

**William Steven Paul, MD, MPH**  
Director of Health  
Metro Nashville Public Health Department

Dr. Paul started his Nashville career as Director of Health on July 9, 2007. As Director, Dr. Paul oversees the public health of Nashville's 600,000+ residents by leading a team of 475 full time employees and managing a budget in excess of \$58 million.

Dr. Paul has a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Stanford University, an MD from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and a Master in Public Health from the University of Illinois School of Public Health. He completed internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, and completed a public health fellowship as an Epidemic Intelligence Services officer in the Division of Vector Borne Infectious Diseases for the CDC.

Prior to accepting the top public health leadership role for Nashville, Dr. Paul served for nearly 15 years at the Chicago Department of Public Health, most recently as Deputy Commissioner for Epidemiology and Disease Control and as Interim Commissioner.

Dr. Paul has published several articles in peer-reviewed publications and presented at a number of conferences. He is a recipient of a U.S. Public Health Service Unit Citation and Public Health Service Achievement Award, among other honors and awards.

Dr. Paul believes strongly that public health needs to be rooted in science and evidence and also in excellence in management and community engagement. He is working to build both staff and community strengths and capacity to address public health problems. He is comfortable working with a broad and diverse workforce and community on the multifaceted issues of public health.

Dr. Paul's other interests are classical piano, distance running, biking, and reading.

He and his wife Tanya live in Nashville and have three children.