

## ***Community Context Process Report***

The Panhandle Partnership for Health and Human Services met February 16, 2010 for their regular quarterly membership meeting.

As part of the discussion, Sandy Roes presented a letter addressed to Lorye McLeod, president of the Partnership. The letter, from the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation offered the Partnership an opportunity to enhance the Child Well Being indicators in our community (the Panhandle) through a collaborative assessment and planning process for parent child interaction.

Briefly, this offer included technical and financial support of up to \$10,000 to complete a community assessment and strategic plan for parent child interaction, to be completed by April 10, 2010 and up to \$100,000 per year for five years for implementation of the developed parent child interaction plan. An earlier phone conference between the PPHHS board and NCF staff to discuss this opportunity led to further discussion with the PPHHS general membership.

Sandy Roes made a motion to accept the offer, with a second by Nancy Marsh. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The decision was ratified by a consensus of the PPHHS board in attendance at their March 16, 2010 meeting.

As a result, PPHD began preparation of many of the documents needed to begin the collaborative assessment and planning process, scheduling the first meeting for the Child Well Being task force for March 29, 2010 in Bridgeport, Nebraska. There were 27 individuals in attendance at the first meeting, including representatives of community action partnerships, health care, education, University extension, public health, behavioral health, domestic violence prevention agencies, minority groups, the YMCA and Volunteers of America.

Joan Frances, NCF consultant led the group in a community context mapping effort. The results of the process, including a copy of findings, definition of the problem, identification of factors, behaviors and definitions and contributing factors is included with this submission. The document is presented in both a long narrative format and two one-page summaries of the factors affecting safe and nurturing environments in the Panhandle and consequences of not addressing child safety and health in the Panhandle.