

To: foiarequests@cdc.gov

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 4:38 PM

Subject: Requests for fluoride information

Dear CDC administrators:

I have become interested in pursuing the fluoride issue more deeply because of the recent story in the news about cases of fluorosis from an excess amount of fluoride (even if natural in source) in some supplies. ("Government Advises Less Fluoride in Water," US News, Jan. 8).

I would like to know if you could supply a copy of the names, job titles, and job descriptions of all persons in the CDC who are currently responsible for, and who in the past were responsible for, CDC's policy of support for water fluoridation. I would like this information concerning not only those in the Oral Health Division but also any other not in that division who nevertheless have input into the policy.

I will be using that information to add to all the other information that I am gathering for giving my input to some political leaders, journalists, and church association leaders. (The African-American or black community is, as you may know, becoming seriously interested in this).

I never have done a FOIA request before, so let me know if there is anything else I need to provide.



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

April 4, 2011

Dear _____

This letter is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 21, 2011 for the names and job description of those responsible for CDC's support of water fluoridation.

Enclosed are documents pertaining to your request (3 pages). CDC has not withheld any pages.

Sincerely yours,

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FOIA Request No.

Below is a list of the Dental Activity/Division of Oral Health directors beginning when the fluoridation activity was moved from HRSA to CDC in the mid 1970s.

Attached is the recruitment notice for the Division Director, which includes basic job responsibilities (per request for director's job description).

TIMELINE OF FLUORIDATION ACTIVITIES AT CDC

1975	Fluoridation activities transferred from HRSA to CDC under directorship of William Bock. It is called the Dental Disease Prevention Activity and is housed in the Office of the CDC Director.
1984-86	Steve Corbin, Chief
1986-91	Larry Furman, Chief
1991-92	Paul Turner, Acting Chief
1991	Renamed Division of Oral Health
1992-97	Don Marianos, Director
1997-98	Dolores Malvitz, Acting Director
1998-2008	William Maas, Director
2008-09	Kathleen Ethier, Acting Director
2009-2011	William Kohn, Director
2011 - present	William Bailey, Acting Director



**Division of Oral Health
Description of the Director's Position
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta, Georgia**

The Division of Oral Health (DOH) is located in CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). The Division of Oral Health seeks to improve the oral health of the nation by extending the use of proven strategies to prevent oral diseases, strengthening the nation's oral health infrastructure, enhancing efforts to monitor oral diseases, and guiding infection control in dentistry. CDC works with numerous partners, including state, tribal, and territorial health agencies, voluntary and professional organizations, academia, other Federal agencies, and the private sector. The annual budget is approximately \$12 million, which supports the division's top priority areas: Prevention and Control of Dental Caries, Surveillance of Periodontal Diseases and Oral Cancer, Guidance on Infection Control, and Building Capacity and Infrastructure in State Dental Public Health Programs.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Director of DOH directs and manages the operations of the division under the broad and general administrative guidance of the Director, NCCDPHP, and has the primary responsibility for providing leadership, coordination, management, and guidance to the Division staff. The Director has line authority over the Deputy Director, Associate Director for Science, Health Communication Specialist, Informatics Specialist, two Team Leads, and approximately 30 other staff. The Director directs the development of appropriate goals and objectives for the Division, identifies and prioritizes the Division's research and program activities to reduce preventable oral health diseases, and oversees, in collaboration with other divisions, the surveillance of certain oral health issues. The Director confers, consults, and collaborates with and provides leadership to local, state, territorial, and other federal agencies, nongovernmental voluntary and professional organizations, and academia.

The Division is organized into the Office of the Director, the Program Services Team, and the Surveillance, Investigation and Research Team. Personnel under the Director's direction include dental officers, epidemiologists, statisticians, nurses, public health educators, behavioral scientists, health communication

specialists, program managers, public health advisors, computer specialists, and other professionals.

The DOH Director has full authority for the direction and operation of the Division and is authorized to make all related delegations, decisions, and commitments.

Candidates for this position will demonstrate many of the following professional qualifications and experiences:

- DDS/DMD in dentistry or MD in other relevant fields.
- National recognition within the scientific community as an authority in oral health as demonstrated by invited manuscripts, presentations, and consultations, receipt of honors and awards, or other recognition for performance or contributions to the field.
- Experience in developing and implementing national, state, or local policies and programs related to the promotion of oral health.
- Demonstrated impact on the public health field based on the number and quality of original contributions to the literature.
- Supervisory or administrative experience that demonstrates strong leadership and managerial abilities in a scientific or public health environment.
- Experience that indicates the ability to deal effectively with high-level governmental officials, the scientific and academic communities, national or international dental and health-related organizations, diverse community and non-governmental groups, and the public at large.