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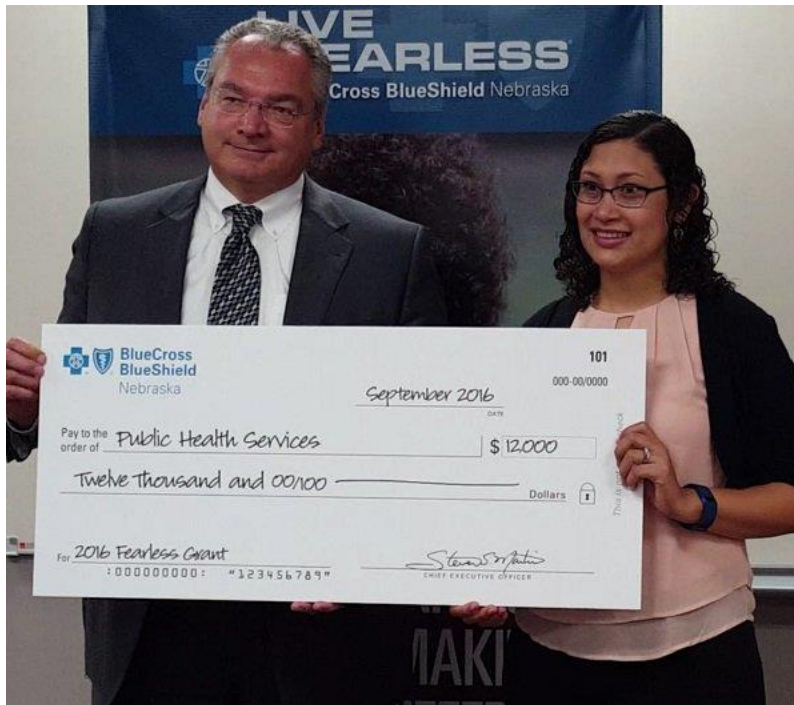
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Pictured are BCBS of Nebraska's Pat Bourne (*left*) and Carmen Chinchilla-Gutiérrez, PHS Dental Program Coordinator

Blue Cross Blue Shield Provides Funding for Preventive Dental Service at Public Health Solutions

On September 19, 2016, Public Health Solutions was honored to receive a \$12,000 Fearless Grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Nebraska. It was one of three grants BCBS awarded this year.

The grant will enable PHS to continue to provide preventive dental services at an on-site clinic to low income patients who have no means of affording dental services. These include low income, children, diabetics, and older people as dental services are not generally covered under Medicare.

It is expected that the people coming to the clinic for services will grow well beyond the 16/month presently seen. Clients will be referred to a dentist for needed care.

Dental preventive services include a dental assessment, cleaning, fluoride varnish and dental sealants. Such care is recommended every six months.

Ultimately, the program will result in a reduction in dental disease and increased access to needed dental services.

Those who are low income and who need dental care should call the PHS office at 402-826-3880 to make an appointment.

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