

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
January 14, 2014

## I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Doug Emery, Karla Lester, Mike Tavlin, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Michelle Petersen arrived at 5:07 PM

Members Absent: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Jacquelyn Miller, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio) and Rick Hoppe (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Steve Frederick, Joyce Jensen and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Jane Raybould and Nancy Hicks.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by acclamation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. Moved by Mr. Emery that the December 10, 2013 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by acclamation.

## III. PUBLIC SESSION

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff are preparing proposed revisions to the Lincoln Municipal Code regarding swimming pools. The changes will be presented to the Board of Health in the near future.

Ms. Halstead is working with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation on "Aging Out" of foster care initiative. She noted it is important to assure these

individuals have the life skills needed to become self-sufficient members of the community when they no longer fall under the State’s jurisdiction (ages 19—26 years).

Staff are preparing the Department’s budget request for 2014-2016. She and Ms. Cook have met with each division. The budget will be submitted to the City Finance Department on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Interlocal Agreements with the Lancaster County cities and villages are being finalized and approved by the Lincoln City Council.

Staff are working with City and County officials on revisions to personnel policies regarding prohibiting the use of Electronic Cigarettes on City and County work time and in City and County buildings.

Dr. Stark asked Mr. Frederick about innovative ways to get more high school students to respond to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Staff continue to work with Lincoln Public Schools to increase the number of respondents to the survey.

Mr. Frederick provided an update on Influenza and Pertussis cases in the community. He stated there have been 2 confirmed deaths due to Influenza in Lancaster County. Pertussis cases have doubled locally this year. He reminded members it is not too late to obtain an influenza vaccine. Ms. Haberman also reminded members to receive booster shots for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Food Advisory Committee Appointments

Ms. Jensen stated two vacancies exist on the Food Advisory Committee. Staff are proposing the appointment of Linda Dennis and Andrew Tipton to the Committee. Both individuals have agreed to serve if appointed.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Tavlin that the Board of Health approve the appointment of Linda Dennis and Andrew Tipton to the Food Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Emery. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislation the department is following. Several bills of interest to the Department include: 1) LB695 – requiring an affidavit relating to Radon levels at a child care location; 2) LB807 – Changing safety belt laws and texting laws from secondary enforcement to primary enforcement; 3) LB812 – Eliminating the Inheritance Tax; 4) LB861 – Banning

the sale of E Cigarettes to minors; and 5) LB887 – Adopting the Wellness in Nebraska Act – Medicaid Expansion. Ms. Halstead will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health.

B. 54321Go Program Update

Ms. Burke and Mr. Humm provided an update on the 54321Go Program. The Program's goal is to reduce childhood obesity in the community. The Department partners with Teach A Kid 2 Fish and other key partners in the community. Lincoln was also recognized as a "Let's Move City" by the National League of Cities and First Lady Michelle Obama. Mr. Humm reviewed the Mayor's Health Challenge for the community which includes decreasing the obesity rate among adults, increasing the percentage of youth at a healthy weight, increasing physical activity among adults and youth in the community, and increasing the percentage of adults and youth who eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. The Department recently expanded the program with a two-year grant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

C. Minority Health Initiative Update

Mr. Humm provided an update on the Minority Health Initiative and its programs. The Department receives funding from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and contracts with partners in the community to provide the services. Key partners are the Asian Center, Malone Center, El Centro de Las Americas, Clinic With a Heart, the Lancaster County Medical Society, People's Health Center, MilkWorks and the UNMC College of Dentistry. Mr. Humm reviewed the Minority Health Initiative's Annual Report including the demographics, number of clients served and risk reduction goals. Ms. Raybould asked about the People's City Mission and whether they are part of the Initiative. They are not part of the Initiative in part because they do not want to accept government funding for their efforts.

D. Wellness Update

Ms. Burke provided an update on wellness activities in the City and County. Employees had the opportunity to participate in the LiveWell Survey (the health risk appraisal used by the City and the County). She reviewed survey aggregate highlights for the City of Lincoln and noted improvements in each area. Lancaster County employees participated for the first time this past year.

The City Wellness Committee continues to meet and has developed a Wellness Plan and set priorities. They worked with Lin PepCo, the company who supplies the vending machines in City and County facilities, to include "FitPick" snacks in the vending machines. The City-County Purchasing Department is also reviewing vending contracts to assure all City & County employees can obtain Fit Pick snacks at a reduced cost.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – February 11, 2014 – 5:00 PM  
Educare Site Visit – February 27, 2014 – 11:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President

