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 Maternal, Child and Adolescent, Reproductive, Women’s and  
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**Licensure Unit**

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 Professions/Occupations-Behavioral Health, Medical and  
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 Research and Policy-Board of Health, Credentials Review.

**Public Health Preparedness and Emergency**

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 Hospital and Public Health Preparedness and Response;  
 ESF-8 (coordination of emergency response with NE  
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 Emergency Response Training, Medical Response Systems.

**Vital Records Unit**

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 Birth, Death, Marriage, and Dissolution Certificates,  
 Adoption Records, Record Amendments, Paternity  
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