

Board of Health Manual Public Health Sudbury & Districts Information Sheet

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Information

The Medical Officer of Health is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board and all information pertaining to Board operation, be it program or budget, is the responsibility of the Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer. This is supported by legislation.

The public must be assured that qualified medical personnel are assessing their health needs and that the Board will act on such advice.

The Chief Executive Officer should be someone clearly recognized as being professionally sound in the area of health protection services and delivery of health oriented programs.

He/she must be fully aware of the management task and be prepared to be fully involved. This is not an academic stance. The Medical Officer of Health, as Chief Executive Officer of the Board, must become a good manager as well as being a good public health professional.

The Medical Officer of Health is responsible for the development and execution of all approved health programs and the quality and effectiveness of the health unit's managerial results. He/she is accountable to the Board for his/her actions and has direct communication with the Board.