

Mayor & Board of Health

A Message From Mayor Chris Beutler



Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

Thank you for your interest in public health. This annual report on the vital programs, projects and services of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department demonstrates how this group of dedicated individuals works every day to live by its motto: "Public Health: Every One, Every Day, Every Where."

Keeping our community healthy depends on a solid core of public health services, and I want to thank Health Department employees, the Board of Health and all those who serve on the department's many advisory committees for their dedication. This work includes critical disease prevention efforts - communicable illness surveillance and providing access to immunizations. It includes the work to keep our air and water clean. And we can all take pride in the partnerships that have been formed to make sure that all residents have access to medical and dental homes and that the community provide a "safety net" for all needing care.

I want to commend the Health Department for expanding services to meet the changing needs of the community and for its willingness to share important data resources with other City and County departments.

The Health Department continues to play a key role in making this a great community to live, work and raise families. Congratulations on another outstanding year!

A Message From the Board of Health President



Karla Lester, MD
President

Welcome to the 2011 Annual Report highlighting the activities of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Our Board of Health has received national attention due to the work of Dr. Ed Schneider, who served as 2011 National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) President. A committee of the Lincoln Lancaster County Board of Health, under the leadership of Dr. Schneider, has served as a Beta test site for NALBOH, determining our Board's role in the Ten Essential Services of Public Health. As public health departments across the country prepare to undergo an accreditation process, the Board of Health is committed to supporting our Health Department throughout the process.

The Health Department has taken the lead in our community's MAPP (Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships) process, with the goal of developing a Community Health Improvement Plan. Our Board of Health has been involved in the MAPP process and looks forward to promoting the implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Under Judy Halstead's directorship, each of the divisions has developed a list of indicators to serve as an overall goal and quality improvement measure. Board of Health members volunteer to work with all of the divisions of the LLCHD.

The 2011 Annual Report is only a highlight of the activities of the Health Department, which works to advocate for improving the public health of all of our community's citizens, with a great level of expertise and efficient use of resources.

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