



**Sherry Adams** is a Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist working at Southwestern District Health Unit, in Dickinson since 2004. She became the as Administrator/CEO for the health unit in 2009. Sherry earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology in 1979 and worked as a lab and branch supervisor in the dairy industry for 23 years. She has worked in Emergency Preparedness and Response for eleven years, is certified in Homeland Security at Level V, as well as Certified in Domestic Preparedness. Sherry is a Hazmat Technician; Certified Water Lab Technician; and a Certified Standard Awareness Level Instructor. She is also certified by FEMA and the State of ND as an Incident Command instructor. She is an adjunct professor at Dickinson State University teaching Disaster Preparedness. She became a part of State IMAT(Incident Management Assistance team), as a Safety Officer, in 2009, and as an Incident Commander in 2012. Sherry has responded to numerous incidents including the Dickinson Tornado of 2009, H1N1 Pandemic flu of 2009, Flooding/Evacuation of 2009 and 2011, as well as numerous oil spills/ chemical and hazmat spills throughout SW North Dakota. In March of 2013, Sherry was part of a team of 5 that was sent to Ghana, Africa to teach Incident Command to their government. The team returned again in March of 2014, and April of 2015. Sherry has been a member of NDPHA for 10 years and served on the board previously for six years. Sherry has been married for 33 years to her husband Dean, and has two grown children. Sherry loves to write letters, sing, and laugh.