

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, March 8th, 2021

Called to Order: 7:01am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, March 8th, 2021, at 7:00am in the Conference Room at the Grundy County Annex Building in Grundy Center, IA. Per the Iowa Public Information Board: Electronic Meetings for a Governmental Body, minutes must include a statement explaining why an in-person meeting was impossible or impractical. Currently, LBOH meetings are offered in-person or via zoom for members and the public. This is due to the pandemic and wishing to support social distancing and safe protocols/mitigation efforts. Appointed board members present in person: Dave Stefl, RPH, Chairperson; Dr. Charles LaTendresse, Vice Chair; Jessica Eilers, RN; Lexie Hach, MA. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Program Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD. Also present via zoom/conference call: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant; Kalynn Palmisano, GCPH/LBOH APEx Student.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Stefl. The minutes from January 11th, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve the January 2021 minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Eilers, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Stefl, and will submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

Conflict of Interest Statement: Per previous suggestion from LBOH members at January meeting, a conflict of interest statement was distributed to current LBOH members for signatures. Stefl, LaTendresse, Eilers, and Hach filled out forms and returned to Thornton-Lang. Petersen will be emailed form for return to GCPH. Forms will be filed by GCPH personnel and updated annually by each member.

COVID-19 Updates: The pandemic continues to be the main focus during reporting period. GCPH continues to participate in weekly phone conferences, webinars, and zoom meetings as pandemic continues; these meetings include information shared with and available from local, state, and national partners. Working with individual inquiries that have come up daily via email, phone calls, and Facebook messenger are a high priority. GCPH works regularly with local schools and sports teams' inquiries and guidance, long-term care facilities on guidance and updates, as well as childcare center guidance. We have also been reached out to by various businesses and churches for guidance offered by our department, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Isolation and quarantine home orders have been instituted by the State of Iowa. If these were needed, LBOH would have to sign off orders, with GCPH personnel and local law enforcement working to execute orders. Vaccine administration is currently in Phase 1B. GCPH is working with hospital,

clinics, pharmacies, long-term care facilities, and assisted living facilities in county to ensure administration to appropriate individuals. GCPH does not house vaccines; dosages are being distributed to pharmacies for administration those identified as priority populations in Phase 1B. GCPH created a campaign, similar to flu shot campaign, to disseminate information to the public. All those identified in Tier 1 of Phase 1B have received prime dosage of Moderna (who wished to be), including all school personnel in all 5 public districts and Timothy Christian. We will continue to work through tiers and those aged 65+ in the identified priority populations for Phase 1B in collaboration with local pharmacies. Acknowledgement made to VanDeest and all local pharmacies for the undertaking of vaccine distribution and administration. Thornton-Lang states that IDPH and other county partners have commended the communication and efforts of our county in keeping with the 80% throughput threshold. While GCPH is in response for the pandemic, there are other factors for consideration of time: Thornton-Lang currently has vacation to utilize that has been difficult to do so due to pandemic response. She will be trying to utilize this so she does not lose it at the end of the fiscal year. She also states that her child passenger safety certification is due in April and needs to complete CEU's (which can be done online this year due to the pandemic) in order to remain certified. Utilization of other funding will need to be thought of, as well, going forward. There are COVID relief funds available through GCPH, the 6YR Response Grant, which does off the possible utilization of subcontracting with local partners on various activities that meet the needs of the grant. Currently, the community and local healthcare partners are requesting further data points and continued communication and marketing on social media and with community partners/stakeholders via postal mailings and newsletter additions on pandemic updates. These are places of possible subcontract areas for GCPH. Due to GCPH employees need to respond appropriately to the pandemic, Hach request further discussion on this possibility. The initial request is if there is someone within the county that can help with contracts and data input. County Attorney, Erika Allen has said she could take a look at contract and see how she can help with this; Thornton-Lang will send her the contract for input. LaTendresse suggests asking Don Kampman, Grundy County IT, to help with data input. Smith states that he has many county responsibilities, but will reach out to him. Hach states that this would only be temporary assistance during time of pandemic; it could be on own time or part of work time, depending on a proposal and contract work decided upon between parties. Communication/marketing needs could be with GCMH due to already collaborating already and healthcare or data entry; could be another freelance graphic designer; depend on proposal and contract work. The goal of this proposed subcontract is to keep GCPH employees in touch with the pandemic response and meet community needs. Smith states that there may be a budget amendment needed; Thornton-Lang does not believe this will be needed, as all other grants given to GCPH have not needed one. Smith will check on this and will bring information up at BOS meeting to be held following LBOH meeting. Petersen states that this sounds like a great way to dig into the data further, and to correlate any findings with community outreach campaigns. Hach inquires as to how Manly's is doing with administration. Stefl states that the pharmacy has received lots of help from individuals, including Julie Stefl who helps with administration and IRIS data entry.

Public Health Report for January/February, 2021:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: GCPH continues to participate, as available, in community meetings/discussions. Both Community Partners and Wellness Committee are available via zoom, and GCPH hopes to attend these more frequently in upcoming months.

Community Assessment: CHNA&HIP updates provided by LBOH members Hach and Petersen. Assessments are to be completed in 2021 and implemented in 2022. Hach has reached out to local colleges with MPH programs on assistance from intern students on this project. Three students from University of Nebraska-Medical Center (UNMC) interviewed with Hach and Petersen, and all have accepted internship with needs assessment as main focus. These students are called APEX students. Projects will be done virtually, through the 11-step CHNA&HIP program. Steps 1-7 will be completed by APEX students, and steps 8-11 will be completed by Hach for her doctorate program and she will oversee the project as part of a pilot project for UNMC. APEX student start date is May 17th. They will be attending the May and July LBOH meetings, Wednesday pandemic planning calls, and any other meetings that may be pertinent to their experience. Each will take a piece of HIP to work on in late spring/summer. The CHNA will be completed by Hach in the fall. This should be finished by end of 2021, with implement ready for GCPH in spring of 2022

Disease Outbreak: On January 21st, 2021, investigation began on Mumps isolated case. Case was closed on January 25th, 2021. On February 21st, 2021, investigation began on Crypto isolated case. Case closed on February 23rd, 2021.

Injury Prevention: The Sharps Disposal program received 15 sharps container during reporting period.

LPHS FY22 Grant application was suspended by IDPH. The FY21 LPHS contract will be extended for another year.

Immunization (I4) Grant: The Annual Flu campaign continues for local pharmacies with flyers being distributed weekly on social media. Flyers have also been distributed to local media (i.e., newspapers, TV stations, radio stations), libraries, schools, childcare centers, etc. Campaign will continue in next months. It was noted by healthcare partners on LBOH that flu instances have dropped since pandemic began. GCPH receives weekly updates from CDC and IDPH regarding weekly flu trends. This information is currently distributed to local physicians/clinics, Grundy County Memorial Hospital, long-term care/assisted living facilities, and pharmacists; GCPH will send information to LBOH, as well. Th semi-annual report is not required for this reporting period due to vaccine administration focus per IDPH.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills programming began in Reinbeck Elementary School, working with 4th graders for curriculum during reporting period. Program Coordinator, Thornton-Lang, works with 2 classrooms on lessons reaching 14 students for each lesson in each classroom. Thornton-Lang has reached out to Grundy Center Elementary for possible lessons at end of the school year. GCPH is continuing to try to find ways to reach community members for substance abuse prevention topics and attend webinars, as applicable, in order to

utilize grant opportunity and funding. Working with IDPH about possibly returning some grant dollars, as pandemic has made some programming difficult to complete. Semi-Annual report, due January 31st, 2021, was completed and approved on January 14th, 2021.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom, including meetings following COVID-19 LPH webinars. POD Cart was received, and is currently in GCPH exam room.

Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC): The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events. There are 27 active volunteers. Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period (see attachment): 6 total number of activities; 4 total number of MRC participants; 14 total number of hours contributed; \$584.53 economic value of contribution. Currently, volunteer activity reporting is down, but volunteers have offered time to help with COVID vaccination efforts. One volunteer (a nurse practitioner) donated time to help with administration and education at Prime Vaccine Closed POD at Grundy Center Secondary School (Middle/High School) with Manly Pharmacy to vaccination school employees.

6YR Preparedness Grant: This is a response grant from IDPH for help with COVID-19 response. GCPH will be utilizing to meet the needs of the pandemic. The dollars are for March-March, not normal fiscal year. There are specific requirements/activities involved for usage.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): There was 1 installation & educational during reporting period, and 1 education offered to community members. In-person inspections/installations/educational inquiries are allowed to be conducted, as of this report, with mitigation measures in place.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): No programming during reporting period.

Due to the pandemic, no additional grant searching is in plans to take place for the FY21 year.

Due to the pandemic, total contacts for reporting period is not available.

Social Media Stats: Reached 87,581 individuals for reporting period (Pinterest analytics were not available). GCPH is active on the following social media sites: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. We also promote our county website on all social media platforms. Board requested information on how social media stats were compiled, which Thornton-Lang will send to them via email.

Meeting was recorded via zoom and is available for future viewing on Google Drive:

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YjiZ0vPI7U4xAOc64Ipo6lNy33bct4J-/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DhHBN2XiqBBrixspG7DENbTnCV-qB7_C/view?usp=sharing

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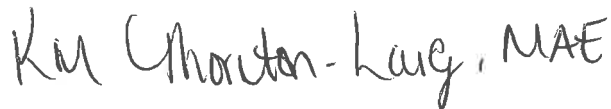
Meeting adjourned at 7:59am; motion by Hach, second by Eilers; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, May 10th, 2021, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

CHNA&HIP Updates (under LPHS Grant) – APEX students introductions
Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



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Dave Stefl, RPH
Chairperson