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Department of Health

Executive Directive No. X

SUBJECT: Reorganization of the Public Health Services Branch

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 26:1A-13 authorizes the Commissioner, subject to the Public Health Council's review in its advisory and consultative role, to structure the Department of Health (the "Department") in such a way that the Commissioner considers necessary for its efficient performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department seeks to group, develop, and coordinate functions in a more consistent and practical manner to support departmental goals and services; to structure the organization to improve the efficiencies and effectiveness of departmental operations; and to advance the Department's mission;

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has determined, with the advice and consultation of the Public Health Council, that the reorganization of the Department's programmatic divisions and the appointment of Assistant Commissioners and other personnel is necessary for the efficient performance of the Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kaitlan Baston, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. The Public Health Services Branch shall be thus reorganized:

- a) The Division of Public Health Infrastructure Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) shall be renamed the Division of Disaster Preparedness, Resiliency and Emergency Medical Services (DPREMS), which shall include the Office of the Assistant Commissioner (OAC), the Office of Disaster Resilience (ODR), the Office of Pandemic Planning & Response (OPPR), the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), and the Office of Fiscal Administration (OFA).
  - I. An Assistant Commissioner shall oversee the Division and report directly to the Deputy Commissioner, Public Health Services. **The only change for this Division will be the removal of the two programs as described below.**
- b) The Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL) shall be renamed the Division of Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (DPHEL) and elevated from a Program area within PHILEP to its own Division.

- I. An Assistant Commissioner shall oversee the Division and report directly to the Deputy Commissioner, Public Health Services. The Medical Director and Division Director will report to the Assistant Commissioner.
- c) The Office of Local Public Health (OLPH) shall be renamed the Division of Local Public Health (DLPH) and elevated from a Program area within PHILEP to its own Division.
  - I. An Assistant Commissioner shall oversee the Division and report directly to the Deputy Commissioner, Public Health Services. **Directors will report to the newly appointed Assistant Commissioner for specified program units.**
2. All the authority, powers, duties, functions, grants, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges shall be transferred together with the Program activities as described above. All other steps necessary to implement this reorganization shall take place as soon as reasonably possible.
3. The foregoing name changes shall be reflected on all Departmental documentation.
4. Except as expressly modified by this Executive Directive, the reorganization and reporting structures of the Department shall be unchanged.
5. This Directive shall become effective on the date set forth below.

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Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM  
Commissioner

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Dated

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