

OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENTIFIC SERVICES (CP)

The Office of Public Health Scientific Services (OPHSS) is to lead, promote, and facilitate science, standards and policies to reduce the burden of diseases in the United States and globally.

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(1) Serves as the principal advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director on informatics issues; (2) assists the CDC Director in formulating and communicating strategic initiatives and policies involving health statistics, informatics, surveillance, epidemiology and laboratory practices; (3) represents the CDC Director externally on key informatics issues; (4) provides strategic leadership to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS); (5) ensures agency-wide strategic approaches to informatics, surveillance, data access, workforce development and laboratory practices; (6) identifies approaches for increasing the use of electronic health records (EHRs) as part of an integrated strategy for public health surveillance; (7) leads efforts to improve public health data access and analytical methods; (8) leads the development of an efficient, sustainable and integrated network of public health laboratories; (9) leads efforts to prepare the public health workforce to meet present and anticipate future challenges; (10) facilitates relevant and meaningful collaborations across NCHS and CSELS; and (11) ensures the timely availability of statistical health information. (Approved 9/30/2013)