

Mayor and Board of Health

2012-2013

A Message from Mayor Chris Beutler

A Message from the Board of Health President



Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

In 2013, I issued a five-year challenge to the people of Lincoln to become healthier by being more active, eating more fruits and vegetables and maintaining a healthy weight. It's part of our long-term goal to become the healthiest City in the nation. Every day, the efforts of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department are helping us to achieve that goal, and this annual report reflects the hard work and dedication of our public health professionals.

One of our priorities is establish medical and dental homes for low-income uninsured or under-insured minority clients. The department is leading the way through the Lancaster County Minority Health Initiative, which has helped 522 clients establish a medical home and 882 clients establish a dental home. Case management efforts are also helping general assistance patients exceed national benchmarks for successful control of high blood pressure and diabetes.

The department's work touched many areas of our lives. By offering responsible beverage server training through the UNL website, the department issued over 9,000 permits in eight months. Environmental Public Health staff worked with other departments to complete the Solid Waste Management Plan 2040 document. A Nebraska Environmental Trust grant is enabling the department to work with pharmacies to collect unused medications. Over a few very busy months, staff worked with over 25 new food establishments in the West Haymarket area and the Pinnacle Bank Arena on the review, inspection and permitting process.

This is a record of achievement that makes the whole community proud. These accomplishments would not be possible without the dedication of Health Department employees, the Board of Health and all those who serve on the department's advisory committees. I want to thank all those individuals who contributed to the excellent services that are keeping our community healthy.



Heidi Stark, DDS
President

We are extremely fortunate to live in a community which realizes the importance of public health and strives to be the healthiest city in America. Mayor Beutler and his staff take seriously the mission of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

I have spent time in developing countries and have experienced first-hand what it's like to live without the basic necessities we all take for granted. Lincoln and Lancaster County can be proud of the services that are provided and take note that communities around the United States are looking to us to set the standard of what healthy communities can and should look like.

Our role as the Board of Health is to come alongside the Health Department to learn and be accountable to our citizens to assure the resources are maximized with measurable outcomes. Health Director Judy Halstead and her talented team work diligently with our community partners to serve and find innovative ways to work toward making Lincoln the healthiest city in the nation. Please be assured that the people working for you are doing everything they can to make Lincoln and Lancaster County the very best possible place it can be.

We welcome your suggestions and look forward to the work before us.

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Health Director

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A Message from the Health Director



Judith A. Halstead, MS
Health Director

On behalf of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, I am pleased to share our 2013 Annual Report. During the past year, the Health Department has continued to work hard to improve the health of our community. We initiated a number of efforts which we believe have helped to promote and protect the public's health.

Through funding from the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln, and billing for services, the Dental Program expanded clinical hours until 8:00 pm. on Thursday evenings. During the past year, the staff provided 1199 additional patient visits to 535 patients during these 3.5 additional evening hours per week. Over 95% of these visits were children, our target population to be served between 4:30 and 8:00 pm.

Animal Control and the Capital Humane Society have worked together to improve service to the public by offering micro chip clinics, and increased efforts to spay, neuter, vaccinate and license pets. These services are offered collaboratively for pet owners to aid in compliance with local ordinances and to enhance options for low income pet owners. Grant funds for low income pet owners are available through the Health Department to help pay to spay or neuter animals.

The Health Department implemented electronic billing to Medicaid for medical and dental clinic billable services. This implementation speeds payment and has improved the accuracy of the billings.

General Assistance patients are exceeding national benchmarks for successful control of their high blood pressure and diabetes. Case management efforts of staff assure low to no-cost medications and diabetic supplies, pain management contracts lowering narcotic use when possible, and after hours access to reduce inappropriate emergency department use.

Making data more accessible to our partners and the public has been a priority and during the past year new dashboards have been created to share our data more easily.

Staff in our Disease Prevention Section of Environmental Health revamped our health and safety training for Child Care Providers and updated the online food handler training programs.

In the coming year, we will continue to focus our efforts on expanding access to care for vulnerable populations, improving our electronic access for the public, and working to safe guard the environment to protect the public's health!

Thanks to the staff of the Health Department for their commitment and dedication to the health of our community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Halstead".

Judith A. Halstead, MS
Health Director

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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Animal Control Division

Services & Programs

Protecting and promoting the health and safety needs of people and animals within the City of Lincoln. For a more complete list of services, click on the Animal Control Home Page box below.

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Licensing Your Pet](#)
- [Permits](#)
- [Lost and Found Animals](#)
- [Enforce City Animal Ordinances](#)
- [Bites and Attack Investigations Caused by Aggressive Animals](#)
- Investigate Animal Neglect and Cruelty Cases
- Impound Stray Dogs and Cats at the Capital Humane Society
- Assist and Care for Injured Animals
- Bats (Investigation, Removal and Testing)
- Rabies Testing and Investigation
- Wildlife
- [Responsible Pet Ownership and Education](#)
- Neuter Financial Assistance
- Emergency Response and Preparedness

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Animal Control Division

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

SERVICE STATISTICS

	FY 2010-II	FY 2011-I2	FY 2012-I3
Animal licenses sold	60,996	61,396	61,707
Calls dispatched/cases	22,534	24,241	23,704
Animals impounded (dogs, cats, other)	3,679	3,136	2,906
Dogs Impounded	1,917	1,657	1,579
Cats Impounded	1,629	1,388	1,220
Court citations issued	450	246	351
Warning/defect tickets issued	12,615*	14,384*	15,056
Bite/attack cases reported	581	548	516
Animal neglect investigations	822	724	788
Lost and found queries	2,335	2,425	2,443
Calls for information, service requests, and others	46,990	45,591	50,491
Wildlife removal	564	550	470
Injured animal responses	760	863	725
Dead animal pick up	1,964	2,239	1,994
Dogs declared potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious	153	85	100

*Reflects increased attention on delinquent pet license renewals

Community Health Services Division

Services & Programs

Connecting vulnerable populations to health care

- [Every Woman Matters Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening](#)
- [General Assistance Medical Clinic](#)
- [Vaccine Clinic](#)
- [Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic/HIV](#)
- [Presumptive Eligibility Medicaid for Pregnant Women](#)
- [Healthy Families America](#)

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Community Health Services Division

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

SERVICE STATISTICS

Public Health Clinics

	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
Visits for childhood vaccination	6,004	5,200	3,975
Childhood vaccines given	17,434	14,339	11,386
Visits for adult vaccination	1,490	1,282	1,356
Adult vaccines given	2,802	2,297	2,293
Visits to the Refugee Health Program	1,822	1,454	1,511
Visits to the General Assistance (GA) Medical Clinic	2,606	3,286	3,553
Visits to the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic	1,341	1,231	883

Maternal-Child Health Services

Clinic visits connecting pregnant women to prenatal care	702	727	502
Home visits to pregnant women and infants	5,390	5,469	6,014
Homeless Individuals Vaccinated	281	433	467
Vaccines Given to Homeless Individuals	368	632	559

Dental Health & Nutrition Services

Services & Programs

Good nutrition and oral health are essential components of overall health. This division provides education, risk assessment, and treatment and referral services.

Dental Health Services

- Children and Adult Clinic Services
- Educational Presentations for Children and Adults
- School and Neighborhood-based Dental Screenings
- Outreach through Community Partners

WIC Services

- Health and Nutrition Information
- Breastfeeding Support
- Healthy Foods
- Community Resources

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Dental Health & Nutrition Services

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

SERVICE STATISTICS

Dental Health Services

FY 2010-11 FY 2011-12 FY 2012-13

Dental Division clients served 3,231 3,464 3,509

Dental Division clinic visits 8,896 9,956 10,587

- 58% are of racial and ethnic minorities, non-English
- 52% are Medicaid enrolled
- 34% fall at or below 100% of poverty, uninsured, without assistance
- 3% fall at or below 100% of poverty, enrolled in General Assistance
- 12% fall in a range of 100%-200% of poverty, receiving services on a sliding scale
- 56% children of total clients served

Children and adults reached through community outreach activities targeting high risk populations 1,978 1,109 725

Children receiving school screenings and referrals 5,352 4,673 5,661

- 5,616 children were screened in 37 Lincoln public elementary schools, targeting children that have not reported seeing a dentist in the past 12 months. An additional 45 children were screened from rural schools. Program is in collaboration with Lincoln Public Schools and volunteer community dentists. 172 children were identified with urgent dental needs.

WIC/Nutrition Services

Clients seen in WIC Health and Nutrition Program 6,864 6,797 6,687

of people receiving vouchers 46,075 44,729 44,029

WIC supplemental foods issued in dollars \$1,878,025 \$1,869,777 \$1,940,787

Environmental Public Health Division

Services & Programs

Assuring healthy environments, preventing illness and disease, and safeguarding the natural environment upon which life depends

- [Food Handler Classes and Training](#)
- [Food Safety and Inspections](#)
- [Food Sanitation and Disease Prevention](#)
- [Safe Water](#)
- [Well Water and Septic Systems](#)
- [Pool and Spa Safety](#)
- [Clean Air](#)
- [Indoor Air Quality](#)
- [Body Art](#)
- Emergency Response - (402) 441-8000
- [Hazardous Waste Collections](#)
- [Litter Reduction and Recycling](#)
- Illegal Dumping and Clean-ups - Rural (402) 441-8022
- [Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful](#)
- Public Health Nuisance Complaints and Follow-ups - (402) 441-8022
- [Children's Environmental Health](#)
- [Child Care Inspections and Consultations](#)

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Environmental Public Health Division

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

SERVICE STATISTICS

	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
Foodhandler permits issued	10,089	13,188	12,795
Food establishment inspections performed	2,301	2,466	2,360
On-site consultation at food establishments	255	205	244
Food managers trained at food manager seminars	315	302	355
Food Enforcement Notices issued	63	58	75
Foodborne illness complaints	44	43	77
Child care facility inspections	187	112	131
Child care providers trained in health, safety, etc.	882	878	796
Water well and sewage system inspections performed	747	912	790
Land use proposals reviewed	147	132	152
Water well permits issued	550	550	604
Onsite wastewater permits issued	139	117	147
Drinking water samples collected from private wells	1,031	918	841
Swimming pool and spa inspections	522	502	544
Property transfers reviewed for well/sewage system	147	180	200
Illegal dumping report on county roads	134	99	80
High priority public health nuisance complaints	941	676	416
Participants attending the Earth Wellness Festival	3,000	3,000	3,000
Air pollution compliance inspections	172	138	197
Asbestos removal inspections	124	170	128
Poor indoor air quality investigations	186	143	119
Special waste permits issued	981	1,113	1,004
Pounds of hazardous waste collected from households	78,679	84,276	78,506
Emergency response events for hazardous materials spills	133	149	135

Health Data & Evaluation Division

Services & Programs

Communicable disease and epidemiology staff engage in the prevention, investigation and control of reportable diseases and outbreaks. Other staff members manage and coordinate grants used to acquire resources as well as plan and prepare responders and hospitals for public health emergencies throughout the 16-county region of southeast Nebraska.

Data on health status, including births and deaths as well as lifestyle and risk behaviors, are collected and maintained by our Epidemiology/GIS staff members. Data and reports may be found by clicking the “Health Data and Reports” link below. The most up-to-date data is available and within the dashboards listed below.

■ [Communicable Disease](#)

- [2003-2012 Reportable Diseases Summary](#)
- [Weekly Flu Activity](#)
- [Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Summary 2003-2012](#)

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- [BRFSS Dashboard](#)
- [Vital Statistics Dashboard](#)

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Health Promotion & Outreach Division

Services & Programs

Enriching the lives of people of all cultures so that individuals are empowered to assume responsibility for their own health.

- [Chronic Disease Reduction](#)
 - [I23ActionNow Diabetes Prevention](#)
 - [Tobacco Prevention](#)
 - [Lincoln in Motion - Physical Activity](#)
- [Injury Prevention/Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County](#)
- [Early Development Network](#)
(helping families and young children with disabilities)
- [Summer Food Service Program](#)

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Health Promotion & Outreach Division

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	SERVICE STATISTICS		
Childhood Injury Prevention	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
Children and families receiving child safety seat education	1,638	1,750	2,158
Children participating in bicycle and pedestrian safety education	1,345*	900*	2,700
Tobacco Prevention and Education			
Companies with smoke-free campuses	53	54	54
Minority Health			
Minority patients assisted to establish a medical home	311	319	522
Minority patients assisted to establish a dental home	646	820	882
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)			
SFSP sites operated in Lancaster County	32	29	33
Breakfasts & lunches served through SFSP/# of days	112,519/52	91,835/52	91,800/52
Early Development Network			
Referrals to the Early Development Services Coordination Program	974	925	935

*Numbers reflect children participating in bicycle safety rodeos

Information & Fiscal Management Division

Services & Programs

Information Management

The Division of Information and Fiscal Management provides core fiscal and information infrastructure for all Department programs. This is accomplished through:

- Availability: Making sure that information technology resources are organized and allocated so they are available and accessible to programs and staff engaged in accomplishing Department goals.
- Analyze and interpret data: Information is tracked, organized and reported to meet all programs, fiscal and legal requirements and to support strategic planning and decision-making.
- Provide information: Provide reports and access to fiscal, service encounter, assessment and surveillance information.
- Workforce Development: Assist staff to acquire the skills needed to efficiently and effectively access and use information to meet program and department objectives.
- Integration: Provide tools to bring information from the varied sources together so that staff can access and use it to support their activities.

Fiscal Management

Fiscal Operations Section keeps the attention and the focus on what is the most effective use of resources to achieve the Department's goals. Activities include: budgeting, revenue collection, payment of expenses, grant monitoring, audit, fiscal oversight, permitting and billing, and fiscal reporting. Fiscal and budget decisions are based on community input, department and program strategic direction, and analysis of program impact on the health status of the population.

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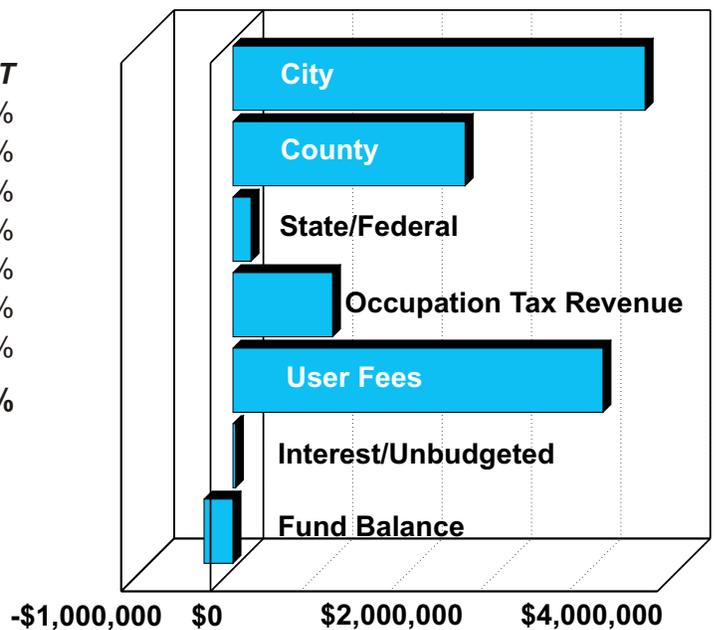
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City/County Budgeted Funds:

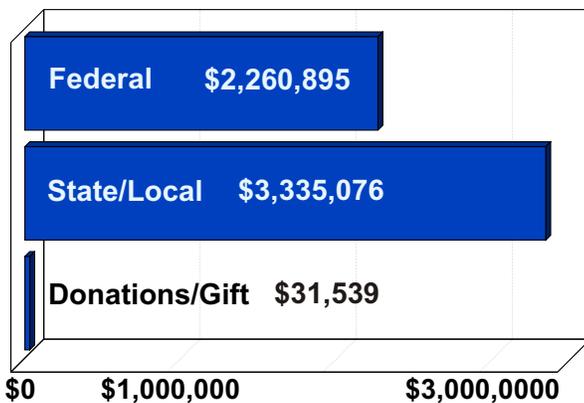
REVENUE BY SOURCE

SOURCE	TOTAL	PERCENT
City	\$4,721,948	36.49%
County	\$2,595,828	20.06%
State/Federal	\$ 241,930	1.87%
Occupation Tax Revenue	\$1,150,212	8.89%
User Fees	\$4,368,487	33.76%
Interest/Unbudgeted	\$ 18,882	0.15%
Fund Balance	(\$ 156,650)	-1.21%
TOTAL	\$12,940,637	100.00%

Revenue by Source FY 2012-2013



Grant Revenue by Source



Miscellaneous Health Grants:

REVENUE BY GRANT SOURCE

Revenue (9/1/12-8/31/13)	\$ 5,627,510
Federal	\$ 2,260,895
State/Local	\$ 3,335,076
Donations/Gift	\$ 31,539

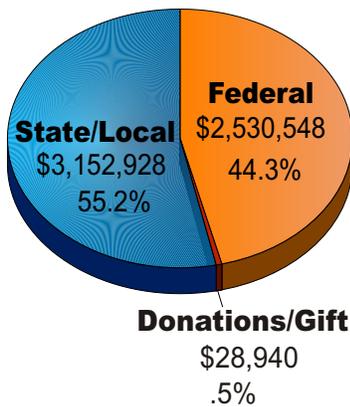
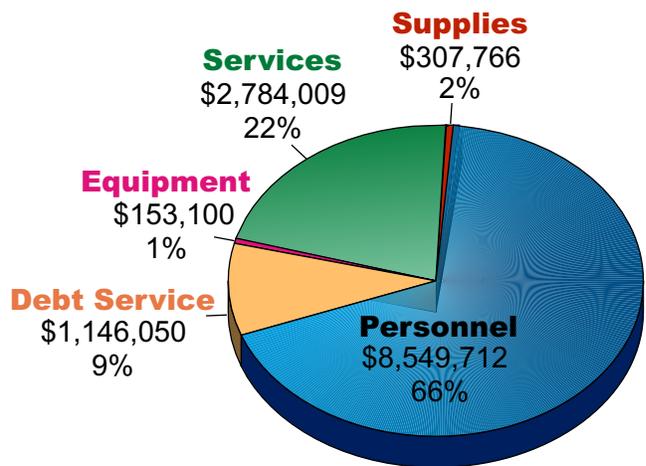
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Expenditures

City/County Budgeted Funds:

EXPENDITURE BY CATEGORY

	TOTAL	PERCENT
Personnel	\$8,549,712	66.07%
Supplies	\$ 307,766	2.38%
Services	\$2,784,009	21.51%
Equipment	\$ 153,100	1.18%
Debt Service	\$1,146,050	8.86%
TOTAL	\$12,940,637	100.00%



Miscellaneous Health Grant Funds:

EXPENDITURE BY GRANT SOURCE

September 1, 2012 - August 31, 2013

Total Expenditures	\$5,712,416
Federal	\$2,530,548
State/Local	\$3,152,928
Donations/Gift	\$ 28,940