

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair
Jane Raybould
Brent Smoyer

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011 STAFF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the April 14, 2011 Staff Meeting minutes. Raybould, Smoyer, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Kissel and Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates

Gordon Kissel, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update and legislative bills of interest report (Exhibits A & B).

In response to a question from Raybould, Kissel said the bonding component was eliminated from Legislative Bill (LB) 84 (Adopt the Build Nebraska Act and provide for distribution of sales and use tax revenue for road construction).

Kohout added there will be no cap on growth.

Schorr inquired about the status of LB 397, a bill intended to reform the state's collective bargaining system for public workers.

Kissel said it appears to be falling apart but said he believes some form of legislation addressing the Commission on Industrial Relations (CIR) will pass.

In response to a question from Raybould, Kohout said he does not foresee another public hearing on the matter.

Smoyer said Senator Coash informed him that the Judiciary Committee is committed to providing another district court judge to Lancaster County this year.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Application for State Records Board Grant to Improve Access to Public Information

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the Chair signed the grant application on Tuesday to meet the filing deadline.

MOTION: Heier moved and Raybould seconded to ratify signature by the Chair. Heier, Raybould, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Government Consolidation

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, explained there are several state statutes that address government consolidation:

- § 13-801 - Interlocal Cooperation Act
- § 13-2502 - Joint Public Agency Act
- § 13-2801 - Municipal County
- § 22-417 - Consolidation of County Offices

Further exploration of consolidating the following functions was suggested: 1) City Public Works/Utilities and County Engineer; 2) Lincoln Police Department and County Sheriff; 3) City Clerk and County Clerk; and 4) City Attorney and County Attorney.

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, appeared and expressed concerns that there could be a loss in service delivery in rural areas if departments were consolidated. He said the conversion could be expensive and personnel issues, such as differences in retirement benefits between the City and County, would need to be resolved.

Eagan noted there is a statute that address the benefits issue (§§23-2518.01 to 23-2518.04).

4 LABOR NEGOTIATIONS - Mark Koller, Personnel Director; John Cripe, Classification and Compensation Manager; Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Raybould moved and Heier seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to labor negotiations.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Raybould, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Heier moved and Raybould seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:23 a.m. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

B. Correspondence to Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, from Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney, Regarding Property Valuation Protests (See Agenda Packet)

NOTE: Thew's letter noted that taxpayers who filed appeals to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) for the preceding year and had those cases continued must file a new appeal or any relief they receive when their TERC case is decided will not apply to the current year.

Eagan said the County Assessor's Office can provide a list of property owners who have had their protests continued. He said TERC also informs taxpayers of this requirement in their informational literature.

The Chair asked that further discussion of this issue be scheduled with the County Assessor and County Clerk.

C. Two (2) County Representatives for Health Insurance Request for Proposals (RFP) Committee

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to appoint Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, and Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office, to the Health Insurance Request for Proposals (RFP) Committee. Raybould, Smoyer, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

D. TRIM (Electronic Record Keeping System) Update

Thorpe recommended the County update TRIM from the 6.2 to 7 version. The total cost will be \$15,700. She suggested funding the expense through the TRIM budget and the Microcomputer Fund. The conversion will include training for Thorpe, who serves as the County's TRIM Administrator, and staff at Information Services (IS) on the technical aspect. Two user training sessions will also be provided.

Schorr suggested that a training/information session also be offered to departments that are not currently on the system.

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded approval. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

5 CORRECT CARE SOLUTIONS (CCS) CONTRACT - Mike Thurber, Corrections Director; Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, discussed a proposed three-year contract with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) for inmate medical services. She said the contract will be a strict pass-through of actual costs for services plus start-up costs and a management fee. Behrens disseminated copies of a revised budget worksheet (Exhibit C) which is an estimate of costs. The Corrections Department will continue to manage off-site medical services, which are not included in the estimate, and has budgeted \$175,000 for that expense. **NOTE:** Corrections receives the Medicaid rate.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, indicated personnel costs will not exceed the amount shown on Page 4 (\$772,258.52).

Behrens said it appears that CCS would be comfortable with capping the contract at \$1,260,000 (a variance of 7% from their proposal) and said the contract would stipulate that CCS would need written approval from the Board to exceed the cap.

Raybould felt CCS should be held to the amount they proposed. She said she would also like to see how their proposal compares to existing costs.

Thurber said CCS will be working within the existing budget and shifting a portion of the pharmaceutical costs to staffing. He added that CCS's estimates are based on current population numbers.

Behrens noted the Request for Proposals (RFP) included language acknowledging that the contract may need to be renegotiated prior to opening the new jail.

Schorr asked whether the variance could be reduced the second and third year since there will no longer be start-up costs.

Raybould suggested it might be better to enter into a one year contract with CCS with an automatic renewal if they meet their targeted numbers.

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Heier seconded to direct the County Attorney's Office to work to negotiate a variance of 5%. Smoyer, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Raybould voted nay. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-1.

6 POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH PLAN (PEHP) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) UPDATE - Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent

Eagan said the Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) Review Committee has evaluated proposals from Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS), American Insurance and ICMA-RC to serve as the City and County's PEHP provider and has recommended the City and County pursue negotiations with ICMA-RC. **NOTE:** NRS is the current provider.

Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, said the Committee assessed experience, product, investment lineup and fees. He explained that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code allows for payment of post employment health expenses on a tax free basis through a Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust or Section 115 Integral Part Trust (IPT). Cyr said ICMA-RC offers an IPT which he said is more flexible than a VEBA. NRS only offers VEBA's. He said the County does not have the ability to monitor or control investments under the current plan and the Committee was told during the interview process that those investments had not been changed for performance reasons for many years. Cyr said ICMA-RC has a strong investment lineup and has offered reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000 for start-up expenses.

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to begin negotiations with ICMA-RC. Raybould, Smoyer, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

7 COAST2COAST RX CARD INFORMATION - Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented the following (Exhibits D & E): 1) A proposal from Coast2Coast Rx Card to provide a free discount prescription card program for the County; and 2) A comparison to the National Association of County Officials (NACo's) Caremark Rx Card. She noted Coast2Cost offers discounts on a wide range of health services for employees and their families (Exhibit F).

Raybould suggested the Board consult local pharmacies.

Board consensus was to hold the item for one week.

8 A) BUDGET UPDATE; AND B) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS LETTER - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

A) Budget Update

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said there is approximately \$250,000 in the Keno Fund that has not been allocated and estimated that receipts for this fiscal year will total \$750,000. Projects that have been suggested for funding are: 1) Replacement of bridges in Wilderness Park; 2) Street improvements for the Lancaster Event Center; 3) Electronic field devices for the County Assessor's Office; and 4) A portion of Geographic Information System (GIS) costs as a pilot project while a broader approach to allocation of costs is developed. Meyer noted the Keno Fund has also been used in the past for property tax relief.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, appeared and suggested that consideration also be given to funding improvements to the intersection at the entrance to new Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LCADF) (see aerial photograph in Exhibit G). The improvements are estimated to cost \$234,863 (Exhibit H).

Heier asked whether the proposal includes the bus turnouts the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) recommended be located on Southwest 40th & West "O" Street.

Thurber said it does, however they are being relocated to the facility's entrance on West "O" Street.

Raybould said she is dismayed that the cost of these improvements were not factored into the cost of the jail construction and its location and said she believes it was a glaring omission in terms of planning and development.

Heier felt the City should be responsible for the cost, not the County. He added that he has another alternative that he will discuss privately with Board members.

B) Additional Appropriations Letter

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to authorize the additional appropriations letter to be sent to county departments. Heier, Raybould, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Meyer said the Juvenile Court's projection at mid-year that it will need an additional appropriation of \$350,000 was accurate and said a resolution to transfer that amount from the General Fund Miscellaneous Budget to the Juvenile Court Budget will be scheduled on the April 26, 2011 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

9 FEDERAL GRANT PROPOSAL (TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE) - Dennis Keefe, Public Defender; Pat Condon, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Dennis Keefe, Public Defender, gave an overview of the grant proposal (Exhibit I).

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the grant application. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

10 2010 PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL REPORT - Dennis Keefe, Public Defender; Randy Goyette, Chair of the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Committee

Dennis Keefe, Public Defender, presented his 2010 Annual Report (Exhibit J). He noted there are only three contracts remaining for legal services in Juvenile Court. The largest is with Legal Aid of Nebraska and the other two are with private contractors. **NOTE:** The Juvenile Court is moving from contracts to assigned counsel and has indicated it does not wish to utilize contracts, other than the contract with Legal Aid, after this year.

Raybould questioned whether the Juvenile Court believed there would be better representation by moving to assigned counsel.

Randy Goyette, Chair of the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Committee, said his group vetted all of the private contractors and felt they would provide effective counsel to their clients.

Raybould suggested the Board encourage the judges to reconsider that decision.

Keefe explained that the judges have statutory authority to appoint counsel and to order payment. He suggested the Board send a letter to the presiding judges of each of the courts and ask that they meet with the Indigent Defense Committee to discuss alternative methods of providing guardian at litem services.

Goyette said he sent a letter to several of the judges offering to meet with them but has not received a response.

MOTION: Raybould moved and Heier seconded to send a letter to the presiding judges encouraging them to meet with the Indigent Defense Committee. Heier, Raybould, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

Keefe also addressed felony, misdemeanor and juvenile case filings.

The Chair asked that discussion regarding whether misdemeanors (city ordinance violations) need to carry a jail penalty be scheduled on a City-County Common Meeting agenda.

Keefe recommended the Board also seek a legislative interim study of the criminal code to see whether jail penalties could be eliminated for some offenses. He said it would also be beneficial to include county impact in the fiscal notes for criminal justice legislation.

11 TOUR OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICES

Item was held until the end of the meeting.

12 ACTION ITEMS

- A. Application for State Records Board Grant to Improve Access to Public Information

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

13 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Government Consolidation
- B. Correspondence to Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, from Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney, Regarding Property Valuation Protests (See Agenda Packet)
- C. Two (2) County Representatives for Health Insurance Request for Proposals (RFP) Committee
- D. TRIM (Electronic Record Keeping System) Update

Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

- E. Sherman Field Banner

There was general consensus to include the statement "Welcomes You" on the County's banner.

- F. Letter of Support for State Volleyball Bid (Exhibit K)

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Appointments to Aging Partners Area-Wide Advisory Council (Martha Brown, Sheryl Jordan and Corine Simon)

The Board scheduled the appointments on the April 26, 2011 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

- H. Payroll Insert from Prudential Regarding Addition of Roth Option

MOTION: Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded approval. Raybould, Smoyer, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

- I. Claim for Review - Payroll Voucher (PV) 309545, \$2,506.85 for Russ's Pharmacy #1 (No Contract or Purchase Order)

Raybould indicated that she has a conflict of interest in the matter and will abstain from voting.

Eagan said the Community Mental Health Center is still working to resolve this issue (see March 17, 2011 Staff Meeting minutes).

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to handle the claim through the regular claims process at the April 26, 2011 County Board of Commissioners Meeting. Heier, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Raybould abstained from voting. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

15 PENDING

There were no pending items.

16 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBERS MEETINGS

A. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Smoyer

Smoyer said he did not attend the meeting, due to a scheduling conflict. He also expressed frustration that Steve Henderson, Information Services (IS) Manager, has not provided the Board with the general Information Technology (IT) numbers it requested.

B. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Raybould

Raybould said they approved recommendations related to LPlan2040 (the ongoing public process and planning effort to create the latest version of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan). She said one of their goals is to increase the number of acres of park land per person.

C. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Smoyer

Smoyer said the reduction in state aid to schools was discussed.

D. Rural Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid - Schorr

Schorr said the Mayor's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Oversight Review Committee's Final Recommendations (Exhibit L) were presented to the rural fire departments.

RETURNING TO ITEM 14B

Eagan reported there is a total of 103 cases that would require notification.

The Chair asked Dan Nolte, County Clerk, to draft a letter for the Board of Equalization to send.

17 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

TOUR OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICES

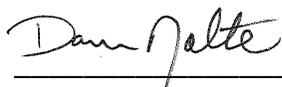
The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The Board toured the offices of the Public Defender in the Courthouse Plaza Building (633 South 9th Street) and Community Corrections in the 9th & J Street Building (555 South 9th Street).

Schorr and Smoyer exited the tour at 11:59 a.m.

18 ADJOURNMENT

By direction of the Vice Chair, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Legislative Update

April 21, 2011

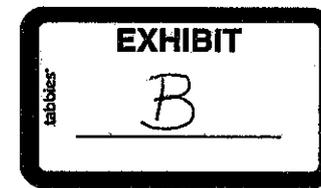
Today is the sixty-eighth day of the ninety-day session.

LB 84 was debated on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It was passed to Final Reading on a vote of 36-12 yesterday. The bill would earmark a quarter-cent of existing state sales tax for highway construction, starting in 2013. It is anticipated that the bill would (if it becomes law) boost funding for city, county and state road construction by about \$70 million a year. It is anticipated to generate about \$9 million for the counties for road construction. The Governor has yet to say if he plans to veto the measure. The thirty-six votes would be enough to override if they remain supportive.

Senators Conrad, Nordquist and Mello lead the fight against the bill saying that the State cannot afford to earmark \$70 million for roads. There was irony in their arguments because they were saying the same thing that the Governor has about the bill. Senator Conrad, Nordquist and Mello are Democrats and have rarely agreed with the Governor. They said that social services, welfare programs, and mental health will suffer. On each stage of debate they were successful in taking LB 84 to closure, but in the end their efforts failed. It will be interesting to see what the Speaker does with the bill on Final Reading. Will he allow the debate to continue for another eight hours?

The Budget will be presented to the Legislature sometime next week. On another note the legislature passed the school aid package yesterday. The bill LB 235 cuts school aid by over \$400 million over the next two years.

Legislative Bill of Interest Report
 Kissel/ES Associates
 Client: Lancaster County



LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB14	Wightman		Change and eliminate fees received by registers of deeds and clerks	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.19.11		X		X	Support
LB33	Louden		Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land	Revenue	1.21.11		X		X	Oppose
LB48	Janssen		Adopt the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act	Judiciary	3.2.11		X		X	Monitor
LB49	Krist		Provide certain requirements relating to filing of nonconsensual liens	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.31.11		X		X	
LB62	Heidemann		Change budget revision and salary approval provisions for counties	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.20.11	General File with AM245; AM245 adopted; Select File with ER26; ER26 adopted; Lathrop AM496 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST6; Dubas AM611 filed; Motion to rtn to Select File for specific amendment pending; Sullivan FA7 filed; Motion to rtn to Select File failed; Dubas AM611 withdrawn; Sullivan FA7 withdrawn; Final Reading 40-5-4 Governor Approved	X	Monitor	X	Support

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB66	Cornett		Change provisions relating to DNA collection	Judiciary	1.19.11	General File with AM241; Cornett AM386 filed	X	Support	X	
LB69	Louden		Change provisions relating to use of comparable sales for tax valuation	Revenue	1.21.11		X		X	Oppose
LB78	Pahls		Define a term in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.24.11	General File; AM194 filed; AM194 adopted; Select File with ER22; ER22 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 45-0-4 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11	X		X	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB84	Fischer	Fischer	Adopt the Build Nebraska Act and authorize bonds for the highway system	Revenue	2.10.11	Fischer AM827 filed; Flood FA8 filed; Fischer AM916 filed; Conrad MO22 Bracket until 1.4.12 filed; MO22 failed; Conrad MO23 Reconsider the vote on the bracket motion filed; Conrad AM962 filed; Utter AM958 filed; Conrad MO23 failed; Mello AM974 filed; Louden AM975 filed; Nordquist MO24 Recommit to committee filed; Fischer FA11 filed; Fischer MO25 Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Section 10 filed; MO25 prevailed; MO24 failed; AM385 adopted; Mello AM980 filed; Council AM968 filed; Select File; Louden AM999 filed; Fischer AM1025 filed; Louden AM1093 filed; Speaker Major Proposal; Fischer AM1216 filed; Louden AM1228 filed; Mello AM1229, 1230 & 1231 filed; Conrad AM1236 filed; Conrad MO32 Bracket until 1.5.12 filed;	X		X	Support
LB87	Christensen		Change provisions relating to mowing weeds in ditches	Transportation and Telecommunications	3.8.11		X		X	Oppose

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB106	Schilz	Louden	Authorize a county sales tax for capital improvements for public safety services and transportation infrastructure	Revenue	1.27.11	General File with AM731; Louden AM870 filed	X	Support	X	Support
LB111	Gloor		Change membership on mental health boards	Health and Human Services	1.19.11	General File with AM98; AM98 adopted; Select File; Final Reading 49-0-0 2.16.11 Governor Approved 2.22.11	X		X	
LB115	Council		Change limitation of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	Judiciary	2.3.11		X	Oppose	X	Oppose
LB117	Avery		Change publication requirements for constitutional amendments and initiative and referendum measures	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.21.11		X		X	
LB128	Avery		Change DNA collection provisions	Judiciary	1.19.11	IPP'd 2.11.11	X	Support	X	
LB129	Avery		Eliminate the statute of limitation for certain felonies	Judiciary	1.27.11		X		X	
LB133	Ashford		Require inclusion of sentencing costs in presentence reports	Judiciary	2.2.11		X		X	

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB135	Smith		Change the date for remitting certain funds under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.18.11	General File; Langemeier AM56 filed; Select File; Smith AM61 filed; Langemeier AM56 withdrawn; AM61 adopted; Final Reading	X		X	Support
LB137	Lautenbaugh	Speaker	Change provisions relating to postconviction relief	Judiciary	2.2.11	General File with AM735	X		X	
LB139	Lautenbaugh		Change surplus property sale provisions of the County Purchasing Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.26.11	General File with AM292	X	Support	X	Support
LB157	Coash		Change guardianship and conservatorship provisions	Judiciary	1.20.11	General File; Coash AM106 filed; Flood AM107 filed & adopted; Flood AM112 filed; AM106 & AM112 adopted; Coash AM140 filed & adopted; Select File; Coash AM215 filed; Flood AM110 & AM111 withdrawn; Coash AM215 adopted; Final Reading 49-0-0 2.16.11 Governor Approved	X		X	

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB159	Urban Affairs Committee		Authorize bond powers for cities, villages, and counties for nonprofit enterprises	Urban Affairs	1.18.11	General File with AM244; AM244 adopted; Select File with ER36; Schumacher AM470 filed; ER36 adopted; AM470 adopted; Final Reading w/Emergency Clause 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11	X		X	Monitor
LB160	Campbell		Eliminate a duty of the county assessor relating to information on trusts that own agricultural land	Agriculture	2.1.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 47-0-2 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11	X		X	Support
LB161	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to recounting votes	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.21.11	General File with AM264; Karpisek AM383 filed; Lautenbaugh MO13 Bracket until June 8, 2011 filed & prevailed	X		X	Support
LB162	Campbell		Change provisions relating to abstracts of property assessment rolls	Revenue	2.17.11	General File	X		X	Support
LB164	Louden		Provide notification requirements before moving buildings or other large objects on a county or township road	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.31.11	General File with AM286; AM286 adopted; Select File; Final Reading 47-0-2 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11	X		X	Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB182	Hansen		Change provisions relating to the issuance of one license plate	Transportation and Telecommunications	3.7.11		X		X	Neutral
LB183	Wightman		Change abandoned motorboat and trailer provisions	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.31.11		X		X	Monitor
LB185	Fulton		Provide for one vehicle license plate	Transportation and Telecommunications	3.7.11		X		X	Neutral
LB186	Sullivan		Require nonpartisan ballots for county officers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.16.11		X		X	Oppose
LB189	Council		Adopt the Criminal Offender Employment Act	Business and Labor	1.24.11		X		X	Monitor
LB191	Council		Change provisions relating to sentence reductions	Judiciary	2.2.11	General File; Select File with ER37; ER37 adopted; Final Reading w/Emergency Clause 45-0-4 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11	X		X	
LB202	Council		Authorize petitions for recall and resentencing for certain minors sentenced to life imprisonment	Judiciary	1.27.11	General File with AM399	X		X	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB203	Council		Change sentencing requirements with respect to certain minors	Judiciary	1.27.11		X		X	
LB206	Wightman		Provide for disposition of abandoned camper units and cabin trailers	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.31.11		X		X	Monitor
LB210	Cornett		Change revenue and taxation provisions	Revenue	1.19.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11	X		X	Monitor
LB214	Pankonin		Require nonpartisan election of county and city officials	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.16.11		X	Monitor	X	Oppose
LB226	Gloor	Speaker	Create the offense of assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer	Judiciary	2.4.11		X	Support	X	
LB233	Krist		Decrease the number of members of the Legislature to forty-five	Redistricting	2.16.11		X		X	
LB234	Fischer		Change provisions relating to county office and service facilities of the Department of Health and Human Services	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.3.11		X	Support	X	Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB239	Janssen		Require presentation of government-issued photographic identification to vote in elections	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11	General File with AM727	X		X	Oppose
LB242	Hadley		Change provisions relating to assault, assault on an officer, and offenses by a confined person	Judiciary	2.4.11		X		X	
LB251	Council	Judiciary	Change court fees	Judiciary	1.26.11	General File with AM945; AM945 adopted; Failed to advance to Enrollment & Review Initial	X		X	Support
LB254	Campbell		Provide and change requirements for instruments recorded by the register of deeds	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.3.11	General File with AM240	X		X	Support
LB266	Sullivan		Change the Open Meetings Act relating to closed sessions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.26.11		X		X	Monitor
LB270	Executive Board		Eliminate duties and positions in the Public Counsel's office	Executive Board	3.3.11		X	Support	X	Support
LB277	Coash		Change the Nebraska Visitors Development Act to provide for the advice of a visitors committee to a county board	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3.9.11	General File	X	Support	X	Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB278	Coash		Authorize payment to county officers and employees by electronic funds transfer	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.3.11	General File; Select File with ER34; ER34 adopted; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11	X	Support	X	Support
LB289	Mello	Speaker	Authorize the operation on public highways of low-speed vehicles as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.15.11	General File with AM416; AM416 adopted; Select File with ER91	X		X	Neutral
LB301	Ashford		Change provisions for sealing records under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary	2.24.11		X		X	
LB304	McGill		Provide for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2.24.11	General File	X		X	
LB318	Cornett		Redefine qualified claimant for homestead exemption purposes	Revenue	2.9.11		X	Monitor	X	Oppose
LB319	Cornett		Change reimbursement for homestead exemptions	Revenue	2.9.11		X	Monitor	X	Oppose
LB320	Cornett		Change homestead exemption income limitations	Revenue	2.9.11		X	Monitor	X	Oppose

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LB321	Cornett		Change calculations relating to homestead exemptions	Revenue	2.9.11		X	Monitor	X	Oppose
LB322	Cornett		Provide requirements for prescription drug insurance	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.14.11		X	Monitor	X	Monitor
LB327	Campbell		Change motor vehicle fees and distribution of the proceeds	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.1.11		X		X	Support
LB330	Cook		Change requirements for dental hygienists in public health-related settings	Health and Human Services	3.4.11		X		X	
LB337	Fulton	Speaker	Change timeframes for audits by the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.10.11	General File with AM275; AM275 adopted; Select File with ER66; ER66 adopted	X		X	Monitor
LB339	Ashford		Change Nebraska Juvenile Code predisposition evaluation procedures	Judiciary	2.9.11		X	Monitor	X	
LB344	Ashford		Change provisions relating to municipal counties and merger of governmental services	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.25.11		X		X	Monitor

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LB363	Cornett		Change provisions relating to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and property taxes and provide a duty for the Secretary of State	Revenue	2.17.11		X		X	Monitor
LB365	Sullivan		Change access provisions for voter information and voter registration registers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11		X		X	
LB368	Brasch		Change nomination provisions for partisan offices	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.2.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Approved 3.16.11	X	Support	X	Oppose
LB370	Wightman		Eliminate provisions relating to issuance of tax deeds	Revenue	2.11.11	General File	X		X	
LB371	Schumacher		Provide for an unfair insurance trade practice relating to public officials	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.15.11		X		X	Monitor
LB373	Speaker Flood		Make deficiency appropriations	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB374	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB375	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor

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LB376	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB377	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for capital construction	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB378	Speaker Flood		Provide for fund transfers and change provisions relating to various funds	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB379	Speaker Flood		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB383	Cornett	Revenue	Eliminate state aid for municipalities, counties, and natural resources districts	Revenue	1.26.11	General File; Louden AM288 filed; Council AM252 filed; AM288 & AM252 lost; Select File; Council AM331 filed; Council AM334 filed; Council AM334 lost; Mello AM490 filed & lost; Council AM331 lost; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 36-9-4 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11	X	Oppose	X	Oppose
LB384	Cornett	Revenue	Eliminate a commissioner of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and authorize single commissioner hearings	Revenue	2.3.11	General File with AM944; AM944 adopted; Cornett AM1127 filed & adopted; Select File with ER86; Louden AM1132 filed	X		X	Support

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LB388	Wightman	Wightman	Adopt the Site and Building Development Act and change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.7.11	General File; Wightman AM649 filed; AM649 adopted; Select File with ER59; Flood AM1136 filed; ER59 & AM1136 adopted; Final Reading with ST23	X		X	Monitor
LB390	Ashford	Speaker	Change provisions relating to jails and corrections and create the Community Corrections Division of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	Judiciary	1.27.11		X	Oppose	X	Oppose
LB391	Schilz		Create the Nebraska Invasive Species Council	Natural Resources	2.17.11	General File with AM683	X		X	
LB392	Schilz		Provide powers and duties relating to aquatic invasive species	Natural Resources	2.17.11		X		X	
LB396	Pahls		Change bond provisions relating to the deposit and investment of certain county funds	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.31.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 46-0-3 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11	X		X	Support
LB398	Lathrop		Change provisions relating to notaries public	Judiciary	1.28.11		X		X	

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LB405	Cornett		Authorize hearings by a single commissioner of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Revenue	2.17.11		X		X	Support
LB409	Utter		Provide for the retention of insurance proceeds by a county or municipality to repair or demolish damaged property	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.14.11	General File with AM577	X		X	Monitor
LB415	Wallman		Change provisions relating to contraband in a detention facility or providing an inmate with contraband	Judiciary	2.10.11	General File with AM525	X		X	
LB430	Cornett		Change property tax levy limitations	Revenue	2.2.11	General File	X		X	Monitor
LB437	Urban Affairs Committee		Change state building code provisions	Urban Affairs	2.8.11		X		X	
LB441	Heidemann		Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	3.3.11		X		X	Monitor
LB444	Avery		Provide methods for notice under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.26.11		X		X	Support
LB447	Fulton		Change provisions relating to vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	2.25.11		X	Support	X	Support

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB449	Nelson	Speaker	Change the Election Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.16.11	General File with AM867; AM867 adopted; Select File with ER93	X		X	Monitor
LB451	Ashford		Change court fees, procedures, offices, and judgeships	Judiciary	2.11.11		X	Monitor	X	Monitor
LB452	Ashford		Provide for lottery winnings and tax refund intercept for debts owed to courts	Judiciary	1.28.11		X	Monitor	X	Monitor
LB457	Campbell		Provide for notice of preliminary valuations and in-person meeting relating to property taxes and change certain dates	Revenue	2.17.11		X	Monitor	X	Monitor
LB459	Schilz		Limit the adoption of any law by a political subdivision regarding the ownership of domestic animals	Agriculture	3.1.11	General File with AM720	X		X	Monitor
LB460	Ashford		Change the Sex Offender Registration Act	Judiciary	3.16.11; 4.5.11 on AM873; 4.5.11 on AM969	Ashford AM873 & AM969 filed	X	Monitor	X	

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LB475	Lautenbaugh		Change garnishment provisions to include independent contractors providing services to government entities	Judiciary	2.11.11		X		X	Monitor
LB479	Lathrop	Lathrop	Authorize a minor to give consent to evidence collection and examination and treatment in cases of sexual assault	Judiciary	2.10.11	General File with AM335; Lathrop AM890 filed; AM335 & AM890 adopted; Select File; Final Reading with ST25	X		X	
LB480	Krist		Provide for agreements relating to public building commissions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.9.11	General File	X	Monitor	X	Monitor
LB482	Utter	Utter	Change provisions governing industrial disputes involving municipal corporations under the Industrial Relations Act	Business and Labor	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB499	Price	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to filing for office, registering to vote, and voting under the Election Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.2.11	General File with AM404; AM404 adopted; Select File with ER74; ER74 adopted	X		X	Monitor
LB504	Campbell		Change motor fuel tax rates	Revenue	2.10.11		X		X	Monitor

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB508	Bloomfield		Authorize certain residency restrictions near parks for sexual predators	Judiciary	3.16.11		X		X	Support
LB513	Christensen		Adopt the Escort Services Accountability and Permit Act	Judiciary	2.25.11		X		X	
LB518	Christensen		Change certain penalty and violation provisions of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	Judiciary	2.23.11		X		X	
LB519	Pirsch		Change the priority of liens for special assessments	Revenue	2.17.11		X		X	Oppose
LB529	Carlson		Change provisions relating to conservation and preservation easements and the Nebraska Environment Trust	Natural Resources	2.3.11		X	Monitor	X	Support
LB530	Council		Adopt the Employee Credit Privacy Act	Business and Labor	1.31.11		X	Monitor	X	
LB536	Wightman		Adopt the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act	Judiciary	2.17.11		X		X	Oppose

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LB538	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to the disposition of seized firearms	Judiciary	2.16.11		X		X	
LB545	Pahls		Establish a copay for medical services provided at a correctional facility	Judiciary	3.16.11		X		X	Support
LB546	Gloor	Gloor	Change provisions relating to adoption of the International Residential Code	Urban Affairs	2.8.11	General File with AM348; AM348 adopted; McGill AM599 filed & adopted; Select File with ER44; Krist AM748 filed; ER44 adopted; AM748 lost; Final Reading 31-9-9 4.8.11 Governor Approved 4.14.11	X		X	
LB564	Fulton	Fulton	Change and eliminate provisions of the Industrial Relations Act and the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act	Business and Labor	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB565	Ashford		Require secure storage of firearms and notice of such requirement by retailers upon sale and create the offense of improper storage of a firearm	Judiciary	3.17.11		X		X	

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LB569	Coash		Require employers to e-verify the immigration status of new employees	Judiciary	3.2.11		X		X	Monitor
LB573	Price		Authorize use of rotating or flashing amber lights on any motor vehicle operated by or for a storm spotter	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.15.11	General File with AM344	X		X	Support
LB584	Fulton		Exempt deployed military personnel from motor vehicle registration fees	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.1.11		X		X	Oppose
LB597	Pahls		Require consolidation of county offices	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.25.11		X		X	Oppose
LB605	Conrad		Provide for voter registration on election day and require identification to vote	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11		X		X	Oppose
LB609	Pirsch		Adopt the Correctional Facility Reimbursement Act	Judiciary	3.16.11		X		X	Oppose
LB613	Pirsch		Change certain lien provisions relating to homeowner's associations and condominiums	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.22.11		X		X	

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LB614	Pirsch		Change provisions relating to homeowners' association and condominium association liens	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.22.11		X		X	
LB623	Lautenbaugh		Change effect of Industrial Relation Act petitions and provide provisions for counties encompassing a city of the metropolitan class	Business and Labor	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB628	Cook	Speaker	Authorize certain political subdivisions to donate certain motor vehicles to charitable organizations	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.11.11	General File; Lautenbaugh AM977 filed & adopted; Select File with ER67; Bloomfield AM1049 filed; ER67 & AM1049 adopted; Krist AM1073 filed; Bloomfield AM1200 filed & adopted; AM1073 withdrawn; Final Reading	X		X	Monitor
LB631	Cook		Provide for a permanent early voting request list	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11		X		X	
LB638	Karpisek		Provide restrictions relating to sale of county records for commercial purposes	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		Karpisek MO10 Withdraw bill filed; MO10 prevailed; Bill withdrawn	X		X	Support
LB643	Lautenbaugh		Provide additional public records that may be withheld	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3.10.11		X		X	Monitor

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LB658	Karpisek		Change the fee for obtaining a handgun certificate	Judiciary	2.23.11		X		X	
LB664	Nelson	Nelson	Repeal the Industrial Relations Act and the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act and prohibit public collective bargaining and work stoppage	Business and Labor	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB669	Flood	Speaker	Change provisions relating to sealing of juvenile court records	Judiciary	2.24.11		X		X	
LB670	Flood	Flood	Authorize court-ordered conditions for dispositions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary	2.24.11		X	Monitor	X	
LB672	Flood		Provide an exemption from the documentary stamp tax	Revenue	2.3.11		X		X	Oppose
LB674	Haar		Prohibit or restrict certain electronic monitoring of employees by employers	Business and Labor	3.7.11		X	Monitor	X	Monitor

Legislative Bill of Interest Report
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LB676	Lathrop		Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act	Judiciary	2.17.11		X	Monitor	X	
LB681	Karpisek		Provide for distribution of a portion of keno tax proceeds for thoroughbred horseracing purses	General Affairs	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor
LB685	Schilz		Change provisions of the Nebraska Visitors Development Act relating to the use of funds and the members of committees	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3.9.11	Schilz AM31 filed	X	Oppose	X	Monitor
LB688	Smith		Require certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to work until age fifty-five to receive full benefits and prohibit elective officers from receiving retirement benefits	Nebraska Retirement Systems	2.15.11		X	Monitor	X	Oppose

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LR2CA	Harms		Constitutional amendment to authorize county manager form of county government	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.25.11		X		X	Neutral
LR3CA	Fischer		Constitutional amendment to authorize pledge of state sales and use taxes for highway bonds	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.1.11		X		X	Monitor
LR9CA	Schilz		Constitutional amendment to change agricultural and horticultural land valuation	Revenue	3.3.11		X		X	Neutral
LR29C A	Nelson		Constitutional amendment to prohibit government from engaging in collective bargaining	Business and Labor	2.7.11		X		X	Monitor

CCS Revised Budget Cost Worksheet 2-8-11

	Year 1 Costs	%
Personnel Costs		
Salaries	\$592,982	
Backfill	\$46,020	
Overtime	\$17,789	
Fringe	\$115,467	
Total Personnel Costs	\$772,259	65.2%
Total Off-site Services (Per RFP)	\$0	0.0%
Pharmacy Costs		
HIV Medications	\$24,738	
Psych meds	\$74,214	
All other Meds	\$39,581	
Total Pharmacy Costs	\$138,533	11.7%
On-site Variable Costs		
On-site Labs	\$0	
Eyeglasses	\$0	
Medical & Dental Supplies	\$23,465	
Physician Call-Back	\$1,710	
Total On-site Variable Costs	\$25,175	2.1%
On-site Administrative Expenses		
Administrative Expenses (office supplies, postage, med. waste, printing, scrubs, etc.)	\$0	
Internet	\$0	
Recruitment	\$11,400	
Travel	\$14,871	
Large Copier/FAX/Printer/Scanner	\$0	
Shredding	\$0	
Legal/Consulting	\$7,125	
Insurance - General & Med Mal	\$22,230	
Insurance - Workers Comp	\$7,877	
Performance Bond	\$344	
NCCHC Dues	\$0	
ERMA Annual License Fee	\$0	
Total On-site Administrative	\$63,847	5.4%
Total Costs:	\$999,813	84.4%
Management Fee:	\$140,000	11.8%
Total Start-Up Costs	\$44,699	3.8%
Total Year One Costs:	\$1,184,512	100.0%

**CCS Revised Budget Cost Worksheet 2-8-11
Start-Up Costs**

Staff Recruitment (Detail Attached) \$6,000.00

Orientation Costs (Detail Attached) \$20,349.00

Travel Associated with Start-up Team (Pre & Post 'go-live')

Airfare (8 trips)	\$4,800.00	
Mileage	\$380.00	
Parking	\$500.00	
Rental Cars	\$1,400.00	
Accommodations	\$8,000.00	
Meals	\$1,620.00	
Miscellaneous Staff Orientation	\$300.00	<u>\$12,000.00</u>

Admin equip (fax, copier, shredder, scanner, timekeeping, etc)

Computers (0)	\$0.00	
Printers (0)	\$0.00	
Scanners (0)	\$0.00	
Time Clocks	\$450.00	<u>\$450.00</u>

Medical & Dental Equipment Purchases (County to manage) \$0.00

Other Start-up Costs

Office Supplies & On-Site Materials	\$0.00	
ERMA Training	\$3,600.00	
ERMA Setup	\$1,800.00	
Microsoft User Licenses	\$500.00	
ERMA Annual License Fee	\$0.00	<u>\$5,900.00</u>

Total Start-Up Costs: \$44,699.00

**CCS Revised Budget Cost Worksheet 2-8-11
For Required Site Visits**

(Does Not include Travel Associated with Start-up)

Required Operational Travel	Number of Visits / Trips	Salary/Wages to be Passed Through to County for Required Travel.
Regional Mgr/Area/Regional VP	12	\$0.00
Corporate Medical Director	1	\$0.00
Corporate Financial Officer or Manager	2	\$0.00
Executive VP or CEO	1	\$0.00
H.S.A. to Corporate Headquarters	0	\$0.00
NCCHC Conferences for H.S.A.	0	\$0.00

Subtotal Salaries Associated with Required Travel Costs: \$0.00

Airfare	\$7,800.00
Mileage	\$591.30
Parking	\$400.00
Rental Cars	\$2,100.00
Accommodations	\$2,500.00
Meals	\$1,480.00

Subtotal Yearly Travel Costs: \$14,871.30

Total Yearly Travel Costs: \$14,871.30

**CCS Personnel Costs
Revised Pricing 2-8-11**

Position	Budgeted Rate	Salary	Overtime	Fringe	Backfill	Total
H.S.A. (RN)	\$36.00	\$74,880	\$0	\$16,865	\$7,200	\$98,945
Medical Director/Physician	\$140.00	\$43,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,680
RN	\$29.00	\$60,320	\$1,810	\$13,586	\$5,800	\$81,516
LPN	\$20.65	\$177,632	\$9,103	\$39,896	\$16,520	\$243,151
Certified Medical Assistant	\$15.00	\$19,968	\$599	\$4,473	\$1,800	\$26,840
AA / Medical Records Clerk	\$14.00	\$29,120	\$874	\$5,999	\$0	\$35,992
Dentist	\$93.00	\$7,254	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,254
Psychiatrist	\$168.00	\$26,208	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,208
MH Clinical Supervisor	\$28.00	\$58,240	\$0	\$13,117	\$5,600	\$76,957
LMHP	\$26.00	\$95,680	\$5,404	\$21,530	\$9,100	\$131,714
Total CCS Personnel Costs:		\$592,982	\$17,789	\$115,467	\$46,020	\$772,258.52

Nursing Schedule
Lancaster County, NE

	Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thur 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thur 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thur 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thur 10	Fri 11	Sat 12
H.S.A.		8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30
Med-Records Clerk		8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30
Day Shift																												
RN		9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30			9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30			9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30			9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30	9-5:30
LPN-1	6:30-3		6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3			6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3			6:30-3	6:30-3		6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3			6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3
LPN-2		6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3		6:30-3	6:30-3		6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3			6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3			6:30-3	6:30-3		6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3	6:30-3
MH Clinical Supervisor		8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30			8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-4:30
LMHP-1	10-8:30			10-8:30	10-8:30	10-8:30			10-8:30	10-8:30	10-8:30			10-8:30	10-8:30			10-8:30	10-8:30	10-8:30			10-8:30	10-8:30	10-8:30			10-8:30
LMHP-2		10-8:30	10-8:30				10-8:30	10-8:30				10-8:30	10-8:30			10-8:30	10-8:30				10-8:30	10-8:30				10-8:30	10-8:30	10-8:30
Evening Shift																												
LPN-3		2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11		2:30-11	2:30-11		2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11			2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11			2:30-11	2:30-11		2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11
LPN-4	2:30-11		2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11			2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11			2:30-11	2:30-11		2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11			2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11	2:30-11
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EXAMPLE ONLY STAFF DEPLOYMENT MAY CHANGE TO FIT REQUIREMENTS																												

Correct Care Solutions - Revised Staffing Plan 1-24-2011									
Lancaster County, NE									ADP: 434
POSITION	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Hrs/WK	FTE
DAY SHIFT 6:30 - 3:00									
H.S.A. (RN)	8	8	8	8	8			40	1.000
Medical Director/Physician	2		2		2			6	0.150
RN	8	8	8	8	8			40	1.000
LPN-1		8	8	8	8	8		40	1.000
LPN-2	8	8	8	8			8	40	1.000
AA / Medical Records Clerk	8	8	8	8	8			40	1.000
Dentist		1.5						1.5	0.038
Psychiatrist				8				8	0.075
MH Clinical Supervisor	8	8	8	8	8			40	1.000
LMHP-1			10	10	10	10		40	1.000
LMHP-2	10	10					10	30	0.750
TOTAL HOURS/FTE-Day								320.5	8.013
EVENING SHIFT									
LPN-3		8	8	8	8	8		40	1.000
LPN-4	8	8	8	8			8	40	1.000
Certified Medical Assistant	8		8		8			24	0.600
TOTAL HOURS/FTE-Evening								104	2.600
NIGHT SHIFT									
TOTAL HOURS/FTE-Night								0	0.000
TOTAL HOURS/FTE per week								424.5	10.613

*May substitute (1) hour of physician time for (2) hours of mid-level practitioner time, as necessary and with client approval.

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PROPOSAL – FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD PROGRAM

Prepared For

Lancaster County, Nebraska



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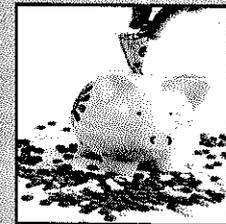
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Proposal For Lancaster County

Financial Marketing Concepts, Inc. (FMC) a Florida corporation headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, is pleased to present this proposal to Lancaster County.

FMC has proven that our *Coast2Coast Rx Card* offers the greatest discounts overall of any discount card in the marketplace and we welcome the opportunity to work with Lancaster County.

By virtue of our experience and desire to help Americans that can't afford their prescription medications, FMC is uniquely qualified to offer Lancaster County and its residents the *Coast2Coast Rx Card*. FMC's discount prescription cards have saved individuals and families over \$75 million dollars over the past four years. In 2007 and 2008 our cardholders saved an average of 38%. In 2009, the average savings were 39.5%. Then, in 2010, our cardholders savings jumped to an astounding 45%, while other discount cards continued to provide discounts of only 20% to 25%. We are saving our cardholders over \$15,000,000 per month at the present time.



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Key Reasons the County should select Coast2Coast:

- ❖ **Best overall Savings:** The *Coast2Coast Rx Card* offers the most significant discounts of any discount prescription card in the marketplace. In 2011 our average has been greater than 50% savings for our cardholders.
- ❖ **We handle all administration of the program** including printing of cards; shipping costs; all program expense including restocking of the cards – so no county personnel time is used for our program. FMC send an implementation team to the county to visit all pharmacies in our network to educate the pharmacist and pharmacy technicians about the card. FMC works with the County to determine other distribution points. FMC normally supplies cards to county libraries, governmental offices, health departments/clinics, physician offices, urgent care centers, senior citizen centers, religious organizations and hospitals.
- ❖ **We pay a royalty to the county of \$1.25 per filled prescription.**
- ❖ **FMC has had dozens of counties switch to its program the past two years and no county that has ever had the *Coast2Coast Rx Card* program have ever left it for another program. We're happy to supply references from all of our counties.**
- ❖ **FMC includes discount dental, vision and hearing benefits with up to 60% off and lab & imaging with 50% to 80% off regular provider pricing**

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Does Lancaster County Need A Discount Program?

Does Lancaster County have residents who:

- ❖ Are Uninsured or Underinsured?
- ❖ Have high deductibles or Health Savings Accounts?
- ❖ Can't afford their medications?
- ❖ Need to save money on prescriptions?



**Obviously the answer is yes so a discount prescription program would
Improve The Quality Of Life And Increase Positive Health Outcomes
for Lancaster County residents.**

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Our Business Model

Our business model is based on the confidence we have in our program to provide substantial savings for our cardholders.

- ❖ Our goal is to achieve the maximum percentage savings for cardholders
- ❖ FMC's proprietary marketing techniques ensure the greatest use possible by county residents without using county personnel in the process.
- ❖ FMC is the only discount prescription card that pays a royalty for every prescription filled to a county to help subsidize a county program (usually health related).



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How Can A Program Like This Be Free?

This is the most frequently asked question. All of us have always been taught that nothing is free and to be skeptical of anything that sounds too good to be true. However, the *Coast2Coast Rx Card* Discount Program is a rare exception to both of these concerns.

The concept is very simple. *Coast2Coast* and our Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) have used our purchasing power to negotiate substantial discounts from pharmacies like the insurance companies have done. When a pharmacy fills a prescription for a cardholder, the discounts are credited to the cardholder.

The royalty for the PBM, FMC and for the county are taken from the same professional/administrative or dispensing fee that is paid every time a pharmacy fills a prescription through an insurance claim, through a discount program like *Coast2Coast* or pays cash without any type of prescription coverage.

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Benefits To Lancaster County Residents

- ❖ **A TOTALLY FREE** prescription discount program for all residents of Lancaster County to receive discounts on more than 60,000 name-brand and generic prescription medications.
- ❖ Many nonprescription, specialty and lifestyle medications are also included; over 60,000 drugs are in the card formulary.
- ❖ The overall national average discount is about 45%.
- ❖ The overall national savings per prescription is \$24.25.
- ❖ Each month, about 24% of our cardholders save 70% or more.
- ❖ Can be used at more than 60,000 pharmacies nationwide.
- ❖ Accepted at all major chains and 95% of the independent pharmacies.
- ❖ Custom webpage to locate participating pharmacies, print a card and compare prices.
- ❖ Cardholders receive up to 60% off on the family's dental, vision and hearing needs plus 50% to 80% discount on lab & imaging tests.

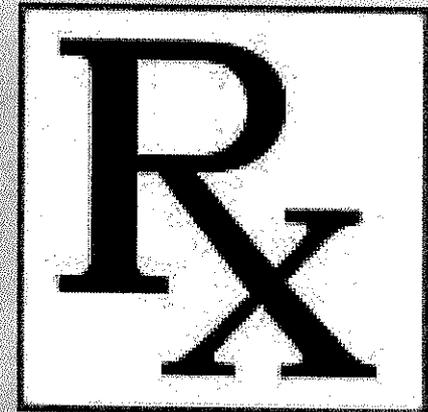


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Economic Benefits For Lancaster County

- ❖ This program requires absolutely no expense by Lancaster County.
- ❖ Lancaster County will receive a royalty based on the use of the card.
- ❖ Reduction in the cost of providing indigent care.
- ❖ Increase in the rate of positive health outcomes.
- ❖ Increase in purchases at local pharmacies.
- ❖ Savings will be available to support other areas of the local economy.
- ❖ More money will stay in the local economy.
- ❖ Increase in local sales tax revenue to fund other public services.



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Who Can Benefit By Using This Card?

- ❖ The uninsured
- ❖ The underinsured
- ❖ Those with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)
- ❖ Those who have high deductibles
- ❖ Those who have not reached their annual deductible
- ❖ Those whose medications are not included in their insurance company's formularies
- ❖ Those whose insurance benefits do not extend to lifestyle medications
- ❖ Those whose insurance does not cover prescriptions while they are in another state
- ❖ Those whose insurance does not cover medications for their pre-existing conditions



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Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ Everyone is eligible.
- ❖ There are no applications, registration, approval process or waiting period.
- ❖ There are no restrictions, exclusions or limitations.
- ❖ No one is turned down regardless of age, health or pre-existing conditions.

Easy To Use

- ❖ Simply present your card and prescription at any participating pharmacy.
- ❖ There are no pre-authorizations, claim forms or paperwork to fill out.
- ❖ There is no expiration date.
- ❖ There are no restrictions or limits on how much a card is used.
- ❖ One card can be used by an entire family.
- ❖ All cardholder information is confidential and not sold or otherwise used for any other purpose



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List Of Established County Programs

Alameda, CA; Amador, CA; Augusta-Richmond, GA; Baker, FL; Buncombe, NC; Charlotte, FL; Collier, FL; Collin, TX; Contra Costa, CA; Copiah, MS; Dallas, TX; Davidson, TN; Denton, TX; Dixie, FL; Dukes, MA; Ellis, TX; Elmore, AL; Fresno, CA; Geneva, AL; Hardee, FL; Hernando, FL; Highlands, FL; Hill, TX; Hinds, MS; Humboldt, CA; Hunt, TX; Kaufman, TX; Lauderdale, MS; Lee, FL; Leflore, MS; Madison, MS; Mobile, AL; Panola, MS; Placer, CA; Putnam, FL; Rock Island, IL; San Benito, CA; San Joaquin, CA; San Luis Obispo, CA; San Mateo, CA; Santa Barbara, CA; Santa Cruz, CA; Santa Fe, NM; Sarasota, FL; Smith, MS; Snyder, PA; Susquehanna, PA; Tulare, CA; Ventura, CA; Walthall, MS and York, PA.

List of Established City Programs

Collinsville, IL; Hoboken, NJ; Houston, TX; Kansas City, MO; Lorain, OH; Nashville, TN; New York, NY; Newark, NJ; Orange NJ and Phoenix, AZ

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Comparison to Caremark/NACo Program

	Coast2Coast	NACo
Cost to County & Residents	Free	Free
Covers an Entire Family	Yes	Yes
Average 2010 Savings	45%	24%
Handles Administration	Yes	No
Distributes Cards to Pharmacies	Yes	No
Distributes Cards to County Departments	Yes	No
Requires County Personnel Time	No	Yes
Frequent Contact w/Pharmacies	Yes	No
Includes Additional Benefits	Dental, vision, hearing, lab & imaging	No
Royalty Paid for Filled Prescriptions	Yes	No
Non-Exclusive Agreement	Yes	No
Term of Agreement	One Year w/30 day termination anytime	1-3 years
Benefits for County employees/retirees	WellCard Health Card	None

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Proposal Summary

1. FMC is uniquely qualified to offer Lancaster County residents the *Coast2Coast Rx Card* by virtue of its experience and desire to assist those uninsured Americans who cannot afford prescription medications. The *Coast2Coast Rx Card* gives discounts on prescription medications.
2. FMC's responsibilities include providing the *Coast2Coast Rx Card* to Lancaster County residents at absolutely no charge to the County or its residents. Additionally FMC will assume the production, distribution and administration costs of the cards. FMC will pay Lancaster County a monthly royalty of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for every filled prescription on a residual basis that is processed using the County's designated group code and for which FMC is paid by its Pharmacy Benefit Manager.
3. The core services offered in this proposal are:
 - a. FMC will provide high-quality paper stock discount prescription cards at no cost to County – usually 25% of the population of the county for the initial run.
 - b. FMC handles all customer service for the card (no county personnel required to answer questions) and will provide a toll-free number for residents to call should they have any questions. The customer service is 24/7/365 with Spanish-speaking representatives available as well as the ability to transfer callers to a service with 150 language translators.
 - c. FMC has a separate toll-free number for pharmacies to call if they have questions about the card or how to input the codes for the card.
 - d. FMC will provide a private label web page for Lancaster County; the *Coast2Coast Rx Card* website can be translated into 48 languages.
 - e. FMC provides monthly utilization reports to the county.

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Some of the participating chain stores include:

CVS/pharmacy

WAL-MART Pharmacy

W
Wedge

RITE
AID

TARGET
PHARMACY

R kmart
pharmacy

SAFEWAY

Savon drugs

FAM'S
SALES

Kroger

Medicine
Shoppes

COSTCO
WHOLESALE

Longs Drugs

VONS
Ingredients for life..

PUBLICLY
PHARMACY

SAVE MART
SUPERMARKET
Save Mart

WINN-DIXIE

STOP &
SHOP

Ralphs

Oscoda Drug

HEB
Here Everything's Better.

Fry's
Marketplace

MEDICAP
PHARMACY

Schnucks

Raley's

HyVee

PAVILIONS

KINNEY
DRUGS

GIANT
EAGLE

BEAIR

Bruno's

BI-LO

Sweetbay

TOPS

Hannaford

Shoppers

DR
duane reade

KING
Shoppers

SPARTAN
MART

GIANT

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What Will Be Required Of Lancaster County?

- ❖ **Endorse the program through Board approval.**
- ❖ **Execute an agreement (only 3 ½ pages)**
- ❖ **Schedule a press conference to announce the launch of the program.**
- ❖ **Provide a link on the County website to the County's private label web page**





Coast2Coast Rx Card Program for Lancaster County

The **Coast2Coast Rx** Card and the Caremark/NACo card are the two leading discount prescription cards available for counties today. Here are some reasons why the **Coast2Coast Rx** Card is better for Lancaster County residents.

1. **Greater Overall Savings.** The discounts provided by the **Coast2Coast Rx** Card averaged over 45% whereas the Caremark/NACo Card averaged only 24%.

2. **Marketing and Distribution Methods.** Our marketing/distribution methods generate significant higher utilization than the Caremark/NACo Card. How do we know this? We have the historical data from a number of counties that have switched from the Caremark/NACo card to our program. Many of the counties switched in the past year so we expect much greater numbers on a monthly basis from those counties in the future. We do all of the marketing, distribution and administration so no county personnel time is involved in the administration – unlike the NACo/Caremark program as county personnel handles all of the above.

C2C - CAREMARK SHARED COUNTY COMPARISON						
County	COAST 2 COAST PROGRAM			CAREMARK PROGRAM		
	Start Date	Average Monthly Fills	% Savings	Start Date	Average Monthly Fills	% Savings
Augusta/Richmond. GA	Sep-10	1,014	51.30%	Apr-09	2	30.72%
Buncombe, NC	Mar-10	4,386	50.7%	Sep-05	3,098	26.70%
Charlotte, FL	Aug-09	2,414	47.2%	Feb-08	629	20.25%
Dallas, TX	Sep-09	21,034	46.0%	Sep.-05	2,175	20.31%
Dixie, FL	May-09	176	48.9%	Oct-07	33	28.90%
Dukes, MA	Oct-10	361	48.70%	Sep-06	178	25.66%
Ellis, TX	Mar-10	1,539	44.2%	Jan-07	840	22.75%
Hinds, MS	Sep-10	1,457	47.3%	Oct-08	19	29.91%
Houston, TX (city) vs. Harris County	Jul-10	11,481	48.20%	Sep-08	3,336	29.0%
Lee, FL	Oct-10	5,590	55.9%	Sep-06	2,590	20.64%
Lorain, OH (city) vs. county	Jan-10	1,663	50.3%	Sep-06	1,252	29.91%

In the past month alone, another seven counties have agreed to switch from the Caremark/NACo program to our program. We are in contact with dozens more Caremark/NACo

counties considering our program, and we have never had a county that has used our card cancel our program to switch to Caremark.

We have some counties producing up to 6% usage ratio compared to the county population every month. For example, Baker County, Florida, with a population of 26,000 has 1500+ monthly filled prescriptions. Compare that to two Caremark/NACo Counties: Riverside County, California (population 2.1M) that had only 475 filled prescriptions in February, 2011 or Santa Clara County, California (1.8M population) that had only 399 filled Rx's in February 2011.

Cook County, Illinois and Harris County, Texas had less than 6,300 combined prescriptions filled with the Caremark/NACo card in February 2011 yet we had over 7,000 prescriptions in that month in Sarasota County, Florida alone. The two counties above have been in the Caremark/NACo program for a number of years, yet we only launched Sarasota County in April of 2009. Sarasota has a population of 375,000 while the other two are over 9 Million!

It is obvious from these examples that our marketing and distribution methods far exceed the marketing ability of the Caremark program. This combination of better drug pricing and more effective marketing/ distribution methods give our card a powerful edge. One of the keys for counties is that we handle all of the administration so that no county personnel time is involved. Caremark expects county personnel to handle distribution and administration.

3. **Our Program Pays a Royalty to Counties.** The royalty that we offer to counties helps the counties subsidize other health-related programs for residents of their county. The royalty for Lancaster County would be \$1.25 per filled prescription. The royalty comes from the dispensing fee collected by pharmacies. This dispensing fee is already figured into the cost of prescriptions, so it does not increase the price to county residents. Although Caremark charges a dispensing fee that is about the same as WellDyneRx (our PBM) - Caremark does not share any of its dispensing fee with counties. WellDyne's dispensing fee is shared between the pharmacies, WellDyneRx and our company; and we share our company's portion with the counties.

4. **Additional Free Benefits.** Besides better discounts on medications, our card offers 50% to 80% discounts on lab tests and imaging services. We've had cardholders save over a thousand dollars on their MRIs and CT scans. These discounts truly help county residents who are uninsured. Lab Corp is the vendor for the lab tests/services.

In addition, in the coming months we will be including discount dental, vision and hearing benefits on the card at NO CHARGE! NACo is testing a discount dental plan through about 300 counties that is being sold to county residents at \$59.95 for an individual and \$69.95 for a family if they pay one annual payment; otherwise it rises to well over \$100 for both of those memberships. Our network of over 80,000 dental offices and over 12,000 vision offices is far greater than NACo's vendor. Plus our dental benefit as well as the vision and hearing benefits – are FREE!

5. **Simplified Marketing Agreement.** Our agreement is three and one-half pages long, is non-exclusive, and provides for a county to terminate with only thirty days notice. The Caremark card agreement is 25 pages long, and it is exclusive. If Lancaster County does not achieve the results it seeks, and we're not doing our job, then the county can terminate the agreement or use another program. Although this has never happened, we believe in our program so strongly that we can offer these terms to Lancaster County.

For these reasons, and others, we know that our program is by far the best choice for Lancaster County and its residents.



Savings For All Your Members

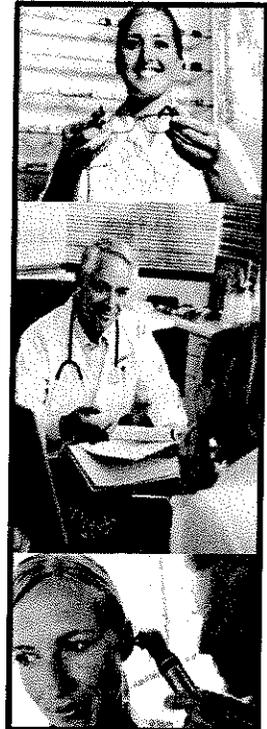
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The WellCard Health Discount Plan offers pre-negotiated health care discounts on a wide range of health services for your members and their families including:

All available with no administrative fees to you or your members!

Member savings up to 80% on a wide range of health services

Doctor Visits	Up to 25%	24/7 Doctor	Up to 65%
Prescription Drugs	Up to 65%	Hearing Care	Up to 15%
Dental	Up to 50%	Diabetes Care & Supplies	Up to 10%
Vision Care	Up to 50%	Vitamins	Up to 10%
Surgical Centers	Up to 80%	Medical Hospital Bill Help	Up to 30%
X-ray, MRI & Imaging	Up to 70%	Daily Living Products	Up to 10%
Lab Savings	Up to 60%		



Over 410,000 physicians and 45,000 ancillary provider locations

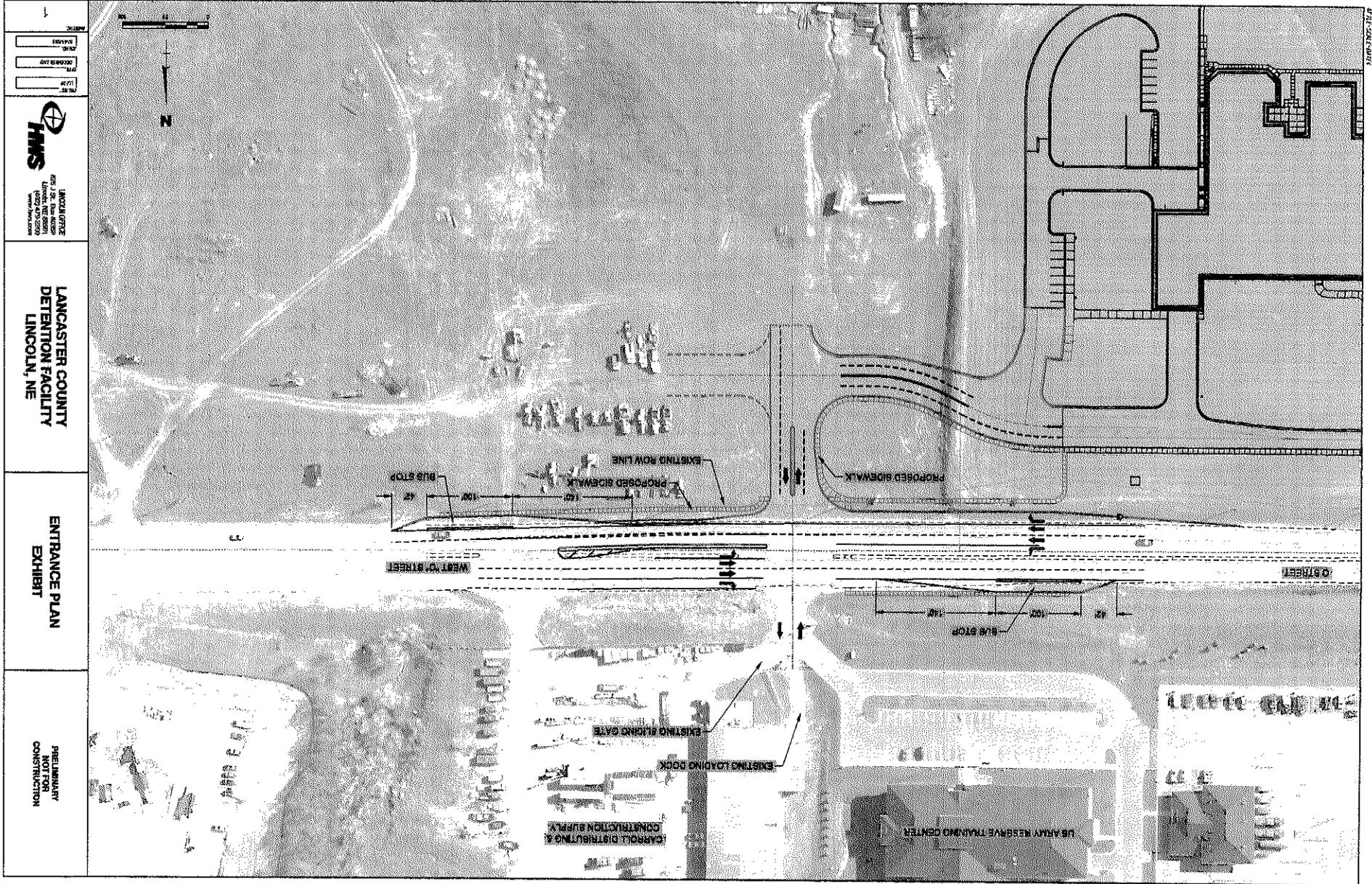
Over 59,000 nationwide pharmacies accept the card with availability for mail order and specialty pharmacy

**For more information, visit: www.wellcardhealth.com
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SERVICE	DESCRIPTION
Doctor Visits	Over 410,000 physicians and 45,000 ancillary providers in nationwide network. Our provider contracts include discounts for all services, including those typically not covered by traditional plans. Providers access contracted rate at the time of service. All savings visible to the member with online lookup providing transparent pricing.
Prescription Drugs	Over 59,000 local and national pharmacy locations accept the card. Cardholders save up to 65% on medications including nearly all brand and generic prescriptions. With over 60,000 drugs covered by the card, cardholders save on prescriptions not covered in other plans. Everyone in the family is included and there are no annual discount limits and no expiration date.
Dental	Members save up to 50% on dental fees from nearly 70,000 nationwide dentists providing general and specialized dental services including: preventative, diagnostic and restorative dentistry, oral surgery, endodontics and orthodontics. There are no limits on the services provided.
Vision	Members receive up to 50% savings when they purchase eyewear or receive eye care at participating OUTLOOK vision providers. Over 11,000 national and regional vision care centers participate in the discount program.
Surgical Centers	Contracted rates with many surgical centers of excellence throughout the United States providing access to the best surgeons at a savings of 30-80%. Working with a professional Care Coordinator ensures understanding of reduced expenses and provides assistance with scheduling, travel and accommodations.
X-Ray, MRI and Imaging	Savings up to 70% on MRI, P.E.T. and CT scans at over 3,900 facilities nationwide. Includes concierge appointment service.
Lab	Members receive up to 60% savings. Use our online search tool to locate a provider near you and schedule your prepaid tests. Our provider contracts ensure a competitive price on all tests. All savings are visible to the member with online transparent pricing tool. Test results are shared with member within 48-96 hours.
24/7 Doctor	Improve access to healthcare by providing unparalleled access to physicians 24/7 via phone or email. Reduces office and ER visits by providing accurate medical support.
Hearing	Over 80 Beltone Hearing Aid models offered at 15% discount through 1350 providers. Free hearing screening with Lifetime Care Program. Warranty available.
Diabetic Care Services	Full line of name brand and generic diabetes testing supplies delivered directly to the member's home. Members receive free access to a Certified Diabetes Educator and a complimentary copy of the Envoy Health Wellness Letter, a quarterly publication with tips and advice on living with diabetes.
Vitamins	Mail order vitamin program providing a wide range of discounted vitamin and mineral supplements delivered directly to the member's home.
Medical Bill Help	Medical bills are difficult to read and understand. Approximately 80% of medical bills contain errors. Approximately 33% of Americans have trouble paying their medical bills. Experienced, trained professionals can negotiate a lower price with the medical provider, or there is no fee for the service.
Daily Living Products	Members pay a discounted rate for a variety of medical supplies, safety equipment and Innovative Health products. All available online and delivered to the member's home.

To learn more about these products and services, visit www.wellcardhealth.com







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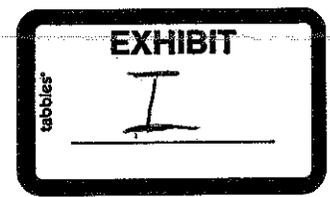
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HWY 6 IMPROVEMENTS
PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE**



4/20/2011

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
00.2000	CONSTRUCTION STAKING	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000
00.4000	MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000
01.0010	8" TIED CONCRETE BASE COURSE	1,861	SY	\$ 39.00	\$ 72,579
01.0100	PAVEMENT AND SIDEWALK REMOVAL	190	CY	\$ 38.00	\$ 7,220
01.0140	4" ASHPALTIC CONCRETE TYPE SP-4 (PG 64-34)	425	TON	\$ 31.00	\$ 13,175
01.0210	TYPE "A" SAWING	1,711	LF	\$ 6.00	\$ 10,266
01.0220	TYPE "B" SAWING	1,735	LF	\$ 6.50	\$ 11,278
02.0010	GENERAL CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1	LS	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200
02.0301	EXCAVATION	4,613	CY	\$ 3.00	\$ 13,839
02.0601	EARTHWORK MEASURED AS EMBANKMENT	1,581	CY	\$ 2.50	\$ 3,952
06.0040	4" INTEGRAL CONC. LIP CURB	627	LF	\$ 32.00	\$ 20,064
06.0050	CONCRETE MEDIAN NOSE, (IN PLACE)	3	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500
06.0060	5" P.C.C. MEDIAN SURFACING	818	SF	\$ 5.00	\$ 4,090
07.0020	4" P.C.C. SIDEWALK	3,547	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 14,188
07.0100	DETECTABLE WARNING PANEL	360	SF	\$ 40.00	\$ 14,400
13.0270	4" YELLOW PAINT MARKING	240	LF	\$ 1.50	\$ 360
13.0275	4" WHITE PAINT MARKING	1,495	LF	\$ 1.50	\$ 2,243
13.0305	12" YELLOW PAINT MARKING	31	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 93
13.0320	PAINT MARKING, LEFT ARROW	2	EA	\$ 50.00	\$ 100
13.0530	REMOVE PAINT MARKING, 4"	1,461	LF	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,461
14.0002	TRAFFIC SIGN (4 SQ. FT. < 9 SQ. FT.)	2	EA	\$ 230.00	\$ 460
15.0001	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	LS	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500
21.1040	CONVERT GRATE INLET TO MANHOLE	1	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000
23.1030	REMOVE AND RESET HYDRANT, COMPLETE	1	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000
30.0050	SEEDING, TYPE "B"	0.6	ACRE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,200
32.0010	INTALL TRIANGULAR SEDIMENT BARRIER	24	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 480
32.0020	TRIANGULAR SEDIMENT BARRIER MAINTENANCE	24	LF	\$ 5.00	\$ 120
32.0040	SYNTHETIC FABRIC SILT FENCE INSTALLATION	411	LF	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,644
32.0050	SYNTHETIC FABRIC SILT FENCE MAINTANENCE	411	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 822
32.0070	INSTALL STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION	1	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 100
32.0080	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION MAINTANENCE	1	EA	\$ 50.00	\$ 50
50.0001	12" HYDRANT EXTENSION	1	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
50.0040	EROSION CONTROL MATTING, NDOR TYPE 1C	987	SY	\$ 1.50	\$ 1,481

TOTAL COST \$ 234,863



Memorandum

To: Lancaster County Board Of Commissioners

From: Lancaster County Attorney Joe Kelly
Lancaster County Public Defender Dennis Keefe

Date: April 21, 2011

Subject: Byrne Grant Proposal To The Nebraska Crime Commission

We are seeking the Board's approval to have the Chair sign and submit on behalf of Lancaster County, a grant proposal that will benefit both of our office's by modifying our current case management systems. The grant application is due April 28, 2011. Here are the basics:

- The grant request will be to the Nebraska Crime Commission for federal Byrne Grant Funds to be used to pay Justice Works, the developer of both of our case management systems, to modify the systems to improve the efficiencies of our offices. The major modification will be a system that will allow us to e-file cases and documents with the courts from within our own case management systems. Although e-filing is available now, our method of accessing that feature is more time consuming than the paper version of filing. Our requested modification would sync or integrate the state's e-filing system into our systems so we can spend less time filing and serving rather than more time. In addition to this request there are number of requests specific to each office's system ranging from the development of needed management reports to increased linkages to other local justice system components.
- We do not have an exact figure for the budget for this project because we are still working with the various entities involved to get estimates.. A conference call is scheduled for tomorrow between our offices, Justice Works, and the state individuals and private company responsible for e-filing. However, the total cost of the project is not expected to exceed \$100,000.
- There is a 25% cash match requirement. The Lancaster County Attorney's Office proposes to use drug forfeiture funds for the cash match. **No county general fund money will be used.**

2010 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Department of Justice has a responsibility to serve as a guardian of the rights of all Americans. We fail in our duty if we allow basic rights to become privileges reserved only for those who can pay for them, whether they are adult defendants facing criminal charges or juvenile defendants in delinquency proceedings. Furthermore, the success of our criminal justice system depends in part on every American having confidence in it - the more just the system is, the more effective it will be as well.

Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
National Symposium on Indigent Defense
Washington D.C.
February 18, 2010



In January of 2010, I was asked by our then County Attorney, Gary Lacy, to be part of a team from Lancaster County to attend a national seminar on what was called "Researched-Based Smarter Sentencing." Together with Joe Kelly, Lacey's then Chief Deputy, District Court Judge John Colborn, and Kim Etherton who is the director of our Community Corrections program, I went to Atlanta for the program sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. I had no idea what to expect but I was very pleasantly surprised.

The concept of "Researched-Based Smarter Sentencing" (including supervised pre trial release and community re-entry programs) is that the criminal justice system needs to start using the large body of scientific research that has been developed to tailor programs (and sentences) to the individual's needs in order to have any chance at changing behaviors, stopping the cycle of crime, and saving tax dollars. It is anything but a "feel good" program and it is based upon scientific research about what works and what doesn't work for people facing criminal charges. The point was repeatedly made that the criminal justice system can no longer afford to squander its limited resources by overkill or programming that has been scientifically proven to have no impact.

One would think that this concept of research based programming in the criminal justice system would be welcome news to those concerned with the huge deficits created by "The Great Recession" and the resulting dramatic fall in tax revenue for the states. In Nebraska alone, we are said to be facing a two year budget deficit of nearly \$1 B. There are few certainties in situations such as this; but one thing is clear, the states and local governments are going to cut significant amounts of expenditures from their budgets. But, if we can learn ways not to waste resources and to target the correct programming for individuals in the system to have the greatest impact, we could save substantial money in addition to improving outcomes.

The times call for a major re-examination of our criminal code and procedures to make sure that the costs of the criminal justice system are really providing for public safety in the most efficient manner possible. For all of the talk about reducing government expenditures, there are still some in government who apparently have not made the connection between legislation creating new criminal offenses, increasing offenses from misdemeanors to felonies, increasing penalties, and the increasing costs of the criminal justice system. Yet those legislative actions have a major fiscal impact on both the counties who fund much of the criminal justice system and the state. If there was research to suggest that the proposed changes would make a difference in terms of public safety it would be one thing. Usually, however, such legislation is the result of emotional reactions to a problem or a specific incident. We sometimes let our anger about an idiosyncratic situation control the day, and the result is not necessarily an improvement in public safety but, more likely, a more expensive criminal justice system.

Take, for example, the problem of underage drinking. No one would claim it is not a problem, but there are certainly questions about how our criminal justice system reacts. Last year the legislature amended the crime of Minor In Possession of Alcohol to, among other things, require alcohol education classes. This was shortly after my return from the conference where we had been told by the researchers that all of the studies on this issue indicate that alcohol education classes have absolutely no effect on underage drinking.

Of course, the national model for this type of "feel good" but "do nothing" type of change is the War on Drugs. As the exhaustive AP report in 2010 demonstrated, "After 40 years, the United States' war on drugs has cost \$1 Trillion and hundreds of thousands of lives, and for what? Drug use is rampant and violence even more brutal and widespread." Does anyone remember the DARE Program? Enormous amounts of money were spent on that program even after the research clearly established it was not effective.

At the state level, the explosion in new felony offenses, mandatory minimum sentences and overall increasing penalties over the past ten years have significantly impacted counties' expenditures on criminal justice including indigent defense. At a bare minimum, given the state's budget crisis, the Legislature (and local City Councils who pass their version of these laws) owe it to the taxpayers to conduct research on whether these changes have been effective in solving the problems they were intended to solve. Do we really need all of the offenses we now have on the books to be safe? Do we really need all of the offenses that carry jail sentences and mandatory minimums? Have the increased penalties really made a difference in the problems they were supposed to have addressed? Isn't it time, given our current economic circumstances, that we reexamine what we are doing in the criminal justice system and ask ourselves if there is a better, more efficient way?

Dennis Keefe

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office is to provide high quality legal services for indigents and to advocate zealously on behalf of each individual client.

PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

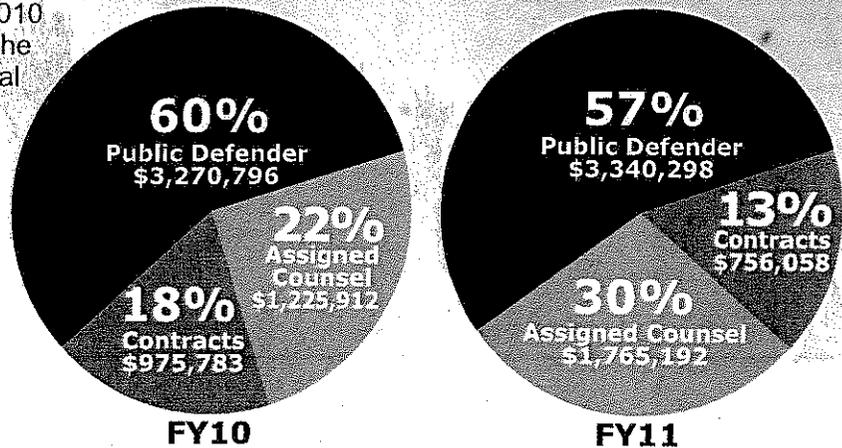
It is the philosophy of the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office that each client should receive high quality legal representation which is as good as that provided by the best of the private bar.

GOALS

1. Recruit and retain attorneys and support staff who will provide high quality legal representation for each client.
2. Maintain reasonable caseload levels for staff attorneys.
3. Provide all resources and ancillary services necessary to represent the clients of the office.
4. Provide continuing training for all staff.
5. Maintain political and professional independence for the office.
6. Maintain a professional work environment.
7. Provide creative representation.
8. Provide visionary management.
9. Provide full-service representation.
10. Maintain adequate and stable funding.

OVERVIEW OF LANCASTER COUNTY'S INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM

The indigent defense system in Lancaster County consists of the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office, private assigned counsel in county, district and juvenile court, and a series of contract attorneys for juvenile court and the Child Support and Paternity cases. The chart below compares the FY11 projected expenditures as of December 31, 2010 (as reported by the Budget and Fiscal Office) for each segment of the system with the FY10 Actual Expenditures.



2010 ASSIGNED COUNSEL NOTES

- If the projected expenditures for FY11 hold up through the end of the fiscal year, it would mean that the Public Defender's Office will have spent 2% more than in FY10, and that Assigned Counsel expenditures will have increased by 44%, due mainly to increased spending in juvenile court as the contracts lapse and are no longer renewed per the juvenile court judges' decision. At the same time, the cost of contracts will decrease by approximately 22%.
- Of the 1,546 felony cases closed by the public defender's office in 2010, 400 cases (26%) were closed because of a conflict of interest which required the appointment of the Commission on Public Advocacy or private assigned counsel. In addition, 12 felony cases were closed by the public defender because they exceeded the office's caseload standards.
- The Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy was appointed to represent clients in 7 of the 412 felony cases where the public defender had a conflict or where the office exceeded its caseload limits. 1 of those cases was a First Degree Murder prosecution. The number of cases accepted by the Commission has declined significantly because of their position that they will not handle drug cases because of the conflicts that they create with other serious felony cases. The commission's services are provided at no cost to Lancaster County and have saved the county hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorneys fees over the years.
- Of the 3,410 misdemeanor cases closed by the public defender's office in 2010, 527 (15%) were closed because of a conflict of interest requiring appointment of assigned counsel. In addition, 18 City Attorney-filed misdemeanor cases were closed because they exceeded the public defender's caseload standards (Compared to 311 in 2009).
- Of the 1,340 Juvenile Law Violations and Status Offender cases closed by the public defender in 2010, 156 (12%) were closed because of a conflict of interest and either a contract attorney or private attorney was appointed. In addition, the public defender closed 27 of these cases because they exceeded their office caseload standards, compared to 14 in 2009.

CONTRACT NOTES

- At the beginning of 2010, Lancaster County had contracts for legal services in Juvenile Court with 5 private attorneys/law firms and 1 with Legal Aid of Nebraska. At the end of the year, because of the juvenile court judges' decision to stop using the contracts, the number was down to 2 private attorney contracts and the contract with Legal Aid of Nebraska. 2010 was the second year of the juvenile court transfer of cases from contracts to private attorneys.
- According to the Separate Juvenile Court, there were 415 new 3(a) (abuse/neglect) cases filed in the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County in 2010, representing a 19% increase from the number they reported filed in 2009. This increase would have required approximately 156 more attorney appointments in 2010 over the number needed in 2009.
- According to the State Court Administrator, the number of total filings in the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County in 2010 were 76% of the total number filed in Douglas County.
- In the first year of the Child Support/Paternity contract between Lancaster County and the DeMars Gordon Law Firm, the contractor opened 317 Child Support contempt cases and closed 304, opened 121 new Paternity cases and closed 114, and opened 21 other Orders To Show Cause matters. The firm logged 1779.2 hours total for this work which would exceed the standards for one attorney in this office.

LANCASTER COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 1995, at the request of Lancaster County Public Defender Dennis R. Keefe, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners established the Lancaster County Indigent Defense Advisory Committee to advise the Public Defender and the Lancaster County Board on all issues relating to indigent defense. Members of the advisory committee are nominated by the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln Bar Association and are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The advisory committee plays a very important role, especially in the recommendation of new contractors for Lancaster County. We want to thank the volunteer members of this committee who served during 2010. They are Andy Strotman, Randy Goyette, Sean Brennan, Brad Roth, and Jeanelle Lust.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

After adjusting for the transfer of the Child Support and Paternity cases to the contractor in 2010, the Public Defender's Office saw a 2% decline in the overall number of new cases assigned. However, the two categories of cases that have the highest attorney time requirement, felonies and County Attorney filed misdemeanors, both showed increases.

In the felony cases, the state filed 6.5% more felonies than the year previous and our office was appointed to 7% more cases than in 2009. All but the category of Drug Felony showed some increase, but the largest increase by far was in the "Other" category, consisting of cases such as the felony driving offenses of drunk driving and suspended license and fleeing to avoid arrest as well as the relatively new offense of Sex Offender Registration Violations. Child Abuse, Child Pornography, and Arson also showed increases over 2009 cases.

The number of County Attorney filed misdemeanor cases opened by the public defender increased by 4% overall. However, there were large declines in the drunk driving and suspended license cases and a large increase in theft cases. The number of City Attorney filed misdemeanors continued to decline and 2010 was a 5 year low for these new open cases. We believe that this decline is due, at least in part, to the judges becoming more selective in the types of cases that require appointed counsel.

YOU SAY HELLO AND I SAY GOODBYE



Dorothy Walker retired from the Public Defender's Office in 2010. She had two stints as a deputy public defender in the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office. In her last year with the office, Dorothy represented clients before the Board of Mental Health and in Child Support and Paternity cases.



Todd Molvar was sworn into the Nebraska Bar in February of 2010 after motioning in from the Colorado Bar Association. Todd is also a native of Lincoln. He began his career representing

clients before the Board of Mental Health and in City Misdemeanor cases. He also assumed responsibility for the review cases where the client had been found not responsible by reason of insanity.



Two new attorneys joined the office in 2010. Yohance Christie, a native of Lincoln, joined the office on January 26, 2010 after having passed the Texas Bar Exam and motioning in to the Nebraska Bar. Yohance began as an attorney in the juvenile division representing youth in law violation and status cases.

FEDERAL GRANT PROVIDES TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY

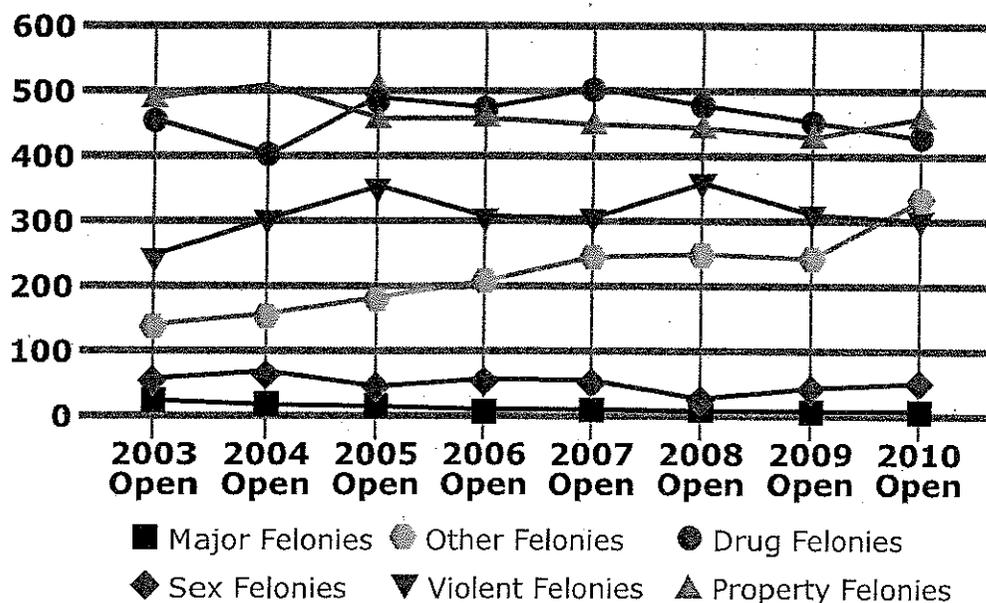
The Lancaster County Public Defender's Office received 2 grant awards from the Nebraska Crime Commission in 2010. One of the grants provided more than \$46,000 in federal funds to purchase computer equipment, upgrade the office's case management information system, and provide funding for out-of-state training experiences for staff attorneys. The second grant provided more than \$29,000 in federal funds for statewide training on the obligations of criminal defense attorneys to provide competent advice to clients about the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. In addition, this latter grant provides funding for out-of-state training for a number of criminal defense attorneys to learn immigration law. The second grant will be managed by the Nebraska State Bar Association, through its Minority Justice Committee.

THE FELONY DIVISION

Scott P. Helvie, Chief Deputy
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 Timothy M. Eppler, Deputy
 John C. Jorgensen, Deputy

Joe Renteria, Investigator
 Steve Schultz, Paralegal
 Angelia Onuoha, Paralegal
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 Andy Conroy, Law Clerk
 Leroy Scott, Law Clerk
 Lori Hoetger, Law Clerk

NEW OPEN FELONIES BY TYPE



FELONY CASE NOTES

- The county attorney's office filed 1,936 felony cases in Lancaster County Court in 2010, representing a 6.5% increase from 2009.¹ The public defender's office was appointed in 1,578 (81.5%) of those cases in the first instance.
- The 1,578 felony cases opened by the public defender in 2010 represents a 7% increase over 2009 and is an all time high in terms of new open felony cases, although we approached those numbers in 2007 at 1,577 new open felonies.
- In 2010, Drug Felonies were at a 5 year low. Major Felonies, Sex Felonies and Violent Felonies remained unchanged or increased only slightly. Property Felonies increased 7%, led by a 21% increase in Forgery cases. Other Felonies had a 30% increase led by many of the new Drunk Driving felony offenses, and a doubling of the number of Sex Offender Registration Violations.
- Major Cases Opened and Closed in 2010: We opened 5 new major cases and closed 4 cases. The office opened 1 case of First Degree Murder, 1 case of Child Abuse Resulting in Death, 1 case involving Attempted First Degree Murder, 1 case of Attempted Second Degree Murder and 1 case of Attempted Kidnaping. We closed 2 cases of First Degree Murder, 1 following a guilty plea and the other because of case overload (accepted by the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy); we closed 1 case of Attempted First Degree Murder following a plea to a lesser charge; and we closed 1 case of Second Degree Murder following a plea to a lesser charge.
- In 2010, the Public Defender's Office had 37 clients admitted to the Adult Drug Court Program and 22 public defender Drug Court clients had their cases closed; 2 clients' cases were closed because of a conflict of interest, but of the remaining clients, 20 clients (54%) had their cases closed following successful graduation and case dismissal and 17 of the clients (46%) had their cases closed because of unsuccessful participation and the cases were referred back to the regular criminal courts.

¹ The figures for new filed felonies has been provided by the Lancaster County Court Judicial Administrator.

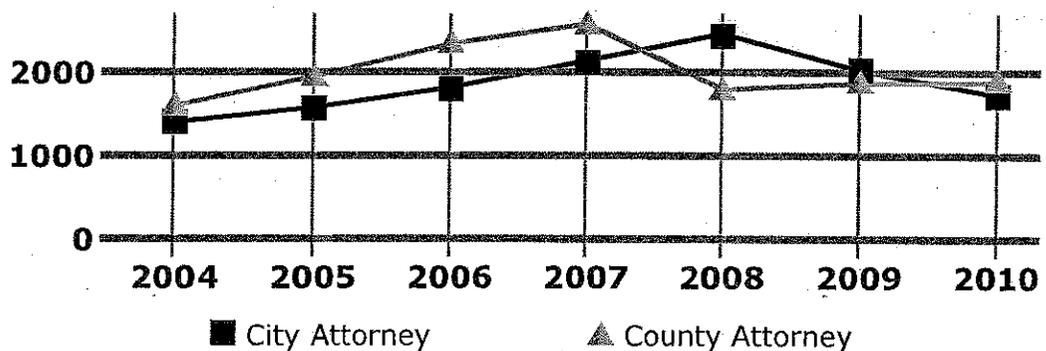
MISDEMEANOR DIVISION

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Todd C. Molvar, Deputy

Jed Rojewski, Paralegal
Kristi Gottberg, Paralegal

GROWTH IN PUBLIC DEFENDER MISDEMEANOR CASES FILED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY ATTORNEY FROM 2004-2010

These cases are Drunk Driving, Assaults, Domestic Violence, Violation of Protection Orders, Driving on Suspended License and Theft



MISDEMEANOR CASE NOTES

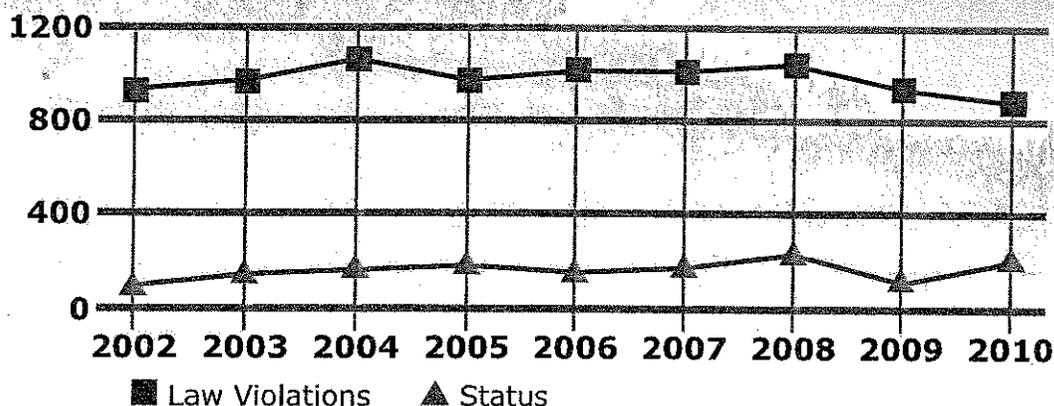
- Non traffic misdemeanor filings in Lancaster County Court, including filings by the City Attorney and the County Attorney, declined by 9% from 2009 to 2010.²
- Public Defender Office appointments in all misdemeanor cases declined by 7% from 2009 to 2010, reaching a six year low. There was a decrease for City Attorney filed cases (16%) but a slight increase for County Attorney filed cases of 4%.
- There are 3 Deputy Public Defenders and one paralegal assigned to the County Attorney filed Misdemeanors which totaled 1,846 new cases in 2010.
- There are 1.5 Deputy Public Defenders and 1 paralegal assigned to the City Attorney filed Misdemeanors which totaled 1,710 new cases in 2010. After showing significant increases in 2009, Drunk Driving Cases and Suspended License Cases showed significant decreases in 2010 (22% and 23% respectively) while Theft cases showed significant increases (16%).

2. These figures are from the State Court Administrator.

JUVENILE DIVISION

Margene M. Timm, Chief Deputy Angelia Franssen, Paralegal
Yohance L. Christie, Deputy
Valerie R. McHargue, Deputy

JUVENILE CASE OPENINGS BY CASE TYPE



JUVENILE CASE NOTES

- The State Court Administrators Office's report shows that law violation filings in the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County decreased by slightly more than 8% from 2009 to 2010. Lancaster County Public Defender appointments in law violation cases declined by 5%.
- The State Court Administrators Office's report also shows that Status filings (mostly school trancies) grew by over 33% in 2010. The Public Defenders Office experienced a 23% increase in appointments in Status cases.
- In 2010, the public defenders office conflicted out of 12% of the juvenile cases it closed, or 156 cases. Some of these cases were then assigned to the contractors and others to private assigned counsel. In addition, the office was relieved of its appointment in 27 cases because we exceeded the new caseload standards for the office. There is a caveat here: we do not have information on all of the appointments to private attorneys made by the juvenile court because they sometimes appoint attorneys without asking us if we have a conflict or, in the case of case overload, they sometimes continue to appoint private attorneys even after we no longer have an overload.
- The Public Defenders Office opened 16 new cases in the Juvenile Drug Court program in 2010 and closed 14. Of the 14 cases closed, 1 was closed because the client hired private counsel, 3 were closed following successful completion and graduation and 10 were closed following unsuccessful termination from the program.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES

Todd C. Molvar, Deputy
Matthew Meyerie, Law Clerk
Andy Conroy, Law Clerk
Brett Pettit, Law Clerk
Tara Nagel, Law Clerk

- The number of new petition cases in the Mental Health Commitment docket declined by 10% in 2010 (to 227 cases).
- 4 of the new petitions in 2010 involved petitions for commitments under the Sex Offender Commitment Act.
- There were 5 appeals filed in the district court from mental health commitment proceedings in 2010.
- The public defenders office opened 234 miscellaneous cases in 2010 compared to 225 miscellaneous cases in 2009 (after adjusting for the Paternity cases). The 2010 cases included 166 felony revocation of probation cases; 29 fugitive from justice cases; 37 adult drug court cases; and 2 new cases involving reviews of cases where there had been a verdict of not responsible by reason of insanity.

APPENDIX A

TABLE 1

LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE OPEN/CLOSED CASELOAD REPORT 2010

CASETYPE	PENDING START	OPENED 2010	CLOSED 2010	PENDING END 2010
Appeals	55	98	106	47
Felonies	559	1573	1542	599
Juveniles	504	1346	1340	500
Major Cases	3	5	4	4
Mentals	9	227	220	6
Miscellaneous	100	234	238	100
Misdemeanors	625	3556	3410	771
Totals	1855	7039	6860	2023

TABLE 2

LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE HISTORICAL COMPARISON OF CASES OPENED SINCE 2000

CASETYPE	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Chg. 09-10
Appeals	86	96	95	109	110	107	119	110	101	95	98	3%
Felonies	981	1130	1404	1368	1415	1515	1506	1566	1558	1476	1573	7%
Juveniles	1453	1520	1487	1331	1467	1417	1520	1517	1597	1323	1346	2%
Major Cases	9	6	10	15	12	11	4	11	7	5	5	0%
Mental Comm.	406	458	533	471	416	415	370	454	289	252	227	-10%
Misc.	152	221	202	210	178	187	810	764	749	616	234	-62%
Misd.	3306	3661	2955	2749	3157	3551	4101	4291	3970	3820	3556	-7%
Totals	6393	7092	6686	6253	6755	7203	8430	8713	8271	7587	7039	-7%

APPENDIX B

LANCASTER COUNTY GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET

Public Defender	ACTUALS	MODIFIED	ACTUALS	PROPOSED	ADOPTED
EXPENDITURES	2008-09	BUDGET	2009-10	BUDGET	BUDGET
		2009-10		2010-11	2010-11
SALARIES & WAGES	2,175,902	2,226,033	2,233,379	2,257,529	2,257,529
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	631,264	651,687	635,316	646,706	646,706
OFFICE SUPPLIES	16,698	17,750	18,591	16,750	16,750
OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	51,727	56,500	58,512	66,300	66,300
TRANS, TRAVEL & SUBSISTANCE	10,747	12,079	13,801	9,290	9,290
COMMUNICATIONS	20,712	20,996	21,359	20,996	20,996
POSTAGE, COURIER & FREIGHT	6,351	6,715	5,860	6,715	6,715
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	10,462	12,340	8,460	9,690	9,690
CONTRACTED HEALTH SERVICE	8,925	15,000	6,675	15,000	15,000
OTHER CLIENT SERVICES	0	50	0	50	50
MISC FEES & SERVICES	80,924	95,283	83,921	88,508	88,508
INSURANCE & SURETY BONDS	8,330	8,387	8,217	8,422	8,422
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COST	532	500	0	500	500
RENTALS	148,335	151,223	151,223	151,223	151,223
EQUIPMENT	1,692	1,189	7,442	0	0
TOTAL PUBLIC DEFENDER	3,172,603	3,275,732	3,252,756	3,297,679	3,297,679

APPENDIX C

CONSTITUTIONAL & STATUTORY BACKGROUND FOR OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Sixth Amendment Constitution of the United States

In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right to appear and defend in person or by counsel

Article 1, Section 11 Constitution of the State of Nebraska Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-3401 (Reissue 2007)

Public defender in certain counties; election; qualifications; prohibited practices; residency.

(1) There is hereby created the office of public defender in counties that have or that attain a population in excess of one hundred thousand inhabitants and in other counties upon approval by the county board. The public defender shall be elected as provided in the Election Act.

(2) The public defender shall be a lawyer licensed to practice law in this state. He or she shall take office after election and qualification at the same time that other county officers take office, except that upon the creation of such office in any county, a qualified person may be appointed by the county board to serve as public defender until such office can be filled by an election in accordance with 32-523.

(3) In counties having a population of more than one hundred seventy thousand inhabitants, the public defender shall devote his or her full time to the legal work of the office of the public defender and shall not engage in the private practice of law. All assistant public defenders in such counties shall devote their full time to the legal work of such office of the public defender and shall not engage in the private practice of law so long as each assistant public defender receives the same annual salary as each deputy county attorney of comparable ability and experience receive in such counties.

(4) No public defender or assistant public defender shall solicit or accept any fee for representing a criminal defendant in a prosecution in which the public defender or assistant is already acting as the defendant's court-appointed counsel.

(5) A public defender elected after November 1986 need not be a resident of the county when he or she files for election as public defender, but a public defender shall reside in a county for which he or she holds office, except that in counties with a population of one hundred thousand or less inhabitants, the public defender shall not be required to reside in the county in which he or she holds office.

APPENDIX C *(continued)*

Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-3402 (Reissue 2007)

Public Defender duties; appointment; prohibitions.

(1) It shall be the duty of the public defender to represent all indigent felony defendants within the county he or she serves. The public defender shall represent indigent felony defendants at all critical stages of felony proceedings against them through the stage of sentencing. Sentencing shall include hearings on charges of violation of felony probation. Following the sentencing of any indigent defendant represented by him or her, the public defender may take any direct, collateral, or postconviction appeals to state or federal courts which he or she considers to be meritorious and in the interest of justice and shall file a notice of appeal and proceed with one direct appeal to either the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court of Nebraska upon a timely request after sentencing from any such convicted felony defendant, subject to the public defender's right to apply to the court to withdraw from representation in any appeal which he or she deems to be wholly frivolous.

(2) It shall be the duty of the public defender to represent all indigent persons against whom a petition has been filed with a mental health board as provided in sections 71-945 to 71-947.

(3) It shall be the duty of the public defender to represent all indigent persons charged with misdemeanor offenses punishable by imprisonment when appointed by the court.

(4) Appointment of a public defender shall be by the court in accordance with sections 29-3902 and 29-3903. A public defender shall not represent an indigent person prior to appointment by the court, except that a public defender may represent a person under arrest for investigation or on suspicion. A public defender shall not inquire into a defendant's financial condition for purposes of indigency determination except to make an initial determination of indigency of a person under arrest for investigation or on suspicion. A public defender shall not make a determination of a defendant's indigency, except an initial determination of indigency of a person under arrest for investigation or on suspicion, nor recommend to a court that a defendant be determined or not determined as indigent.

(5) For purposes of this section, the definitions found in section 29-3901 shall be used.

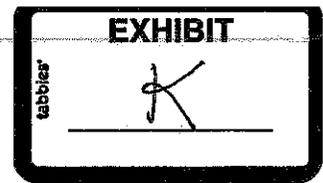
Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-3403 (Reissue 2007)

Public Defender; assistants; personnel; compensation; office space, fixtures, and supplies.

The public defender may appoint as many assistant public defenders, who shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in this state, secretaries, law clerks, investigators, and other employees as are reasonably necessary to permit him or her to effectively and competently represent the clients of the office subject to the approval and consent of the county board which shall fix the compensation of all such persons as well as the budget for office space, furniture, furnishings, fixtures, supplies, law books, court costs, and brief-printing, investigative, expert, travel and other miscellaneous expenses reasonably necessary to enable the public defender to effectively and competently represent the clients of the office.

Neb. Rev. Stat. 29-3901(3) (Reissue 2008)

Indigent shall mean the inability to retain legal counsel without prejudicing one's financial ability to provide economic necessities for one's self or one's family. Before a felony defendant's initial court appearance, the determination of his or her indigency shall be made by the public defender, but thereafter it shall be made by the court; and



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May 2, 2011

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Dr. Shanahan:

On behalf of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, I invite the Nebraska School Activities Association to host the State Volleyball Championships in Lincoln in 2012 and 2013. The Board supports the bid being proposed by the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Lincoln and Lancaster County has a rich tradition in hosting state high school championships. The staff at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools has the working knowledge needed to carry out the Volleyball Championships after more than 20 consecutive years of hosting the event. The experience Lincoln has to offer, in regards to staff and facilities, directly correlates with the experience of the student athlete. These championships are first and foremost about the athletes and the Lancaster County Board strongly believes that Lincoln can, and has in the past, provided memorable opportunities and experiences for these athletes from across the state.

Families of these athletes also play a pivotal role in the state championships. Member schools, their administration, families and students, are familiar with Lincoln and are comfortable coming to our city which has been ranked nationally for safety and cleanliness. Attendance has traditionally been strong in Lincoln, which provides shopping, dining and entertainment options that attendees desire and look for.

I understand communities from around the state will be submitting bid presentations. Lincoln and Lancaster County will go to great lengths to provide a wonderful experience to your athletes, member schools and their families. I encourage the NSAA Board of Directors to strongly consider the bid presented by the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Sincerely,

Deb Schorr
Chairperson
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners



Mayor's

EMMS

Review

Committee



FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

February 7, 2011

Introduction

For over 25 years, the City of Lincoln has benefited from independent medical oversight of pre-hospital care. The current Lincoln/Lancaster County emergency medical oversight system evolved from the community decision in 1996 to train both a private sector provider and the Lincoln Fire Department to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical care. After the community decision in 2001 to make the Lincoln Fire Department the City's ambulance provider, EMS, Inc was selected to provide oversight for the Fire Department and for the non-emergency ambulance providers that subsequently entered the market. From that beginning to the present, the City and County have enjoyed a high level of patient care from Lincoln Fire & Rescue, rural providers and the City's private providers under the direction of a medically driven, independent oversight entity. The Mayor's EMS Oversight Review Committee wants this high standard of care to continue in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

EMS, Inc's second four year contract as the emergency management oversight service authority (EMSOA) was set to expire August 31, 2008. A few months before the contract's end date, the City considered a bidding process for oversight service. Soon after, the Lancaster County Medical Society announced they were seeking to transition away from providing administrative support for EMS, Inc in the future. After discussion with the City's elected officials and the medical community, Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler decided to appoint an EMS Oversight Review Committee to recommend a course of action for the future of EMS oversight in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Mayor's Charge to the Oversight Review Committee

1. Examine Lincoln's current independent medical oversight system to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement.
2. Examine the relationship between the independent oversight system and the budgetary and operational needs of emergency, non-emergency, and rural providers.
3. Other discussions as necessary to support #1 and #2 above. Recommend structure, criteria, and operating principles for the future of EMS Oversight.

Oversight Review Committee members

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Doug Fuller, SE Nebraska EMS Specialist,
NE Dept of Health & Human Services

Jeff Gonzalez, Director, Nebraska Heart Hospital

Adam Hornung, Lincoln City Council

Rod Hutt, EMS, Inc Board

Joe Knecht, Citizen Representative

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Ed Mlinek, Emergency Physician, BryanLGH

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John Porter, Fire Chief, Southeast Rural Fire District

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Libby Raetz, Emergency Department Director,
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April Rimpley, Citizen Representative

Lindsay Scheer, 911 Emergency Communications Center

Deb Schorr, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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The Oversight Review Committee met eight times from August 3 to December 14. The results of those meetings are reflected in the following recommendations.

Structure

The Oversight Review Committee recommends the creation of a leadership board to be known as the **"Lincoln/Lancaster County EMS Governing Board"** with participation and service terms proscribed as follows:

- a. the BryanLGH emergency department clinical director serving at the discretion of the hospital
- b. the Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center's emergency department clinical director serving at the discretion of the hospital
- c. a BryanLGH emergency department physician appointed by the hospital; four-year term
- d. a Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center's emergency department physician appointed by the hospital; four-year term
- e. two community representatives appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval; one to serve an initial four-year term and the other to serve an initial two-year term, both to serve four-terms thereafter
- f. one Lancaster County Medical Society physician appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval; two-year term initially, four-year term thereafter
- g. one County representative appointed by the County Board; two-year term initially, four-year term thereafter
- h. a former Community Health Endowment member appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval; four-year term
- i. a Lincoln Fire & Rescue member (ex-officio member) serving at the discretion of the Fire Chief
- j. a EMS Services HHS member (ex-officio member) serving at the discretion of the division director
- k. the system Medical Director (ex-officio member) serving at the discretion of the Governing Board
- l. a representative of a private sector ambulance company (ex-officio member) who has held a City of Lincoln ambulance license for a period of at least three consecutive years appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval; four-year term.

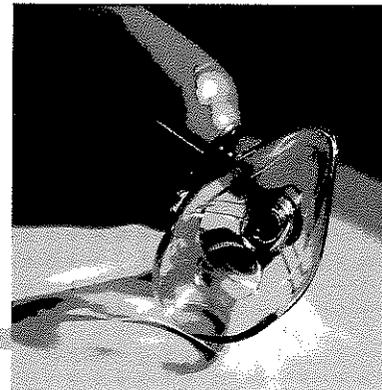
The Governing Board will operate as a Nebraska non-profit corporation in accordance with by-laws adopted by the Board.

The Board will hire a physician medical director. The physician medical director will interact with a proposed "EMS Advisory Committee" to work out system and day-to-day issues.

The "EMS Advisory Committee" will include representatives from each area:

- a. EMSOA administration chairs (BryanLGH and Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center's emergency department clinical directors)
- b. the fire/emergency service districts in Lancaster County (two representatives to be determined by the Lancaster County Mutual Aid Association)
- c. a Lincoln long term care provider appointed by the Nebraska Health Care Association
- d. Lincoln/Lancaster County 911 Emergency Communications Center
- e. Midwest Medical
- f. American Medical Response
- g. Lincoln Fire & Rescue (two representatives)
- h. Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
- i. Nebraska Heart Hospital
- j. Lancaster County Emergency Management/Mass Casualty Incident Team
- k. the physician medical director (ex-officio)

The EMS Advisory Committee will give ambulance providers and those health care entities they serve a forum for discussion, input, and dispute resolution. Official committee recommendations to be reviewed by the Governing Board will be voted upon by the members listed. The Committee meetings will be open to any participant in the system. Additional providers or entities may petition the Governing Board for voting representation on the EMS Advisory Committee.



Medical Director

The medical director will be hired by the EMS Governing Board and report to the Board.

Duties:

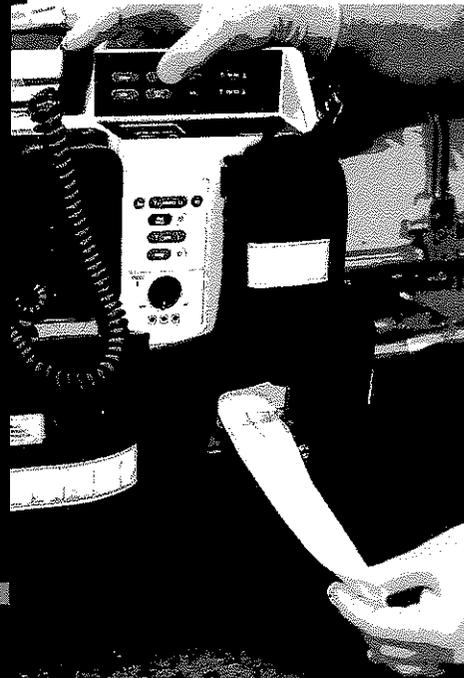
- (1) Development, in cooperation with the Governing Board, of standardized medical care protocols to be employed by all field providers within the system.
- (2) Oversight and coordination, with the assistance of the Governing Board, of standardized medical care protocols to be employed by all EMS dispatchers within the system.
- (3) Provide medical oversight for all LFR providers and contracted emergency services agencies.
- (4) Assist with the implementation of Quality Improvement (QI) programs, including the establishment and enforcement of clinical care standards to be followed by all system providers and provider agencies.
- (5) Define the parameters of medical audits, including, but not limited to:
 - a. chart reviews and appropriate follow-up.
 - b. provider educational programs as determined necessary by chart review results or system incident reports.
 - c. identification of system provider disciplinary proceedings.
- (6) Review clinical implications of system incident reports and direct appropriate courses of action, both at the individual and system levels, and advise the Governing Board of incidents and recommended courses of action.
- (7) Oversee, guide, and lend support to EMS provider training.
- (8) Provide clinical supervision of other entities that provide pre-hospital care within the system.
- (9) Serve as liaison with other medical providers in the community.
- (10) Serve as liaison with the State Emergency Medical Services Board.
- (11) Comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements as promulgated by the State of Nebraska and/or the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services.
- (12) Perform other duties as agreed upon by the EMS Governing Board.

Qualifications:

- (1) Current State of Nebraska physician licensure.
- (2) Board certified in Emergency Medicine (ABEM or ABOEM) or Board certified in any specialty.
- (3) Experienced and currently practicing in the specialty of emergency medicine.
- (4) Completion of the State of Nebraska Medical Director's course (preferred).

Skills/Knowledge:

- (1) Thorough knowledge of the practice of emergency medicine.
 - (2) Thorough knowledge of the general care procedures for all out-of-hospital-care providers.
 - (3) Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and written.
 - (4) Outstanding organizational skills.
 - (5) Working knowledge of EMS systems and medical oversight issues.
 - (6) Ability to build relationships with out-of-hospital-care providers, medical and hospital personnel, elected officials, and the public.
 - (7) Observe the Governing Board code of conduct.
- Additional considerations as determined by the EMS Governing Board.



Administration

The emergency department directors of each hospital will provide day-to-day administrative oversight and leadership as in-kind services, including:

- (1) Service on the Governing Board.
- (2) Preparation for Governing Board and Advisory Committee meetings and notifications.
- (3) Budget preparation.
- (4) QI/QA responsibilities as determined by the Governing Board and physician medical director.
- (5) System certification process as determined by the Governing Board and physician medical director.
- (6) Data review, reporting, and follow up as determined by the Governing Board and physician medical director.
- (7) Interaction with providers and users as necessary.
- (8) Other duties as determined by the Governing Board, the physician medical director, and approved by the hospitals.

Depending upon how the Governing Board and the physician medical director determine the duties and needs, additional employees for the new oversight system may be necessary. Positions could include a coordinator who would also serve as chair of the EMS Advisory Committee, QI staff, and an administrative/office person. The emergency department directors would hire and supervise these positions.

Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement/ Chart Reviews.

The physician medical director, in consultation with the Governing Board and the Advisory Committee, shall determine chart review parameters for the purposes of quality assurance/quality improvement. The Review Committee feels that routine QA/QI can be conducted internally by the ambulance providers under the supervision and direction of the physician medical director and not necessarily involve staff hired by the Governing Board. Ultimately, it is up to the physician medical director and the Governing Board to make that determination. Providers will be responsible for the skill training that may become necessary as a result of data or trend findings by the physician medical director.

The physician medical director, in cooperation with the Governing Board, will oversee and coordinate medical protocols for the Lincoln/Lancaster County 911 Emergency Communications Center dispatch. The Center will make periodic reports to the physician medical director and/or the Governing Board to ensure coordination among all facets of the EMS system as well as quality assurance/protocol compliance.

Training/Certification.

Certification standards will be set by the physician medical director after consultation with the Governing Board and the Advisory Committee. Review of EMS performance will be determined by the physician medical director in consultation with the Governing Board, the Advisory Committee, and the EMSOA administration.

Training will be conducted by each provider with approval of the criteria by the physician medical director. In those circumstances where chart review indicates that an individual paramedic requires additional skill training, the EMSOA administration working with the provider shall determine the appropriate training scenario.

System Providers

All out-of-hospital care providers operating in the Lincoln city limits will be overseen by the physician medical director. Providers with all or part of their jurisdiction in Lancaster County will engage in a contractual relationship with the governing board for medical oversight service with the extent of the service to be negotiated by the parties. Certification for out-of-hospital care providers will be set by the physician medical director in cooperation with the Governing Board.

The group strongly encourages the physician medical director to interact more frequently with providers as a means of increasing morale and strengthening working relationships, but understands that the goal may be constrained by the EMS oversight budget.



Operational issues/Issue resolution

The Review Committee recommends that system operational issues be addressed by the EMS Advisory Committee. The role of the Advisory Committee is to work through operational issues and the policies that impact providers. In those circumstances where issues cannot be settled at the Advisory Committee, the Governing Board shall review the pros and cons of the dispute and determine one or more options to be implemented for resolution. Medical policy issues that originate at the Governing Board level will be discussed at the Advisory Committee and any recommendations returned to the Governing Board for consideration.

Transition

The Oversight Review Committee debated the issue of how the new entity assumes its duties. Concern was expressed that a start-up plan could not be developed without a budget. But a budget could not be constructed without a scope of work and estimated hours for the system's physician medical director, a decision that must be made by the Lincoln/Lancaster County EMS Governing Board. Rural EMS authorities would not be able to decide their participation and financial commitment without some guidance on the relationship between the new entity and their providers, again a decision of the Governing Board.

To solve the dilemma, the Oversight Review Committee recommends an overlapping transition period where the new entity develops its plan for start-up while EMS, Inc continues to provide EMS oversight service. The Oversight Committee urges Mayor Beutler and the City Council to put the Governing Board in place as soon as practical. Once seated, the Board should immediately seek a physician medical director.

After its appointment, the Governing Board should immediately address the issues of budgeting and finance. Currently, the costs of operating the EMS oversight system are covered by the City and the hospitals. In an era of increasingly difficult budgets, the continuing ability of these entities to fund the new oversight system will likely be challenged and alternatives will need to be examined. For example, the hospitals intend for their contributions to be in the form of in-kind administrative services.

The Oversight Review Committee strongly recommends that rural providers be involved in the transition process and provisions made for their participation in the new structure. Many Lancaster County rural providers depend on the current structure for their medical oversight. The Committee believes the continuation of these relationships is vital for quality patient care.

The Oversight Review Committee recommends the following timeline for transition:

February:

Contract resolution and ordinance changes introduced to City Council

March:

EMS Governing Board appointed

March-August 31:

EMS Governing Board meets, determines budget and funding with assistance from Oversight Review Committee and EMS, Inc; develops process for hiring a physician medical director; process presented to the EMS Advisory Committee. EMS Governing Board & EMSOA Administration meets with EMS, Inc Board and staff to plan the transition.

September 1 or earlier:

New EMS Governing Board assumes responsibility for Lincoln/Lancaster County EMS oversight.

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