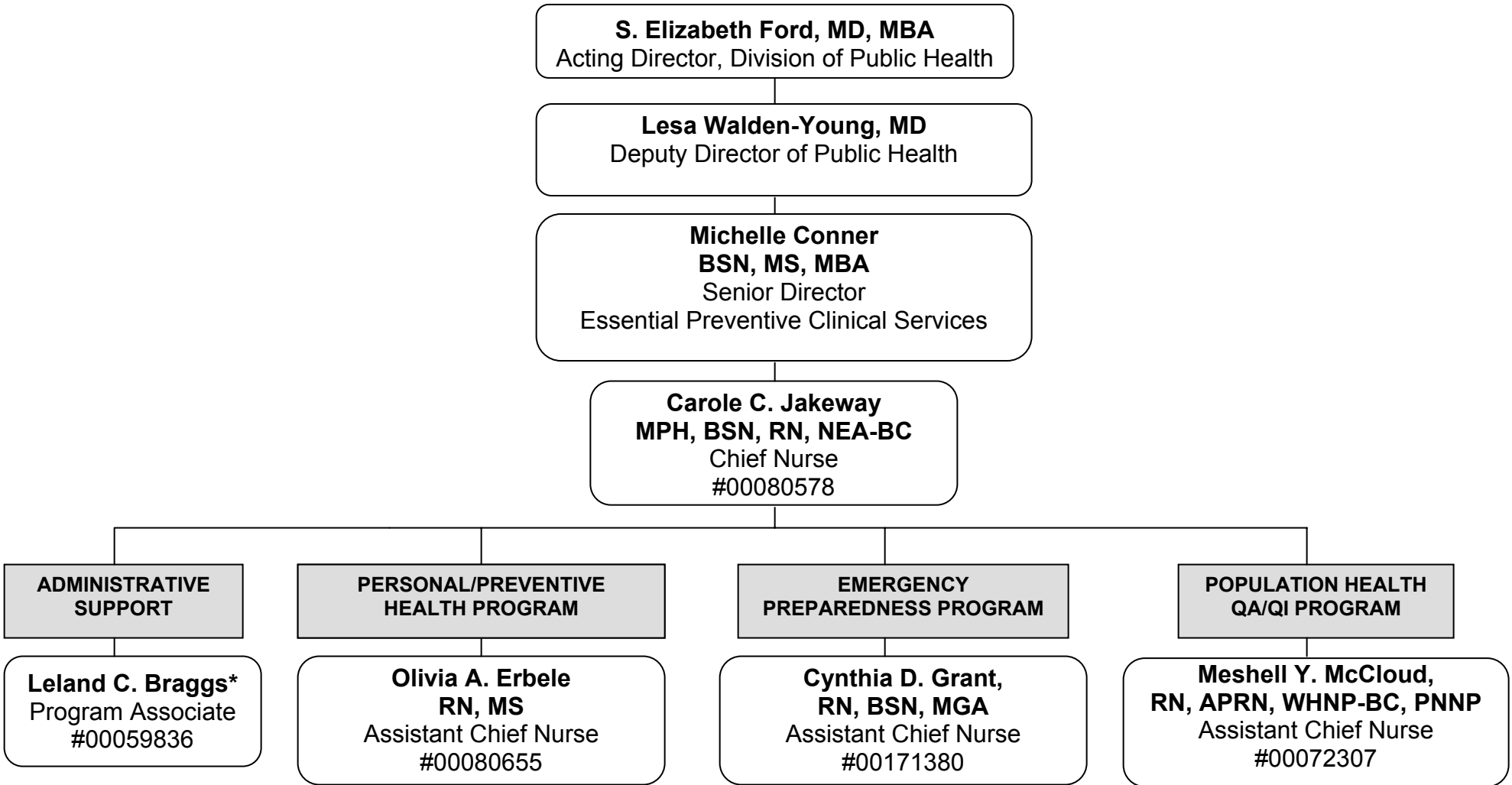


**Division of Public Health – Essential Preventive Clinical Services  
Nursing Section  
Organizational Chart  
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*\*Reports directly to Meshell McCloud*

**Bio Sketch for  
Carole C. Jakeway, MPH, BSN, RN, NEA-BC**

**Chief Nurse**

Carole Jakeway has served as the Chief Nurse for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health since 1989. Ms. Jakeway received her Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Carolina and her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit. She completed the scholars program with the national Public Health Leadership Institute, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as Nurse Executive, Advanced. She is a member of Delta Omega, the honorary public health society.

She has over 37 years of public health nursing experience in the states of Washington, South Carolina and Georgia that included staff nursing, school health, home health, supervision, consultation and administration. This experience includes 15 years with local county health departments and the remainder with official state public health agencies.

Carole served as President of the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN), the nursing affiliate of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) during 2001-2002 and currently serves on the ASTDN Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

She currently chairs the Division's Quality Assurance and Improvement Task Force and The Public Health Career Track Workgroup. She has received the DHR Leadership Award, the DHR Safety Award, the Dr. James C. Crutcher Public Health Nursing Leadership Award from the Medical Association of Georgia and the ASTDN Award of Merit for her work in population health training.

Carole's public health work is focused on building interdisciplinary and collaborative partnerships, developing the public health system, measuring health outcomes and influencing policy for the sake of improving the health of individuals, families and communities.

**Bio Sketch for  
Olivia A. Erbele, RN, MS  
Assistant Chief Nurse**

Olivia Erbele has served as the Assistant Chief Nurse for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, since 2002. Ms. Erbele received her Master of Science degree with a specialization in Family Nursing Practice from Pace University and New York Medical College in Pleasantville, New York. She completed a preceptorship in Family Practice at Harvard Community Health Plan, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ms. Erbele obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Mercer University after completing an internship in the Child Life Department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Olivia is a member of the international nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau. She serves as chairperson of both the Healthy Hall Community Partnership and the Northeast Georgia Health System Advisory Board. In addition, Ms. Erbele serves on the Board of Directors for Hall County Medical Society's Health Access Initiative.

With over 25 years of experience in nursing and healthcare, Olivia has worked in clinical, management and administrative roles in local and state public health positions. In addition to public health, she has clinical experience in medical-surgical, behavioral health and gerontological nursing. In the field of healthcare management and administration, Ms. Erbele has outpatient, inpatient and managed care experience as manager, director, administrator and chief executive officer. She has also worked as a family nurse practitioner and as a healthcare and management consultant. In 2005, Olivia was awarded the "Lillian Wald Nursing Leadership Award" by the Georgia Public Health Association.

Olivia's focus areas in public health include clinical competency development, continuing education, mentoring and nurse protocols. Through effective collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities, she strives to contribute to a stronger public health infrastructure and improved health for Georgians.

**Bio Sketch for**  
**Cynthia D. Grant, RN, BSN, MGA**  
**Assistant Chief Nurse – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Cynthia began her current position as Assistant Chief Nurse, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health on May 2, 2005. She received her Master of General Administration from The University of Maryland-European Division while stationed with her active duty Air Force spouse in Spangdahlem, Germany. Her Bachelor of Science in nursing was earned at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Cynthia entered Public Health as County Nurse Manager – Fayette County Health Department, and knew almost immediately that this was the path that she was destined to continue on. During the next 7 years, Mrs. Grant became very much involved in the growth and development of the community. She is a founding board member and past chairwoman of a non-profit youth leadership/prevention organization (Association of Village PRIDE); was a board member and committee chair of DART – A New Beginning (a community-sponsored adolescent drug and alcohol treatment center movement); the past secretary/treasurer of the Fayette Co. Human Services Counsel, a board and committee member of the county collaborative: FACTOR.; and a member of the community's bioterrorism task force. She firmly believes that "public health" means working shoulder-to-shoulder with the people and organizations of a community.

Cynthia brings to her position over 29 years of widely varied clinical, managerial, and administrative experiences in both civilian and military settings: stateside and abroad. Her clinical experience includes psychiatry, chemical dependency, physical rehabilitation, medical/surgical, orthopedics, labor, delivery, newborn nursery, plastic and general surgery. Other experiences include Program Manager/ Family and Child Counselor – Bitburg AB, Germany, and Clinical Instructor, University of So. Carolina at Coastal Carolina College.

Focusing on Emergency Preparedness, Cynthia hopes to provide nursing input for state planning and policy development, while assisting counties to develop lasting, effective collaborations with community partners in training for and responding to emergencies.

**Bio Sketch for  
Meshell McCloud, RN, APRN, WHNP-BC, PNNP  
Assistant Chief Nurse**

Meshell McCloud began her current position as Assistant Chief Nurse, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division Public Health on April 1, 2007. Meshell received her baccalaureate degree in nursing from Howard University, her Master of Science degree as a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner from Georgia State University and a Post-Master Certificate from Rush University as a High Risk Perinatal Nurse Practitioner. She is currently recognized by the Georgia Board of Nursing as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and is currently certified as a Women's Health Practitioner. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

She has played a leadership role in collaborating with multi-disciplinary health care leaders in the public and private sectors to improve perinatal HIV services and prevent perinatal HIV transmission. Meshell has also played a lead role in developing policy to assure that all pregnant women are tested for HIV. In 2007, Meshell was awarded the State Office Nursing Excellence Award.

Meshell has over twenty-two years of nursing experience and has held positions as staff nurse, charge nurse, and Practitioner-teacher. She has also held a faculty appointment with Rush University, College of Nursing, where she taught Maternal and Child Health courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She coordinated and implemented the first High Risk Perinatal Nurse Practitioner Program at Rush University, College of Nursing.

Meshell's focus areas in public health are Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement and Performance Improvement. Through innovation and quality, Meshell hopes to develop a high performing public health network that improves the health status of individuals, communities and populations.

**Bio Sketch for  
Leland C. Braggs  
Program Associate**

Leland Braggs has served as Program Associate for the Office of Nursing, Division of Public Health, since July 2007. Prior to his current position he served as Program Associate at the front desk in the Director's Office since February 2007. He is currently enrolled at DeVry University majoring in Network and Communications Management and has additional education in computer operations.

Leland has over 15 years experience in an administrative support role. He has worked for the federal government as a Program Assistant in which he worked to educate the public on the Endangered Species Act. He served as team leader on several occasions which were on controversial environmental issues. He is a military veteran and served in the Persian Gulf War working with intelligence information. He has also worked in the health insurance industry for several years as an administrative assistant and has freelanced doing desktop publishing projects.