

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, November 8th, 2021

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, November 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 on-going pandemic and wishing to support safe protocols/mitigation efforts. Future meetings will only be held in said circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical. Zoom/conference call attendance will still continue to be available to board members and to the public. Meetings will be recorded and uploaded onto Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Google Drive, with links available on minutes. Meeting recordings will be deleted off of Drive after no less than 1-years-time, but will continue to be available upon request on GCPH Program Coordinator, Katie Thornton-Lang's, county computer drive. Appointed board members present in person: Dave Stefl, RPH, Chairperson; Lexie Hach, MA. Also present in person: Carie Steinbron, Grundy County Sanitarian; Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, 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; Marie Harvey and Nicolle Bryant, Homicide/Other Violent Crimes Program.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Stefl. The minutes from September 13th, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve the September 2021 minutes by Stefl; seconded by Hach, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Stefl, and will submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

Homicide/Other Violent Crimes Program – Marie Harvey and Nicolle Bryant offered updates for our region. Harvey will send information shared via PowerPoint to Thornton-Lang to share with LBOH. The purpose of program is to provide immediate and post traumatic instance support to crime victims. This does include crime victim compensation, such as funeral costs, hotel stays, travel and court reimbursement, as well as lost wages reimbursement. They also act as a liaison between various parties during criminal process, and offer support groups and help with death notifications. The program serves 15 counties, including Grundy. They are currently based out of Fort Dodge. The program is grant funded through VOCA out of Des Moines. The services are free and confidential. Last year, there were over 300 clients served; this year is over 500 so far. There are four full-time staff, including a child prevention specialist. They help with suicide prevention/assistance/resources. They do outreach with local law enforcement agencies and clinical providers, with the majority of their referrals coming from

law enforcement. GCPH will help connect program to Grundy County Community Partners, Grundy Center Wellness Committee, and the Grundy County Ministerial Association.

Environmental Report: Carie Steinbron provided updates on environmental health status for Grundy County. Reports that the ongoing trial has dates scheduled for February, 2022 (emailed following meeting, stating that dates are in March, 2022; LBOH was notified of trial dates via email). There will be five days scheduled. It will be the same judge that has presided previously. It is scheduled to be a jury trial within Grundy County at this point, and may get moved to Black Hawk without a jury trial. Steinbron provided brief synopsis of lawsuit information for new LBOH members. Steinbron will provide updates via email on decision. She states that there is a new 28E agreement with slight changes on well permits that the BOS has approved. Steinbron will plan to come to January meeting, if available, to introduce herself to new LBOH members.

Landfill Commission Representation Discussion: Current representative, Jim Ross, seeks to no longer represent LBOH at this time (may decide to in future). LBOH member, Hach, lead discussion on new representation and procedures, as well as provided agreement of landfill commission for members to peruse (sent out via email prior to meeting). Hach received three recommendations for a new LBOH representative, and contacted Ryan Bingman, GCMH facilities manager for 14 years, who is interested in representative position that meets quarterly. LBOH would ask him to give email updates for GCPH to send to LBOH or landfill commission secretary (Smith) can send minutes to GCPH to share, as well. Stefl motions that Bingman be the recommended LBOH representative of the landfill commission; seconded by Hach; carried. Smith reports she will share information with BOS and will contact Bingman for representative appointment.

Board Member Discussion: There will be 2 vacancies on LBOH at end of December. LBOH member, Hach, lead discussion on new members and procedures. There will be an upcoming meeting with LBOH/GCPH/BOS with recommendations from LBOH to BOS. New members will be discussed, as well as having to determine chair/vice-chair at January meeting. Hach has suggested trying to diversify board with various skill sets that meet the Local Public Health (LPH) essential services, and has begun to compile a list of possible members to share with BOS.

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 via email, phone calls, and Facebook messenger will continue to be a high priority, but have continued to slow 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, mostly via email when new guidance is presented. Isolation and quarantine home orders are no longer active by the State of Iowa. Vaccine administration continues. 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 Preparedness Planning Group (HCPPG) and subcommittees worked on a variety of initiatives to increase vaccination rates in Grundy County, including pop-up clinic availability and an incentive program. GCPH will continue working with GCMH and other entities in the county for marketing campaigns, as applicable. The county's COVID-19 website is still active and being updated, as needed (<https://tinyurl.com/38ffnwwz>). This site is through the county website and has information on vaccine administration sites, previous incentive program details, and other COVID-19 information. Pop-up clinics were not as successful as hoped, and ceased in September, 2021. Vaccine rates continue to slowly increase in Grundy County, recently reaching over 70% for initial dosage of eligible populations. Positive cases continue to increase, as well. All data is being tracked through the DOMO internal service by GCPH, as well as on state and federal websites to share with the public via social media platforms. Booster and 3rd shot information has been shared with all local partners, as well as newly updated pediatric recommendations. GCPH will continue to share information, as received, with all county partners during pandemic.

Public Health Report for September/October, 2021:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: GCPH continues to participate, as available, in community meetings/discussions.

Community Assessment: Grundy County CHNA&HIP updates provided by LBOH member Lexie Hach. Currently holding bi-weekly meetings for HIP w/GCPH personnel. Hach plans on submitting by mid-December, with full report available on county website towards the end of December. There are 5 different health needs identified, with education and resource/referral being the main focus of how health needs will be addressed to the community. Mental health is number one need identified by community members

Injury Prevention: The Sharps Disposal program received 26 sharps container during reporting period.

Immunization (I4) Grant: Immunization Audits for schools were to be completed by October 31st, 2021. All school audits have been completed for Grundy County. There were 2272 certificates audited in total. Childcare audits are to be completed by January 31st, 2022. An active TB case was reported to GCPH by the patient and IDPH during reporting period. GCPH personnel met with the patient to dispense medications and go through procedures. Following patients start of medications, patient became very ill and was directed by physician and IDPH to discontinue medications. Patient is not contagious, and documentation of such is recorded with GCPH. Patient was directed to work with infectious disease specialist at a state facility for further treatment. Annual flu campaign began during reporting period. GCPH has added county clinics to campaign flyer, along with pharmacies. This information has been shared on social media and via email to local partners. GCPH will continue to promote this campaign throughout the flu season.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills was offered in all elementary schools. Lessons have been completed at Timothy Christian (3rd/4th grades), started in Dike and Grundy Center. Reinbeck is scheduled to begin in January. Red Ribbon Week educational materials were offered to all elementary schools, reaching 1153 students.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom.

Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC): The Grundy County Medical Reserve Corps. (GC-MRC) continues to help at various community events, as needed and desired. There are 26 active volunteers. Annual TA Assessment was completed between GC-MRC unit leader, Thornton-Lang, and Regional Liaison. Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period will cease for the foreseeable future, due to changes in the website. If reports are made available in the future, these will be shared with board.

6YR Preparedness Grant: GCPH continues to respond to pandemic with approved activities for vaccination efforts in county (see above report).

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): No updates.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): Donations were received from individuals involved with 100 Women Who Care organization (not big pot, but private donations) for programming after Hach presented information in October. This will go towards shipping of educational materials to give to each student, as well as to Thornton-Lang's time/mileage to present in kindergarten classrooms in county. First vaccination program was presented in Grundy Center kindergarten at end of October, reaching 53 students. Other vaccination and handwashing programs have been scheduled in all but one school, who has not responded to interest. These will be completed by the end of December.

Assessment of grant searching for FY22/FY23 will take place in the upcoming months, 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: Reporting period September/October, 2021: 77,365

Additional Information: IDPH/DHS is being merged at the state level. There will be external stake holder town hall meetings coming up. When invites are available, Bombei will send out to Thornton-Lang to send to LBOH for attendance. Thornton-Lang will send current information, as it becomes available.

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

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1okzZW0WOFUKCF4F2ovx7Dv-Bt13hYlul/view?usp=sharing>

- Audio link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NOC1Zg4ribOKUrrlZ5bw1vTQYzSGhgPF/view?usp=sharing>
- File link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g0e2JEPOGSA-ifzOuLe0LRLliT1ur2WN?usp=sharing>

Meeting adjourned at 8:20am; motion by Stefl, second by Hach; carried.

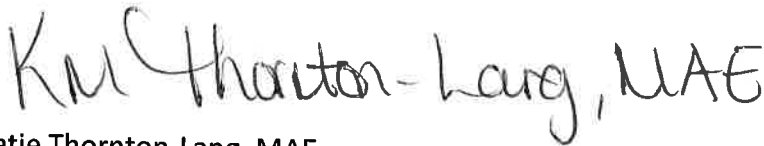
Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, January 10th, 2022, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

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



Lexie Hach, MA (Newly Appointed Chair, 1/10/21)
Chairperson