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# Community Health Needs Assessment Report

## Executive Summary

### *Bryan West Campus*

City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska

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### Introduction

This Community Health Needs Assessment Report is prepared and submitted by Bryan Medical Center, Bryan West Campus. For the purposes of this report, the community served comprises the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska. The health assessments and priority community health needs identified in this report constitute a collaborative effort of the participants in the Lincoln-Lancaster County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership process under the guidance of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

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### Description of Community Served by Hospitals

Lancaster County (population 302,405) includes the city of Lincoln (population 273,072) and the city of Waverly (population 3,392). The population difference (25,941) comprises residents living in the towns of Bennet, Davey, Denton, Firth, Hallam, Hickman, Malcolm, Panama, Raymond, Roca and Sprague and in rural areas of the county. From 2000 to 2010, Lancaster County's population increased by 14 percent. The county's population aged 65 or older increased by 20.3 percent. Year 2010 estimates indicated that 14.8 percent of the population had family incomes below the poverty level. For children under 18, the poverty rate estimate was even higher, at 16.7 percent. Also, 2013 estimates indicated the county's median income as \$52,275, which was higher than the Nebraska median income estimate of \$51,502 and only slightly above the national median income estimate of \$52,250.

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### Who Was Involved in the Assessment

As part of the current Lincoln-Lancaster County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership process, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department invited numerous community participants to take part in this 2015 planning process. Over 100 participants created a broad-based representation of the health department's many community partners and stakeholders. The role of the participants is to assist the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department in the facilitation of the community health needs assessment, the identification of community priority health needs, and the development and implementation of strategies to meet the identified priority health needs.

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### How the Assessment was Conducted

The demographic, socioeconomic and health information included in the Community Health Needs Assessment Report was obtained from four needs assessments (listed below) conducted for the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska:

1. 2015 Community Health Status Assessment.
2. 2015 Nebraska Community Themes and Strengths Assessments Survey.
3. 2015 Forces of Change Assessment.
4. 2015 Local Public Health System Assessment.

### **Health Needs Identified**

Taking into consideration the results of the four assessments, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership participants scored 80 potential health priority issues on the basis of seven criteria: magnitude/size of the problem, comparison with state results, historical trends, economic/social impact, changeability, capacity of the local public health system, and readiness/political will. Based on the scoring results, the participants identified four priority community health needs: access to care, behavioral health care, chronic disease prevention, and injury prevention.

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### **Community Assets Identified**

The city of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska, have a wide range of health care providers, mental health providers, physician clinics, other health facilities and medical and dental providers that address the needs of the local population and residents throughout Nebraska and northern Kansas.

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### **Summary of Assessment and Priorities**

A copy of the complete Community Health Needs Assessment Report is included as Attachment A. A description of the four health assessments and corresponding results are included in Attachments B. As a result of the health assessments and priority community health needs process, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership participants (Attachment B, page 2) have committed to focus implementation strategies on four priority community health needs, which comprise access to care, behavioral health care, chronic disease prevention, and injury prevention.

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### **Next Steps**

In response to the priority community health needs identified, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has convened four committees to define each health need and to identify goals, objectives, outcomes and resources available and/or necessary to address those needs. Committee results found in Attachment C, the Community Health Improvement Plan, will be used in the Bryan Medical Center, Bryan West Campus Implementation Strategy Report. This report will identify resources currently committed to the priority community health needs, as well as additional resources needed to secure improved outcomes at the hospital and in the community.

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### **Attachments**

- Attachment A: Community Health Needs Assessment report
  - Attachment B: 2015 Community Health Profile (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department)
  - Attachment C: Community Health Improvement Plan (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department)
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