

***Bryan Medical Center West*****City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska****December, 2012**

---

**Introduction**

This Community Health Needs Assessment Report is prepared and submitted by Bryan Medical Center West. The community served includes 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 membership of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) under the guidance of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

---

**Description of Community Served by Hospitals**

Lancaster County (289,800 population) includes the City of Lincoln (262,341 population) and the City of Waverly (3,133 population). Difference in population (24,326) includes residents living in the towns of Bennet, Davey, Denton, Firth, Hallam, Hickman, Malcolm, Panama, Raymond, Roca, Sprague and in rural areas of the county. From 2000 to 2010, Lancaster County's population increased by 14.8 percent. The county's population aged 62 or older increased by 27 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 is even higher, at 17.6 percent. Also, 2012 estimates the county's median income as \$50,197 in 2010, which is higher than the Nebraska median income estimate of \$48,415 and only slightly above the national median income estimate of \$50,046.

---

**Who was Involved in the Assessment**

As part of the current Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department formed a MAPP Steering Committee. The 25 member committee is a broad-based representation of the Health Department's community partners and stakeholders. Their role is to assist the Health Department in the facilitation of the community health needs assessment, the identification of community priority health needs, and in the development and implementation of strategies to meet the identified priority health needs.

---

**How the Assessment was Conducted**

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

1. 2012 Community Health Status Assessment.
  2. 2011 Nebraska Community Themes and Strengths Assessments Survey.
  3. 2012 Comprehensive Plan to address appropriate effective and sustainable health care services for the uninsured and Medicaid Populations in Lincoln, Nebraska.
-

---

### **Health Needs Identified**

Taking into consideration of the results of the three assessments the MAPP Steering Committee scored 72 potential health priority issues on the individual health 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 committee identified four priority community health needs: Access to Care; Behavioral Health Care; Chronic Disease Prevention; and Injury Prevention

---

### **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 not only address the needs of the local population, but also residents from throughout southeast Nebraska, northern Kansas and from across the state.

---

### **Summary: Assessment and Priorities**

A copy of the full Community Health Needs Assessment Report is included as Attachment A. A description of the three health assessments and corresponding results are included as Attachments C, D, and E of this report. Attachment F lists potential health priority issues, identifies priority community health needs, and describes the approach used to determine those needs. As a result of the health assessments and priority community health needs process, the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Steering Committee (Attachment B) have committed to focus implementation strategies on four priority community health needs which include: Access to Care; Behavioral Health Care; Chronic Disease Prevention; and Injury Prevention.

---

### **Next Steps**

In response to the priority community health needs identified, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has convened four working committees to define each health need and to identify goals, objectives, outcomes and resources available and/or necessary to address those needs. Committee results will be reported in each hospital's individual Implementation Strategy Report. The individual reports 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 at the community level.

---

### **Attachments**

- Attachment A: Community Health Needs Assessment Report
  - Attachment B: Lincoln-Lancaster County Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Steering Committee Membership List (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department)
  - Attachment C: 2012 Community Health Profile (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department)
  - Attachment D: 2011 Nebraska Community Themes and Strengths Assessments Survey Results (Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)
  - Attachment E: 2012 Comprehensive Plan to address appropriate effective and sustainable health care services for the uninsured and Medicaid Populations in Lincoln, Nebraska (Health Management Associations for the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln)
  - Attachment F: Potential Health Priority Issues (Lincoln-Lancaster County MAPP Steering Committee)
-