RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Agency Mission
To positively demonstrate for Rhode Islanders the purpose and importance of public health.

Top Five Priorities
1. Promote healthy living for all through all stages of life
2. Ensure access to safe food, water, and healthy environments in all communities
3. Promote a comprehensive health system that a person can navigate, access, and afford
4. Prevent, investigate, control, and eliminate health hazards and emerging threats
5. Analyze and communicate data to improve the public’s health

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state/territorial health agency is under a larger agency—sometimes referred to as a “superagency” or “umbrella agency”—and has a mixed relationship with local health departments.

- Independent local health agencies (led by staff employed by local government)
- State-run local health agencies (led by staff employed by state government)
- Independent regional or district offices (led by non-state employees)
- State-run regional or district offices (led by state employees)

Organizational Structure
The health official does not report directly to the governor. The state does not have a board of health.

Planning and Accreditation
The state/territorial health agency has developed the following within the past five years:
- Health Assessment
- Health Improvement Plan
- Strategic Plan

The state/territorial agency has achieved accreditation.

Agency Workforce
The state/territorial health agency has 444 FTEs. There are no state/territorial health agency workers assigned to local/regional offices.

Agency Finance (FY15*)

Source of Funding

Federal Funding Sources

Total Revenue FY15: $124,790,005
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*FY15 was defined as 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015.