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Charity Menefee is the Director of the Division of Public Health for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. She oversees the day-to-day operations of the Division which is responsible for preventive and community health programs; epidemiology, informatics, and vital statistics; as well as the regulation and licensure of health-related professions and occupations, and the regulation and licensure of health care facilities and services. She would describe herself as a dedicated servant leader who is passionate about public health.



Before joining DHHS in July 2021, Charity served at the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) in Knoxville, Tennessee for over 21 years in roles including director of communicable and environmental disease and emergency preparedness, disease investigator, public information officer, and regional hospital coordinator. Charity is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Tennessee Air National Guard, where she has served for 22 years and is currently a Public Health Officer for the 134th Medical Group.

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