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DCHD staff helped and developed curriculums for a two-day seminar involving behavioral health professionals and the media. The seminar included a full-day seminar and a half-day workshop on topics related to crisis communications and curriculum development. The event was co-hosted with the U.S. Postal Service.

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Marketing, Communications, and Development Manager,dmillar@lurie.org

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Douglas County’s North Omaha Community on the Board of Health is one value adding component of our community through my position at UNMC/Center for Reducing Health Disparities. With Public Health leading the way, supported by engaged citizens, we can reduce diabetes, heart disease, obesity, diabetes and heart disease. Tasty, healthy foods are going to reduce disparities and increase the overall health of the citizens of Douglas County.
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This is the story of a year in the life of the Douglas County Health Department — a story that largely reflects the life of the community it serves.

In good health,

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Douglas County Health Department. I am excited to share with you the highlights and outcomes of the work we do and the events that took place in the past year.

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This approach includes visits to bars and bistros, concerts and dancing parties, the county jail and even churches. That means more people are being tested and more are being treated.

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Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety. Regulations are a big part of life in Omaha and Douglas County. Around 1,300 businesses—big and small—are subject to almost every known known to mankind. The Health Department has the task of making sure all practices follow the rules at all times. While a daunting task, the department has a small but dedicated staff with considerable skills. However, there are a few DICD’s who oversee the work. DICD staff work in teams to ensure that all practices follow the rules at all times.

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A medical dispensing drill was executed smoothly and a table top drill and workshop on notification of a chemical exposure were conducted. DCHD staff helped plan and develop curriculum for a two-day seminar involving behavioral health professionals and the media.

One inspector completed work on a doctorate. We strengthened our staff through training and conferences, including the Public Health Emergency Response Summit in Atlanta, and public information training is ongoing. We are also actively working on a new website.

Government does not always save money, maybe even yours, BECAUSE wonder drugs. Public smoking bans have saved lives and money, maybe even yours, especially for a community that has been on a steady climb towards keeping tobacco use low. As we learn more about tobacco and the dangers associated with it, more people will be encouraged to stop smoking.

With Public Health leading the way, supported by engaged citizens, we can reduce diabetes, heart disease, and other serious health risks into memories. The Health Department has shined in the areas of food safety, inspection, epidemiology, and immunizations. As we look to today’s Public Health challenges:

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Stuart McNally, DDS, Board Vice President

Being on the Board means — actively participating in public health services, in some capacity. In this role, I will be a part of the decision-making process, and I will use my experience to help make decisions that benefit the community. As a Board member, I will use my expertise to help make decisions that benefit the community.

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