

LINCOLN HEALTH FOUNDATION

Initiative:	Healthier Outcomes & Access to Health Care
Project Name:	Lincoln Parish Health Unit Lab Renovation & HPV Vaccine Project
Funding Period:	October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009
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Project Coordinator:	Glenda Hale, Facility Manager, LPHU
Project Administration:	Lincoln Parish Policy Jury
Total Funding Approved:	Lab Renovation Project (\$ 4,458.) HPV (Gardasil) Immunization Project (\$ 58,050.)
Project Status:	Completed

Program Summary

The Lincoln Parish Health Unit (LPHU) seeks to improve health and well-being for the indigent patients who access the health unit for immunizations, nutritional support, and for diagnostic testing in the facility laboratory. Due to funding limitations, services which could be of the most help to the indigent patients who frequent the LPHU facility are either curtailed or not provided at all. The Lincoln Parish Health Unit funding proposal addresses two issues indigent patients face relative to healthier outcomes and access to health care services.

Renovation of Existing Laboratory

The current patient flow process at the Lincoln Parish Health Unit is hampered due to congestion and lack of operational flow. A dividing wall between the existing laboratory space and two patient rooms needs to be removed, and a pass-through developed to the women's restroom to improve patient flow through the area, and to enable Health Unit staff to process more patients through the facility.

Total funding provided by Lincoln Health Foundation for the laboratory renovation project was \$21,492.

Expansion of Human Papillomavirus Vaccinations (HPV)

The Health Unit is currently limited in the types of vaccinations that can be administered to adults. As a result, at risk women between the ages of 19-26 are unable to access the HPV vaccine, Gardasil, due to their underinsured status or limitations in the Vaccines for Children Program which ceases when the patient reaches age 18. The Gardasil vaccine is the only cervical cancer vaccine that protects against four types of human Papilloma Virus, two that cause 90% of genital warts, and two other types that cause 70% of cervical cancer. Making the Gardasil vaccine available to at risk women will reduce the risk of cervical cancer for 129 women in Lincoln Parish.

Total funding provided by Lincoln Health Foundation for the HPV (Gardasil) vaccination project was \$ 58,050.

