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Rachael Banks, MPA is the Director of OHA's Public Health Division. Prior to this role, she served as the Public Health Director for Multnomah County Health Department, the largest local public health division in the state of Oregon. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Gonzaga University and her Masters of Public Administration from Portland State University.

During her past 20 years in public health, she has led the Multnomah County Health Department's Healthy Birth Initiative (HBI), Healthy Families and REACH programs. She managed the tobacco policy program while it implemented Oregon's smokefree workplace law to over 80,000 businesses. She has worked to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, hepatitis C and drug overdoses, and provided injury prevention education to families in populations unfairly impacted by health inequities.

Advocating for health equity has been central to Ms. Banks' career. She helped develop Multnomah County's first disparity-focused Community Health Improvement Plan and led a unit that enacted culturally specific strategies in the African American/Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Native American/American Indian, Pacific Islander and immigrant/refugee communities.

