

NORTH DAKOTA

Mylynn Tufte

State Health Officer

North Dakota Department of Health



State Health Officer Mylynn Tufte's previous experiences as a health management executive and former critical care nurse bring an extensive background to the top leadership role in the North Dakota Department of Health.

Tufte brings more than 20 years of experience in the health industry, serving in a strategic and health advisory role to some of the largest payers and providers in the country. Her diverse experience includes working with state governments, national and regional health plans, integrated delivery networks, academic and community medical centers, physician groups, and accountable care organizations.

As a progressive leader with extensive experience in strategy, operations, and health information technology, she has helped organizations develop and implement innovative solutions that improve healthcare for broad populations. Her experience in population health management has helped organizations improve quality and access to care, decrease the total cost of care, and improve the overall experience for consumers.

Tufte earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, followed by a Master of Business Administration degree and a master's degree in information management degree from Arizona State University.

In addition to overseeing the department of health, the state health officer implements state laws governing the department within the guidance of the governor and regulations adopted by the State Health Council. The state health officer also is a statutory member of a number of boards and commissions.