



The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Copyright 2008 The San Diego Union-Tribune

May 16, 2008

County Health Agency's Next Director Named

By Cheryl Clark

Nick Macchione will become director of the county's Health and Human Services Agency next month, it was announced yesterday.

He will take over the position currently held by Jean Shepard, who will retire June 5. Shepard's annual salary is \$191,818. County officials said Macchione's salary will be determined in a few days.

Macchione, 40, has worked with the agency for a decade and is currently a deputy director. He moved to San Diego from New Jersey, where he directed health planning for a five-county region in the northern part of the state.

The Health and Human Services Agency has an annual budget of about \$1.8 billion. Its more than 5,600 employees handle numerous physical and mental health programs, including those dealing with children, seniors, the poor, infectious diseases and drug dependence. The agency also oversees adoption and foster care programs.

Macchione holds a master's degree in health services management from New York University and a master's in public health from Columbia University. He has been an adjunct instructor at **San Diego State University's** Graduate School of Public Health since 1997. —C.C.