

# Health Director

2017-2018

## A Message from the Health Director



What an exciting year! I am pleased to share our 2018 Annual Report. Our awesome and dedicated staff have been busy delivering exceptional services, collaborating with City, County, and community partners, and assuring we have resources available to meet the needs of a growing city. I encourage you to visit our website to read each Division's report.

During 2018, we engaged in a year-long strategic planning process with staff and the Board of Health to set our direction for the next three years. Our overarching focus question was "How will Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department continue to deliver sustainable public health, develop relationships, and maintain successful product delivery in the next three years?" The process involved looking back at our past accomplishments and setbacks, our present strengths and weaknesses, and our future risks and opportunities.

This led us to develop four organizational strategic directions: 1) Community and Governance Engagement, 2) Create a Culture of Diverse, Innovative and Responsive Teams, 3) Effective Communication and Brand Recognition, and 4) Leveraging Data and Technology to Improve Public Health. Additionally, achieving health equity and fostering a culture of customer engagement will be incorporated within each strategic direction. I look forward to sharing our goals and Strategic Plan with you in the new year.

We were also successful in our efforts to explain our budgetary needs and challenges during the Mayor's biennial budget process. Having adequate resources assures our ability to promote and maintain a healthy community. A healthy community is more than merely an absence of disease. A healthy community enables all residents to maintain a high quality of life and productivity, monitors health status, assures a healthy environment, offers access to health care services, supports vulnerable populations, and invests in the built environment. Thank you, Mayor, City Council, and County Commissioners for your investment in the health of the community!

Thank you LLCHD staff for another year of promoting and protecting the public's health! I'm excited about where we're headed, and it wouldn't be possible without YOU!

### 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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