

## Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Program Coordinator; Michelle VanDeest, GCPH Office Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Lexie Hach, MA; Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD. Also present via zoom/conference call: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant; Traci Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Five/Black Hawk County Health Department (BHCHD); Amanda Kirchoff, WIC/Operation Threshold; Halkeno Tura, BHCHD; Hailey Finn, ISmile/BHCHD; Summer Woolsey, GCPH/LBOH APEX Student.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Stefl. The minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve the May 2021 minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Eilers, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Stefl, and will be submitted to [iowaGrants.gov](http://iowaGrants.gov) following meeting.

**Operation Threshold/WIC Update** – Amanda Kirchoff offered updates for our region. A handout was provided and distributed via email prior to meeting with information. The dollar amount is how much was redeemed at county stores, not necessarily only by county residents

**BHCHD Updates** - Updates for our region for 1st Five, ISmile, child/adolescent health. A handout was provided and distributed via email prior to meeting with information. 1st Five/Child adolescent health, Traci Smith, stated that 9 families referred from GC in FY21, as opposed to 7 families in FY20 to 1st Five. ISmile, Hailey Finn, stated that 1 dental provider in Grundy County takes title 19; program is currently trying to get medical providers to apply fluoride treatments during well-child visits in other counties; oral health education still took place in Grundy County during pandemic, focusing on 2nd/3rd grade classes; programming associates helped school nurses for school audit screenings, only 4 in county were found to be high risk; also stated that 600+ eligible children in Grundy County for Medicaid, and about 46% of those were seen by dentists.

**Conflict of Interest Statement:** After speaking with county attorney, Erika Allen, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) has established a new statement for review and signatory of each board member. Petersen and Hach will scan and sign to send via electronically to Thornton-Lang; all other board members signed at meeting for GCPH to file.

**COVID-19 Updates:** The pandemic continues to be the main focus during reporting period. GCPH continues to participate in phone conferences, webinars, and zoom meetings, as they are made available from local, state and federal partners. Individual inquiries that have come up daily via email, phone calls, and Facebook messenger will continue to be a high priority, but have slowed down. GCPH continues to work with local schools and sports teams' inquiries and guidance, long-term care facilities on guidance and updates, as well as childcare center guidance and updates; all, as needed. Isolation and quarantine home orders are still currently instituted by the State of Iowa. If these are needed, LBOH would be required to sign off on orders, with GCPH personnel and local law enforcement working to execute orders. Vaccine administration has continued. GCPH works 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, hospital, and UnityPoint Clinic - Family Medicine in Grundy Center for administration. The Healthcare Pandemic Planning Group (HCPPG) and subcommittees are currently worked on a variety of initiatives to increase vaccination rates in Grundy County, including pop-up clinic availability and possible incentive programs. GCPH, with assistance from county attorney, Erika Allen, has drafted an agreement for pop-up clinics to take place with Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) being the program manager for such while utilizing grant funds available from GCPH. GCPH is also working with GCMH and other entities in the county for marketing campaigns, as applicable. LBOH, on behalf of GCPH, applied for the GCMH Foundation grant for incentive programming in the community; as of this report, no word on acceptance/denial of grant proposal. LBOH/GCPH attended 100 Women Who Care Event to ask for incentive assistance, and information was well received. Vote was 1 away from being tied with the winner, and they have asked us to attend in October. Stefl states that the GCMH agreement should not be just for hospital, and should be for other administrators in the county. Thornton-Lang states that this absolutely can happen, as it has been happening, without an agreement in place with GCPH grant funding. This agreement is just for GCMH due to clinics and marketing availability. The incentive grant proposal should be notified this week if was received or not; GCPH/LBOH will have a proposal in place, if needed. So far, only 2 other counties have offered incentive programs: Polk and Black Hawk.

### **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:* Grundy County CHNA&HIP updates provided by LBOH members Hach and Petersen. Each of the APEx students have taken a section of assessment. As of this morning, 68 responses; we were only expecting about half that. By far, the most common response is surrounding mental health. Hach inquires to board members thoughts on if we should put final product on county website? This can be board decision and will be on IDPH website. Decision is to have on PH website, along with future ones; Thornton-Lang will work with County IT on this. The survey is currently on the main page. If any board member wants to see current responses, please get in touch with Hach or GCPH. GCMH has pushed it out, as well

*Injury Prevention:* The Sharps Disposal program received 21 sharps container during reporting period.

Immunization (I4) Grant: The FY21 contract extended; no grant application for FY22.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: GCPH program coordinator, Thornton-Lang, presented Summer Safety Program to Grundy Center Middle School, upon request from school, reaching 52 fifth graders for summer safety topics covered. This was in collaboration with INRCOG/Safe Routes to School coordinator discussing bike safety and distributing bike helmets to students in need.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom, including meetings following COVID-19 LPH webinars.

Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC): The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events. There are 26 active volunteers. Following yearly update/drill, 1 member decided to forgo availability due to ongoing pandemic. Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period May/June, 2021, is unavailable due to national reporting website updates taking place during June and July. Report will be made available via email to board members upon website up and running.

6YR Preparedness Grant: GCPH continues to respond to pandemic with approved activities for vaccination efforts in county.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): Thornton-Lang has completed required CEU's for next cycle and will continue to offer education and seat checks during the course of the next 2 years for continued certification.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): Bike and concussion programming was conducted, for first time following creation of curriculum in collaboration with IDPH (<https://idph.iowa.gov/Healthy-Habit-All-Stars>). 26 kindergarten students from AGWSR participated in each program, which the teacher found to be a success!

Due to the pandemic, no additional grant searching is in plans to take place for the FY21 year. Assessment of grant searching for FY22 will take place during first portion of fiscal year, due to continued pandemic restraints at the time of this report.

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

Social Media Stats: Social Media Stats for reporting period May/June, 2021, is not available at the time of this report. When available, stats will be emailed to board members.

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

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k6Kw4e9mRyp8bNd1WNBQeZqRCNt9W5tD/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sPIWkQ81u2G1LAsUvwEhSEkIDX7m2dor/view?usp=sharing>
- File link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OMa2mR6Msl7B4K98Xzx9sbbnN-DjCFz?usp=sharing>

Meeting adjourned at 8:05am; motion by Eilers, second by LaTendresse; carried.

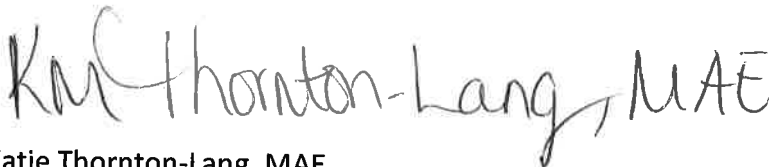
**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

**Scheduled Meeting Topics:**

CHNA&HIP Updates (under LPHS Grant)

Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE

Grundy County Public Health Program Coordinator



Dave Stefl, RPH

Chairperson