

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

The Oklahoma City-County Health Department, in partnership with the City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, and the Wellness Now Coalition, is pleased to present the 2014 Health and Wellness Assessment. This document represents the culmination of assessments and information gathering over the last year. As one of the first local health departments to become accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), the Oklahoma City-County Health Department was commended for our strong community partnerships, and our vision for improving health for residents of our community.

PHAB designation requires continued focus on quality improvement and agency transparency. We are excited about the results you will find in the pages that follow. This is a living, breathing document, intended to spark discussion, and action for continuing our trend of improving health outcomes for Oklahoma City and County residents. We have made many improvements over the last several years, and to continue this upward trend we will rely on the partnerships of this community to direct us in developing and delivering services that meet the needs and expectations of our residents.

The Health and Wellness Assessment is designed to link health outcomes to actionable policies and evidence-based programs that have the potential to improve health. Additionally, for each data point, a message specifically tailored to providers and community members has been included to encourage continuing and new partners to begin discussions for first steps.

There are many individuals who participated in the development of this manual, but we would like to especially thank the Oklahoma City-County Health Department Board of Health members for providing us with the vision, oversight, and support for our approach to improving health outcomes and the Wellness Now Coalition partnership for their continued commitment to implementing change in our community.

We hope you will see this not just as a report on the current status of health in our community, but an opportunity to engage in improving our health outcomes, one neighborhood, one zip code, one community at a time.

Sincerely,



Gary Cox, JD, Executive Director



Stephen Cagle, M.D., Chairman, Board of Health

