



*Improving Health Care and Outcomes for Residents of Lincoln Parish*

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### *Grant Summary*

<b>Initiative:</b>	Healthier Outcomes & Access to Health Care
<b>Project Name:</b>	Linking the Parish, Inc., dba The Health Hut – Year 6
<b>Funding Period:</b>	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
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<b>Project Coordinator:</b>	Dr. Jacqueline White, Medical Director
<b>Total Funding Approved:</b>	\$ 625,000.00

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### **Program Summary**

The Health Hut has provided mobile medical care and wellness programs in Lincoln Parish since 2011 through funding provided by Lincoln Health Foundation. As it enters its 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation, the Health Hut continues to execute its mission of providing for the uninsured, as well as Medicaid patients, in Lincoln Parish. By utilizing mobile medical services, the Health Hut is able to reach the people closer to where they are, specifically in the communities of Grambling, Dubach, Simsboro, as well as in Ruston. The Health Hut focuses on meeting the medical needs by providing quality primary care, both in the acute and chronic setting.

The Health Hut’s goal is to be proactive in identifying growing needs in the community, and adjusting services and/or locations to help meet that need.

Some of the services offered at the Health Hut (both on the medical mobile clinic bus and at the fixed location) are treatment/monitoring for primary healthcare needs such as Hypertension, Diabetes, Hyperlipidemia, Asthma/Emphysema, Renal Disease, etc. Treatment is also provided on an urgent care basis for colds/flu, UTI, Upper Respiratory Infection, Abscess, Rash, etc. Basic laboratory services are provided for ongoing assessment of patients and their medical conditions.

Collaborative agreements and partnerships have been established with several organizations throughout Lincoln Parish. Partners in Wellness provides monthly screenings for mammograms and Pap smears at the Ruston site. The Dietetics department at Louisiana Tech University offers one-on-one nutritional counseling for patients on-site in Ruston. The United Methodist Family Counseling Center offers personal behavior counseling for patients onsite at

the Health Hut's Ruston location. The mobile medical clinic also provides services onsite at Rolling Hills every other month.

The Health Hut continues to strive to be the "safety net" for patients who have difficulty acquiring access to medical care. The Health Hut's goal is to ensure that patients have the resources needed to take care of their medical needs, and receive education on the importance of preventative healthcare.