As the new Health Director, I am delighted to lead the Lincoln- Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) and share our 2017 Annual Report. The accomplishments achieved by this amazing staff before I arrived are impressive. I encourage you to read each division's individual report for program highlights found on our website homepage.

When I started in September, I told staff I would take my time in learning the "3Ps"- People, Processes, and Programs internally and externally. It’s been great getting to know staff and becoming more acquainted with what’s going on in the City and County. Now, I'm eager to learn from and engage with the community to find out how we can better serve you, and together with the public health system, help you achieve optimal health.

My years of experience in public health practice, community health planning, and healthcare management have made me passionate about improving health outcomes for all populations and empowering people to be a leader for the public's health.

As I reflect on the Department's many accomplishments in 2017, the following attributes will carry us forward in 2018:

- A passionate, dedicated, highly respected and skilled workforce;
- Strong partnerships and relationships with community and key partners;
- Support from local government

Thank you LLCHD staff for protecting and promoting the public's health!

You know you're living on purpose when you're doing what you love at the right time, with the right people, at the right place, and I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish together in 2018!

Shawn M. Foster