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Lincoln Parish Community Health Assessment To Be Presented to Public

The results of the recently completed Community Health Assessment will be presented to the public on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ruston Civic Center. The Community Health Assessment, conducted by Professional Research Consultants in Omaha, Nebraska, is a systematic, data-driven approach that was used to determine the overall health status, behaviors and needs of residents in Lincoln Parish. The presentation will be conducted by Professional Research Consultants and was developed from telephone interviews involving over 1,000 Lincoln Parish residents, as well as focus groups and personal interviews of area health care providers and community leaders. Time will be provided at the end of the presentation for questions and input from the public.

“The community health assessment will serve as the primary tool to assist Lincoln Health Foundation reach its goal of improving health care and outcomes for residents of Lincoln Parish,” said Dr. Shirley Reagan, Chair of the Lincoln Health Foundation Board of Directors. “The Community Health Assessment will provide Lincoln Health Foundation with the information it needs to identify the health issues of greatest concern and determine the best way to respond to those areas, thereby making the greatest possible impact on the health status of Lincoln Parish residents,” added Dr. Reagan.

The complete details of the assessment will be made available to the public on February 12, 2009 by accessing Lincoln Health Foundation’s website www.lincolnhealth.com. All citizens of Lincoln Parish are invited to attend this important presentation.

For more information about the Community Health Assessment presentation, residents may call Norman Hanes, LHF Assistant Secretary, at (318) 251-5847.