

MINNESOTA

Edward P. Ehlinger, MD, MSPH

ASTHO Immediate Past President

Commissioner of Health, Minnesota Department of Health



Edward Ehlinger is Minnesota's commissioner of health. As commissioner, Ehlinger is responsible for directing the work of the Minnesota Department of Health—the state's lead public health agency, dedicated to protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans. Prior to his appointment as health commissioner by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton in January 2011, Ehlinger was director and chief health officer at Boynton Health Service at the University of Minnesota. From 1980 to 1995, Ehlinger served as director of Personal Health Services for the Minneapolis Health Department. Ehlinger is also an adjunct professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. He is board certified in pediatrics and internal medicine.

Professional Leadership Activities

President, Minnesota Public Health Association, 1986

President, North Central College Health Association, 1999

President, Twin Cities Medical Society, 2010

Educational Background

MD, University of Wisconsin, Madison

MSPH, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

BA, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Fellowship, Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Honors

Albert Justus Chesely Award, Minnesota Public Health Association, 1989

Advancement of Justice Award, Hennepin County Bar Association, 1997

Recipient of the first Ed Ehlinger Award, CityMatCH (urban maternal and child health directors), 1996

Physician Communicator Award, Minnesota Medical Association, 2003 Gail Proffitt Award, North Central College Health Association, 2004

Child Advocacy Award, MN Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2012

Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award, Minnesota Public Health Association, 2006