

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**MAYOR**

**III. DIRECTORS**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of January 8, 2013.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department January, 2013 report.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. List of administrative approvals by the Planning Director from February 5, 2013 through February 11, 2013.
2. New planning reports of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department now online.

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Peter W. Katt correspondence in disagreement with putting the amendment on the ballot of the Mayor, City Council, Department heads having contracts with the city while serving. Put the Fairness Ordinance to a vote of the people as it is of greater significance.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
January 8, 2013

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Karla Lester at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present: Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Lisa Peterson, Brent Smoyer, Heidi Stark, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.

Members Absent: Ed Schneider, Marcia White, and Trish Owen (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Charlotte Burke, Brian Baker, Scott Holmes, Gwendy Meginnis, Kathy Cook; Andrea Haberman, Steve Beal, Lauren Huckabee, Raju Kakarlapudi, and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Nancy Hicks.

Dr. Lester welcomed Dr. Doster to the Board of Health. Ms. Burke introduced Ms. Huckabee, UNL Dietetic Intern.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Moved by Dr. Peterson that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Stark. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Lester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Smoyer that the December 11, 2012 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated flu activity continues to increase in the community. The

Department issued a news release on January 8<sup>th</sup> encouraging individuals to get their flu vaccinations. Lancaster County has reported two deaths due to influenza.

Ms. Halstead stated the 2013 Legislative session begins on January 9, 2013. The Department will be reviewing and following legislation during the session. She noted the Board of Health will be seeing more County level activities reported in the Board materials. We continue to have many services provided in the County but haven't always been reporting on the County initiatives. We will be doing more of this going forward.

Ms. Halstead stated Division Managers will review their Division goals later on in the meeting. She noted goals for the Department for the coming year include continue to enhance our use of data and outcomes, providing good customer service including being responsive and taking initiative to better serve the public and continue to be fiscally conservative and review all positions and major purchases..

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

##### V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

###### A. Essential Service #9 - Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality of Personal and Population-Based Health Services

Mr. Frederick provided an update on Essential Service #9. He stated evaluation involves gathering information, measuring outcomes, and determining whether the outcomes show the objectives were met. Evaluation helps determine whether we are doing the right thing by following best practices, whether clients are satisfied, and if we are getting the results we are looking for. He stated the Department completed the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Partnership & Planning) assessment process as well as the National Public Health Performance Standards to evaluate whether we are meeting the performance standards of the Ten Essential Services. This assessment analyzed information on health status and service utilization and indicators revealed several findings locally including: obesity & diabetes are on the rise, STIs are increasing, access to care continues to be a problem and people are utilizing preventive screenings at an increased rate. He stated the Department evaluates nearly every program and evaluation drives resource allocation and program improvement.

###### B. Possible Upcoming Legislation That May Impact Public Health

Ms. Halstead previewed the upcoming legislative session noting several areas/issues the Department will be following. They include 1) Medicaid expansion; 2) repeal of the Inheritance Tax; 3) Senator Bill Avery's proposed legislation to assess sales tax on sugar sweetened beverages in an effort to prevent obesity in children; 4) the Public Health Association of Nebraska's efforts to add State aid to local health departments to increase funding for prevention programs; 5) increase in the tobacco tax; and 6) seatbelts and motorcycle helmet requirements. She will continue to provide legislative updates to the Board of Health at the monthly meetings.

###### C. Safe Kids Injury Prevention Update

Mr. Baker provided an update on the Safe Kids Injury Prevention Program. The Department joined the Safe Kids Program in 1995. Staffing is provided to several Task Forces. They include: 1) Pedestrian & Bike Safety; 2) Fire and Burn Safety; 3) Home Safety; 4) Sports Injury Prevention; 5) Water Safety; 6) Child Passenger Safety. Initiatives include bike helmets, safety recalls, landlord training for fire and burn safety, education on choking, and providing clinics for coaches on sports injuries.

Dr. Peterson asked whether the program was on Facebook. She suggested providing information to the schools on Facebook as another way to get information to teachers, parents, students, and the general public.

D. Environmental Health Proposed Regulation Changes

Mr. Holmes stated the Environmental Health Division is working with the Law Department and County Attorney's Office on proposed changes to several environmental health regulations. They include the Swimming Pool and Spa ordinances; the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program regulations; and Child Care Center regulations. The proposed regulation changes will be presented to the Board of Health within the next six months.

E. 2013 Goals

Ms. Halstead stated the Division Managers will present their division goals for the coming year.

Environmental Public Health - Mr. Holmes - Goals include the Responsible Beverage Server Training Program, the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Plan recommendations and the Food & Drug Administration grant regarding food safety consultations.

Dental & Nutrition Services - Ms. Meginnis - Goals include the extended hours evening clinic, working with the dental outreach community and the schools to improve reporting by parents; WIC Program - working with Family Services Association on an improved marketing program to assure individuals who are eligible are receiving services and working with the Healthy Lincoln Breastfeeding Initiative to promote breastfeeding.

Health Promotion & Outreach - Ms. Burke - Goals include expanding the 54321 Program, expand the Living Well Program, continue the Tobacco Program with emphasis on smoke-free housing, business campuses and school campuses, implement the teen Distracted Driver Program in the Injury Prevention Program and expand the Bicycle Education Program.

Information & Fiscal Management - Ms. Cook - Coordinate and manage the implementation of the Accela Computer program and the Voice Over Internet Phone System; revise policies and procedures relating to information technology, adapt our software to measure outcomes better than we do now, update the laboratory interfaces with electronic orders, and address the information technology needs in Animal Control.

Community Health Services - Ms. Mason - Accreditation through the Healthy Families America Program, address the high chlamydia rates and reinfection rates, increase Medicaid billing, reclassification of positions in the Division, increase access to care.

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Health Data & Evaluation - Mr. Frederick - Behavior Risk Factor Survey, increase the ability to provide mobile applications on smart phones, and maintain the partnerships we have established with our Emergency Preparedness partners

Animal Control - Mr. Beal - Increase awareness of the public health connection and Animal Control, improve customer service, work with Information Management on assessing the need for data management in dispatch, continue relationship building with the Capital Humane Society, implement a pet licensing campaign with the Capital Humane Society, increase revenues to support operations; continue cleanup of ordinances relative to regulations and enforcement, and work on GPS technology regarding vehicle and officer location.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

Dr. Schneider requested information on Vital Statistics for the February meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting - February 12, 2013 - 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark  
Vice-President

# **DEPARTMENT REPORT JANUARY, 2013**

## **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

- The Health Director continues to coordinate state legislative activities for the Department and the Mayor's Office. She meets weekly with the Mayor's Office's Legislative Review Team. An update will be provided at the February Board of Health Meeting.
- Welcome to new Board of Health member, Roma Amundson. She represents the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. The Health Director provided a tour of the Health Department and overview of Department services to Commissioner Amundson.
- The Health Director serves on the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees and is a member of the Funding Committee. The Committee is reviewing grant proposals for future funding from the Community Health Endowment.
- The Health Director coordinated a News Conference on February 1, 2013 to discuss Medicaid expansion. Mayor Beutler, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and local health and hospital officials are supporting the bill to expand Medicaid services. The Bill (LB577) was introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell.
- The Health Director continues to serve on the Community Mental Health Center Invitation to Negotiate Committee. Lancaster County will transition behavioral health services from the Community Mental Health Center to private providers in the community in the near future.
- The Health Director and several staff attended the Martin King, Jr. Freedom Breakfast on January 18, 2013.
- The Health Director and Division Managers continue to meet with Lincoln Fire & Rescue management staff to continue their efforts to enhance collaboration between the two agencies.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Animal Control Stats

	<b>Sep 10 -Dec 10</b>	<b>Sep 11- Dec 11</b>	<b>Sep 12- Dec 12</b>
<b>Pet Licenses Sold</b>	19,178	19,181	20,121

<b>Cases Dispatched</b>	5522	7330	7907
<b>Investigation</b>	6191	7915	8381
<b>Animals Impounded</b>			
<b>Dogs</b>	624	540	498
<b>Cats</b>	677	573	401
<b>Court Citations Issued</b>	173	73	118
<b>Warnings/Defects Issued</b>	1459	4020	5310
<b>Bite Cases Reported</b>	135	151	147
<b>Attack Cases Reported</b>	24	12	17
<b>Dogs Declared (PPD, DD,V)</b>	57	25	26
<b>Animal Neglect Investigations</b>	218	172	212
<b>Injured Animal Rescue</b>	208	261	221
<b>Wildlife Removal</b>	128	135	141
<b>Dead Animal Pickup</b>	573	776	651
<b>Lost and Found Reports</b>	750	772	852
<b>Phone Calls</b>	13899	15011	16324
<b>Average Response Time (in mins)</b>	24	16	12

- The Animal Control Advisory Committee will meet on February 19, 2013 to discuss and hear reviews on upcoming Legislation applicable to animals, discuss the current Dangerous Dog and Potentially Dangerous dog status and owner compliance and discuss potential changes that may be proposed to the Board of Health and City Council this fall regarding the Animal Control Ordinances.
- Animal Control staff responded to several media calls regarding a Bengal cat that was seen running at large in northeast Lincoln. Interviews were done with KOLN-KGIN and the Journal Star. Animal Control Officers set traps in the areas the cat was reported but were unsuccessful at catching the cat.
- Fewer dogs and cats are being taken to the Capital Humane Society, a positive trend that we hope continues. The statistics are included as part of this report and highlight the first four months of each fiscal year for the last 3 fiscal years.
- The Division Manager met with Dr. Doster on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the UN-L East Campus. He toured the veterinary and biomedical sciences facilities and discussed current trends and activities regarding Animal Control.

- The Director of the Capital Humane Society, a Deputy Sheriff and the Animal Control Manager met on January 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss situations that may arise in the county and involve our agencies and organizations.
- The Office Manager and Division Manager are reviewing the current mainframe and dispatch system used in Animal Control. This review includes assessing the pros and cons of the current system and what would be desirable with a different system. The review has determined that the mainframe system we are currently using has served the Department very well over the past 20 years, however new technologies like auto vehicle location, GPS, and advances in detailed pet owner information have made it important to look at future trends and needs for Animal Control operations.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

### CHS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

<b>Diabetes Control of General Assistance Patients</b>			
<b>Good Glycemic Control</b> = Hemoglobin A1C less than 7%			
<b>Adequate Glycemic Control</b> = Hemoglobin A1C less than 8%			
<b>Poor Glycemic Control</b> = Hemoglobin A1C greater than 9%			
<b>Hemoglobin A1C</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Poor</b>
HEDIS 2010 (Medicaid Population)*	<b>34.7%</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>44.0%</b>
<b>General Assistance Patients</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Poor</b>
06/01/2011 through 05/31/2012	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
09/01/2011 through 08/31/2012	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>
12/01/2011 through 11/30/2012	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>58.1%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>

Please note: Patients with good glycemic control are also included in the category of adequate control. Also note that there is a gap between the categories of adequate control and poor control, so that patients with Hemoglobin A1C readings between 8 and 9 are not categorized.

<b>Hypertension Control of General Assistance Population</b>	
<b>Controlled Blood Pressure</b> = less than 140/90	
<b>Blood Pressure</b>	<b>Controlled</b>
HEDIS 2010 (Medicaid Population)*	<b>55.6%</b>
<b>General Assistance Patients</b>	<b>Controlled</b>
6/01/2011 through 05/31/2012	<b>58.9%</b>



9/01/2011 through 08/31/2012	<b>61.1%</b>
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\*The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a widely used set of [performance measures](#) in the [managed care](#) industry, developed and maintained by the [National Committee for Quality Assurance](#) (NCQA). HEDIS was designed to allow consumers to compare health plan performance to other plans and to national or regional benchmarks. The General Assistance Medical Clinic compares its client outcomes to the HEDIS benchmarks for clients covered by Medicaid with the same medical diagnoses of diabetes and/or hypertension.

## DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### WIC

From the National WIC Association: Analyzing data from 30 states and the District of Columbia, [researchers discovered](http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1487493) (<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1487493>) that the obesity rate for children ages 2 to 4 years old enrolled in WIC declined between 2003 and 2010 from 15.2% to 14.9%. The extreme obesity rate declined from 2.22% to 2.07% during the same time period. For more information, read the [New York Times article](#) – “Study Finds Modest Declines In Obesity Rates Among Young Children From Poor Families – Author – Sabrina Tavernise – Printed- December 25, 2012.

WIC participation for the month of December:

#### Caseload (Participation): (301 report)

<b>Total</b>	3642
<b>Main</b>	2787
<b>LMEP</b>	262
<b>Cornhusker Clinic</b>	593

#### Food: For August 2012

<b>Food Monthly Obligations</b>	\$222,564.86
<b>Food Pkg Avg.</b>	\$ 60.60
<b>Women</b>	\$ 39.68
<b>Infants</b>	\$ 138.23
<b>Children</b>	\$ 40.67

### Dental

- During the month of December, the dental staff provided 781 patient visits for 512 patients. Of the 512 clients served, 291 were children (57%), 58% Medicaid enrolled, 32% fell at or below 100% of poverty (includes 3% General Assistance Enrolled), and 10% falling in the range of 101% - 200% of poverty.
- Outreach activities for the month included screening 161 Fredstrom Elementary children that had not reported seeing a dentist in the past 12 months.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Program Area : Child Care Health and Safety**

#### **Specific Program: Child Care Inspections and Provider Training**

**Child Care Health and Safety Goals:** Protect children, child care providers and our community by reducing the risk communicable disease outbreaks and injuries in child care.

#### **Methods/Strategies:**

- conduct uniform inspections
- conduct new and remodeled facility plan review
- issue permits, collect fees
- provide compliance and health and safety consultation
- investigate complaints and illness outbreaks
- take enforcement actions (NOVs, FENs, Court cases)
- provide child care provider training

**Indicator:** Inspect 95% of child care facilities within established intervals.

**Funding/Source:** 53% of the field staff time is funded through fees and grants.

**Comparison:** Environmental Health Specialists (~0.35 FTE) inspect about 150 child care centers and before/after school programs. In FY12, 112 health and safety inspections were conducted in child care centers. Our Child Care Health Consultant (0.78 FTE) provided training to 783 child care providers on health and safety, and 132 attended special topics trainings, such as on Integrated Pest Management of Bed Bugs and Roaches. Over 160 child care facilities were reached with education and consultation/technical assistance. Our performance indicator is to inspect 95% of facilities within established intervals. This goal was not met in FY12 due to work required to implement our new information system (Accela Automation), which required significant time from inspection staff, and the need to conduct food establishment inspections at mandated frequencies. Child care center staff are required to have two hours of health and safety training, which LLCHD offers twice a month. LLCHD does not inspect State licensed Child Care Homes.

This past year the Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed new child care facility regulations. LLCHD provided written recommendations on the proposed regulations, some of which were incorporated. Nebraska was recently ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. on the adequacy of child

care regulations. LLCHD’s Child Care Program is working on local regulations which would provide a higher level of health and safety protection than the State. Staff will involve stakeholders, such as child care center directors, in this process. The resulting regulations will be brought to the Board of Health for review.

**Program Area : Food Safety**

**Specific Program: Food Manager and Food Handler Training**

**Food Safety Goals:** Protect human health by reducing the risk of foodborne illness.

**Methods/Strategies:** Provide food handler training in safe food preparation, hygiene, and sanitization

**Indicator:** Maintain number of food safety complaints at less than 325 per year and food-borne illness reports at less than 50 per year.

Decrease the average number of critical item violations by 5%.

Decrease the average number of regular violations by 5%.

**Funding:** The Food Manager and Food Handler Training is 100% fee funded.

**Description:** Training food managers and food handlers in safe food handling practices, hygiene, and sanitization is critical to preventing foodborne illnesses in our community. Food handler training and permits are available both on-line through an interactive training program developed with UNL and via in-person classes. About two thirds of the food handlers were obtained on-line. Food handler classes are offered at least twice a week and Spanish classes are offered twice per month.

**Food Handler and Food Manager Permits Issued**

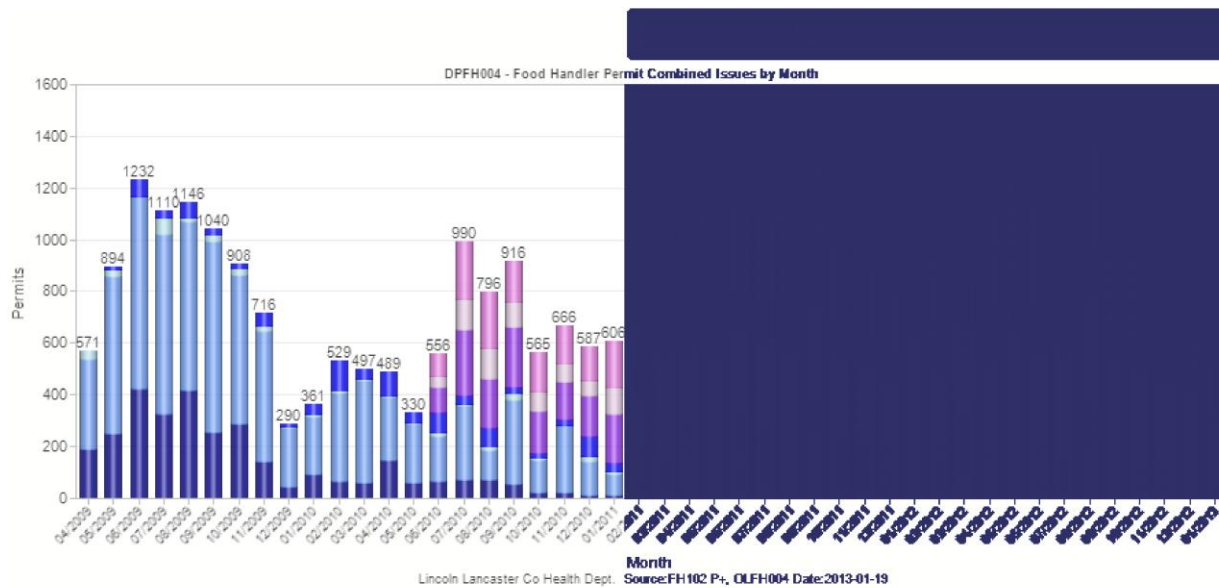
	FY10	FY11	FY12
FH In-Person			2,845
FH On-line			9,620
Food Manager			723
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,024</b>	<b>10,089</b>	<b>13,188</b>

**Critical Item (CIV) and non-Critical Item Violations (non-CIV) for Restaurants**

Violation Type	FY10	FY11	FY12
CIV Average	1.51	1.43	1.76
Non-CIV Average	4.94	4.45	5.0

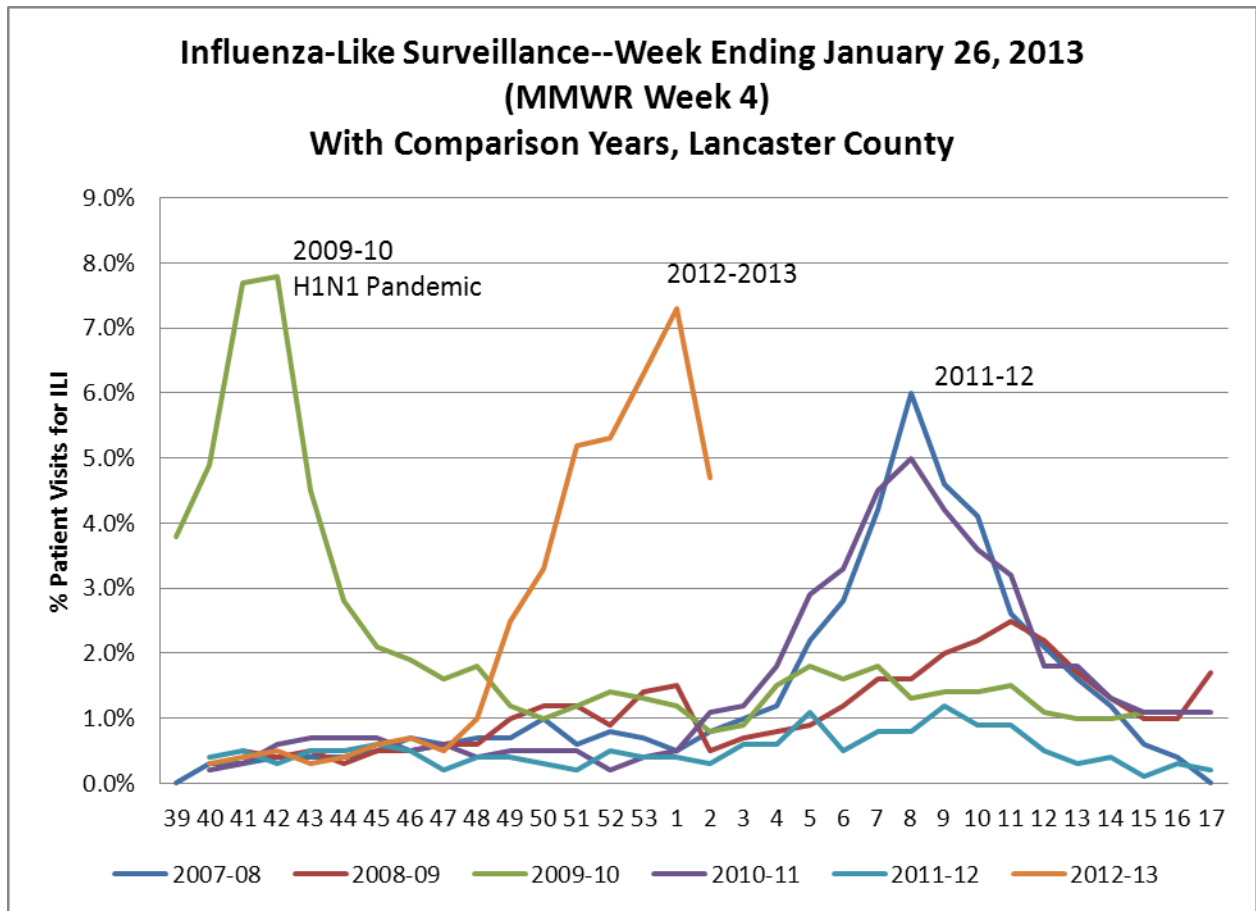
Note: The differences between years are not statistically significant.

The graph below depicts how many food handlers and food managers are trained each month.



## HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The flu season this year has been unusual both in its early start and also in that it is uncertain whether or not a peak has been reached. Most flu seasons peak in February and flu cases generally show up into April and May. Tim Timmons e-mails his weekly flu updates about the local flu situation and the graph below reveals that, in terms of the percentage of provider visits, through January 19, 2013 (latest available), we had not reached a peak and the percent of provider visits for flu has approached a level of visits comparable to the 2009 H1N1 pandemic flu. Lincoln’s hospitals have also been crowded with patients who have the flu. Unfortunately, while most cases are mild, so far there have been ten deaths associated with the flu in the state. If the peak has been reached, hopefully the number of cases will drop as rapidly as their numbers rose, but that is not a prediction as flu seasons are unpredictable and so it is difficult to forecast exactly how the next several months will look in terms of flu cases.



- The CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) is nearly completed—in the final draft stage. Each of the committees that worked on the priority issues did a great job and we have met with the hospitals to align their required community health needs assessment with the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships) and CHIP outcomes. A meeting of the MAPP/CHIP Steering Committee will be scheduled in February to get approval and perhaps enlist more partners into the CHIP action plan.

## HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

### HPO Chronic Disease and Minority Health

- Staff is working with the City’s Channel 10 Health to develop promotional and public education programs for three projects: The Crusade Against Cancer Coalition’s colon cancer prevention program; the 54321GO project; and the Living Well Chronic Disease

Management program. The colon cancer prevention programs will be developed and aired beginning in February.

- LLCHD has received a short term grant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to further develop its Living Well Chronic Disease Management Program. LLCHD and Aging Partners have worked with this program for the past three years to provide opportunities for people living with chronic diseases to learn through a series of classes how to better manage and cope with their conditions. The grant project includes the Lancaster County Medical Society as a partner to assist in developing a network of doctors to promote and refer clients to the Living Well Program. The project also seeks agencies that will commit to hosting the programs to provide consistency in sites. To this point, Southeast Community College, HyVee Stores, and the YMCA have committed to hosting these multi-week classes.

### **Injury Prevention**

- Staff met with members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska to discuss injury prevention among children and specifically child passenger safety. These representatives have requested a Child Passenger Safety Seat check event at their headquarters at 17<sup>th</sup> and E Street that would focus primarily on the American Indian community. The event will be provided by the LLCHD Safe Kids Child Passenger Safety Task Force and promoted by the Ponca Tribe staff. It will accommodate a check of up to thirty car seats.

### **Physical Activity**

- Staff is working with Lincoln's 23 League Certified Instructors (LCIs) to schedule League of American Bicyclist (LAB) classes throughout 2013. UNL hosted the first class of the year on January 26, and there are four additional classes scheduled at UNL in this spring semester: one on March 25<sup>th</sup> and another on March 28<sup>th</sup> as part of the Osher Life Long Learning Institute, and two on May 6<sup>th</sup> (one scheduled to start in the morning and another in the afternoon). All classes are open to the public. Southeast Community College (SECC) will be scheduling two classes during the spring and summer quarters. Staff is working with Lincoln Parks and Recreation to assess the availability of the Jayne Snyder Trails Center and with the availability of LCIs to schedule classes during the spring and summer. In addition, classes will be scheduled at several elementary and middle schools as part of a Safe Routes Nebraska grant that was received by Teach a Kid to Fish from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

## **INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- Department policy and guidelines for cash handling, travel and purchasing are being reviewed and updated. The purpose is to assure that department practices are consistent with City requirements and meet requirements for accreditation.
- The Fiscal Office Supervisor is coordinating the Department's activities related to the implementation of a new phone service. The city is moving to the use of Voice over Internet Protocol or VOIP. This is projected to provide significant savings over the next ten years. The Health Department will be converted to VOIP on February 8<sup>th</sup>.



# Memorandum

**Date:** ♦ February 12, 2013  
**To:** ♦ City Clerk  
**From:** ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** ♦ Administrative Approvals  
**cc:** ♦ Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from February 5, 2013 thru February 11, 2013:

**Administrative Amendment No. 13002** to Special Permit No. 06046, Dakota Springs Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on February 5, 2013, requested by Andrew Beil, to amend the building envelopes and the location of the future utility easement on Lot 6, Block 1, Dakota Springs 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, on property generally located at W. Santee Ct. and W. Dakota Springs Dr.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13004** to Special Permit No. 590, Salvation Army, approved by the Planning Director on February 6, 2013, requested by Archi + Etc., LLC, for an addition to the existing building to be used for storage and rescind Special Permit No. 49 and Special Permit No. 970, on property generally located at N. 27<sup>th</sup> St. and Potter St.

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## Jean Preister

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**From:** Michele M. Abendroth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2013 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** New Planning Reports Online - Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

The [Planning Commission 2012 Annual Report](#) is now available on the Planning Department Web page. This report discusses the number of applications processed in fiscal year 2011-12, and highlights several important projects that were heard by the Planning Commission. This report also provides information on code amendments, administrative changes and other activities which involved the Planning Commission, including proposals planned for discussions and implementation in the coming year.

[“What’s Up in North Lincoln”](#) and [“What’s Up in South Lincoln”](#) have also been updated. These links provide maps and descriptions for several dozen major development projects around the city that are recently completed, partially developed, under construction, or recently approved.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Peter W. Katt [PKatt@baylorevnen.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2013 4:49 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** In Fairness to Good Governance

Dear Council Members:

Below apparently are the two most important matters that the City of Lincoln thinks should be brought before the City's voters in this upcoming election.

I strongly disagree.

If you have the time to bring these two matters forward for a vote of the people, why not bring the Fairness Ordinance forward at the same time? It is of far greater significance.

If you are unwilling to let the people decide the fate of the Fairness Ordinance, then you should have the courage to repeal it rather than hold it in purgatory.

## Peter W. Katt

- 50) [13R-44](#) Directing submittal to the qualified electors of the City a proposed Charter amendment amending Article IV, Section 19 of the Charter, relating to Grounds for Recall, to clarify that the City Council shall follow procedures as set forth by ordinance for nominating and electing a person to fill a City Council vacancy.  
[Fact Sheet](#) (12K)
- 51) [13R-45](#) Directing submittal to the qualified electors of the City a proposed Charter amendment amending Article VII, Section 5 of the Charter, relating to Contracts and Purchases, to prohibit the mayor, council members and city department heads from entering into or having contracts with the city, to harmonize procedures for voiding contracts with state law, and to gender neutralize existing language.  
[Fact Sheet](#) (12K)

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