

STEVEN E. LACEY, PHD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA NAMED CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.



The Department of Family & Preventive Medicine is pleased to announce that our search for a Division Chief for Public Health has successfully concluded with the selection of Steven E. Lacey, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, a prominent public health leader and educator. Dr. Lacey will assume this new role effective February 15, 2020.

Most recently, Lacey served as chair of the Department of Environmental Health Science at the Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health. At Indiana University, Lacey implemented changes that attracted academically stronger students, doubled department course offerings, and created novel undergraduate courses to address some of our greatest contemporary societal challenges. He created an entirely online MS degree in product stewardship – the first of its kind in the nation. This program has attracted students from leading multi-national firms to study the design and management of consumer products to reduce impact on human health and the environment, while optimizing business value. Lacey most recently created a new online MS degree in Global Health & Sustainable Development, based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Lacey conducts applied research in exposure assessment. He is a collaborator on a recently awarded grant from NIEHS – a two-year study to characterize environmental exposures at long-term care facilities.

Prior to joining Indiana University, Dr. Lacey served as director of the ABET-accredited industrial hygiene and occupational safety graduate training programs within the NIOSH-funded Illinois Education and Research Center.

Lacey recently completed ten consecutive years of elected board service at the national level with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), including a four-year term in the president role. The AIHA is an over 75-year-old non-profit membership organization with a \$15 million operating budget that represents over 8,500 occupational health and safety professionals. As president, Dr. Lacey managed the Association's organizational governance, providing oversight to their three LLCs and two foundations, and interacted with AIHA's 60 local chapters.

Dr. Lacey earned an MS in Industrial Hygiene from Texas A&M University, and a PhD in Environmental and Occupational Health Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

Lacey's collaborative leadership expertise in both academia as well as public and private health sectors stands to have a meaningful impact in Utah with an eye towards strengthening existing programs and in the development of emerging opportunities.

"I am confident that Dr. Lacey's experience in building partnerships and innovative teams and programs will launch our Public Health Division to new levels of achievement," said Kola Okuyemi, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine. "His ongoing work stands to not only benefit the University of Utah, but have significant impact among various stakeholders as we continue the successful legacy of public health in Utah; I look forward to welcoming Dr. Lacey to the department and Utah this upcoming February.

Lacey said, "I am thrilled to join the University of Utah and this outstanding group of public health researchers and educators. Utah is among the healthiest of states in national rankings, so I see my new role as supporting the faculty, staff, and students in work that will do nothing short of taking us to new levels of health, safety, and well-being."