

# Health Director

2015-2016

## A Message from the Health Director



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Health Director

On behalf of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, I am pleased to share our 2016 Annual Report. During the past year, the Department continued our hard work to improve the health of our community.

With the help of the community and key partners, the Department updated the Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plan. The Department also created a comprehensive Workforce Development Plan based on an assessment of staff training needs and interests. In addition, the Department completed all required documentation for accreditation to submit to the Public Health Accreditation Board. All documentation is being reviewed and we are waiting for a site visit.

The Department's Healthy Families America Program developed a new marketing plan - "Strengthening Families One Home Visit at a Time" and implemented a new set of benchmarks to monitor progress. The program continues to provide support, teaching and assistance to families in our community to help them raise happy and healthy children.

Lincoln and Lancaster County Health Department's (LLCHD) new Hazardous Materials Collection Center (HMCC) will provide year-round access to the public for hazardous waste and toxic chemical collection and diversion. We received \$730,000 in grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the facility. The Hazardous Materials Collection Center will allow the Health Department to enhance, promote, and expand the accessibility of hazardous materials and waste management services by targeting area households and small businesses. The Center is expected to be open in late summer or early fall of 2017.

In the past year, the Dental Clinic provided 11,632 patient visits. These visits represented an increase in services to low income uninsured children and adults, an increase in the number of children served, and an increase in services to racial and ethnic minorities when compared to the previous year.

WIC's client participation for the past year, was 4139, representing an 8.85% increase over the previous fiscal year. WIC's client participation at the satellite clinic at 27th and Cornhusker Highway increased by 21%.

Thank you to all of the staff of the Health Department for their dedication, service and commitment to the health of the citizens of our community.

*Judith A. Halstead*

### Mission

Protect and promote  
the public's health

### Vision

A well-supported  
public health  
system serving all  
people to achieve  
optimal health

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