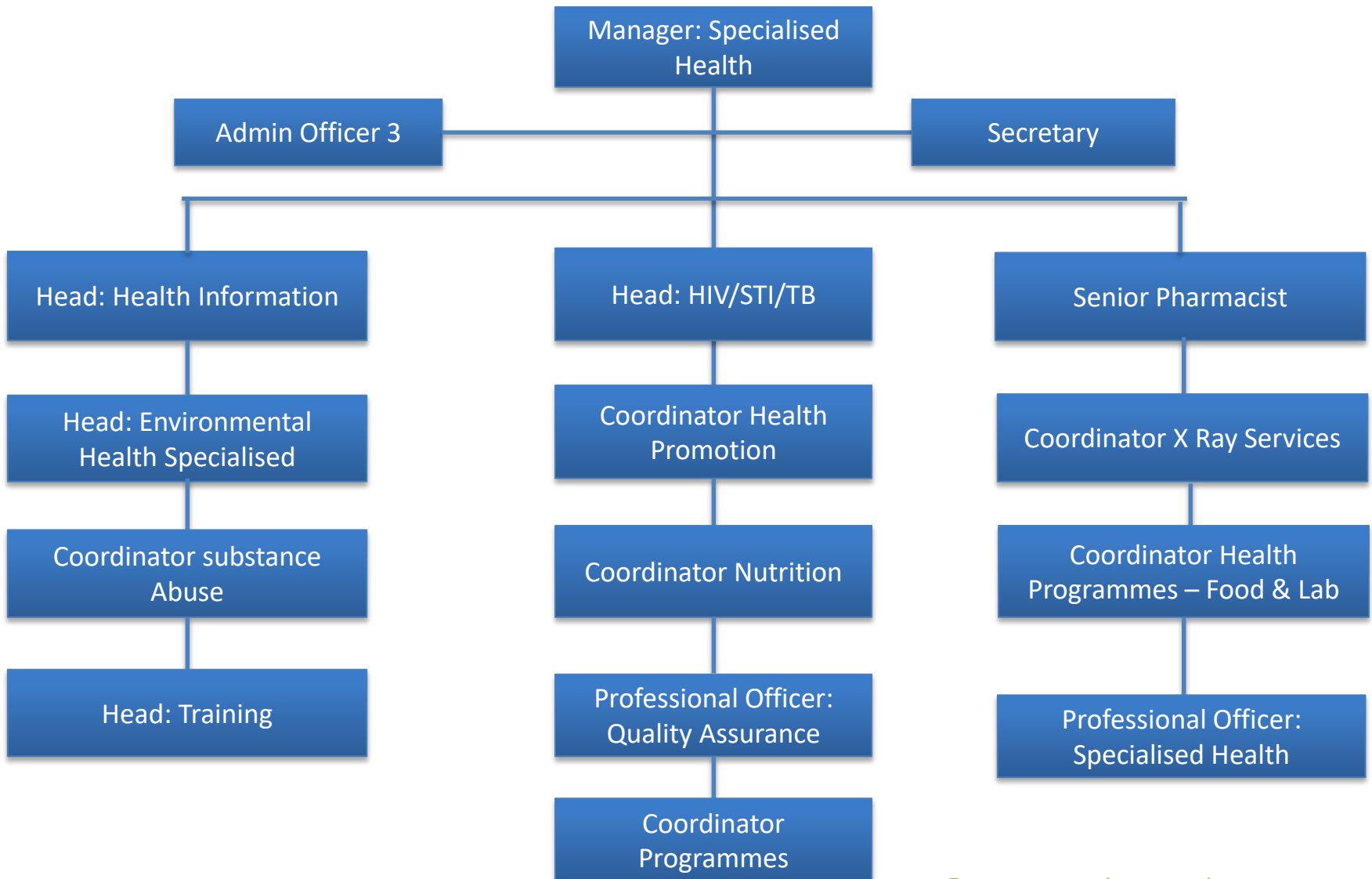
# Central Organogram



# Area Organogram



# Specialised Health Organogram



# Environmental Health

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Municipal Health Services are defined in the Health Act as the provision of Environmental Health Services. For the purposes of the Act, this includes-

- (a) water quality monitoring;
  - (b) food control;
  - (c) waste management;
  - (d) Health surveillance of premises
  - (e) surveillance and prevention of communicable diseases, excluding immunisations;
  - (f) vector control;
  - (g) environmental pollution control;
  - (h) disposal of the dead; and
  - (i) chemical safety,
- but excludes port health, malaria control and control of hazardous substances

# Environmental Health Services:

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## **Surveillance and prevention of communicable diseases, excluding immunizations**

- Assess and report environmental health risks
- Investigate cases of notifiable diseases, food and chemical poisoning
- Develop environmental health corrective measures in response to epidemics, emergencies and disease outbreaks, including promotion of Health and Hygiene in communities, with a special focus on informal settlements.

## **Vector control**

Identify and monitor vectors, their habitats and breeding places and implement rodent control measures

## **Environmental pollution control**

- Monitor air quality at fixed monitoring stations
- Monitor potable and non-potable water
- Control and prevent environmental noise pollution

## **Disposal of the dead**

- Register and monitor operators of facilities for the storage and preparation of dead bodies and monitor exhumations/ reburials



# Compliance & Enforcement: Overview

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- All Environmental Health Practitioners (EHP's) in the City of Cape Town are trained and appointed as Peace Officers in terms of the Criminal Procedures Act
- In excess on 90 different Regulations are enforced by our EHP's
- The principal Acts ( to name a few) under which we operate are:
- The National Health Act
- The Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act
- The Businesses Act
- The Tobacco Products Control Act
- The National Environmental Management Act
- The National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act
- The City has developed a Bylaw Contravention System for the logging and tracking of all cases. The system is administered by Legal Services
- The City has also established Municipal Courts to expedite prosecutions in terms of Municipal matters – Traffic and other Bylaw contraventions

# Compliance & Enforcement: Foodstuffs Act

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- Comply with structural and hygiene standards prescribed in regulations. Plans scrutinized for food premises
- Certificate of Acceptability (COA)
- Samples of foodstuffs taken for microbiological analysis and compositional compliance
- Own food and milk lab
- COA's – endorsed or restricted
- Issued to person in charge
- Detain suspect foodstuffs
- Condemnation of foodstuffs
- Inspection reports
- Health education
- Compliance notices
- Summons

# Compliance & Enforcement: Licensing and Registration Food Handling

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- Businesses Act of 1991

- Sale of food

- Hawkers
  - Sale/Supply of meals

- Places of entertainment

Apply at 16 points across the City, copy of id

No significant revenue generated – R10.00 – R25.00 per application

Electronic system for processing of applications

# Compliance & Enforcement: Air Quality & pollution Control

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- In addition, our Air Quality Practitioners are qualified and appointed as Environmental Management Inspectors in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA)
- Powers and limitations of different Grades of EMI's are NB!
- Compliance and Enforcement actions are regulated in terms of the NEMA Regulations
- And guided by EMI Operating Manual guidelines
- An transversal/multi-sectoral approach is often utilised

# Compliance & Enforcement: Air Quality & pollution Control

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- Compliance Monitoring Inspections under NEMA / NEMAQA in collaboration with Environmental Management are well planned, organised events that could result in:
- Administrative enforcement actions
- Criminal Actions
- Or Civil

# Channels of Communication with PGWC and National Health

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- PGWC
  - Communicable Diseases : various updates/memo's/bulletins etc., sent to Director/Area Managers/Heads : EH. Heads : EH.
  - Concerns around notifiable diseases over weekends and afterhours are received via whatsapp group.
  - Heads : EH form part of ISDMT's.
  - Formal communication received from National if received by PGWC (Danie Louw) is sent to Director : City Health and Chairperson : EHWG
  - Heads : EH engage directly with Danie Louw as and when required for operational purposes.
- National Health
  - Letters/memo's/requests directly to Director : Health (may also received by C Hugo, City Manager, Chairperson of EHWG depending on nature of engagement.)
  - Immediate requests may be received via whatsapp

# Risks faced by City of Cape Town by not rendering effective MHS

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- Risk analysis performed on request by City Manager in 2017 after non-compliance with National Norms and Standards for EH noted.
- Detailed response including root cause analysis provided on non-compliance for each element provided to City Manager.
- Five year plan to address 1 : 10 000 norm provided, however cost deemed not practicable or achievable. (average cost per year : 26m)
- Progressive approach taken, 11 additional posts in 2017/18 and 14 additional posts in 2018/19.
- Risks have been included on all area risk registers as well as the risk register for City Health.
- Risks included:
  - Injury/harm/fatalities, (e.g. Listeriosis) increased non-compliance with health regulations, spread/outbreak of communicable diseases, litigation risk, deterioration of air quality, increased vector infestation, reputational risk, loss of income due to reputational impact on tourism, community dissatisfaction.



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