

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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.

Zoom/conference call attendance will be available to board members and to the public.

Appointed board members present in person: Lexie Hach, MA, Chairperson; Tom Boheman, BS, newly appointed board member. Also present in person: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Regional Consultant; Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Administrator; Michelle VanDeest, GCPH Office Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD, Vice-Chairperson; Mike Nelsestuen, ARNP, LBOH Medical Provider, newly appointment board member; Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC. Also present via zoom: Katie Strub, Allen Women's Health.

**Regular meeting** of the LBOH was called to order by 2022 Chairperson, Hach.

**New Member Welcome:** new members were welcomed and introduced.

**2023 Chair/Vice-Chair Approval:** board discussed keeping Hach as Chair and Petersen as vice-chair for 2023. Johnson motioned for such; seconded by Nelsestuen; approved for 2023. GCPH Administrator will update files, website and grant information with 2023-member information.

**The minutes** from November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and December 20<sup>th</sup> meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve both sets of minutes by Petersen; seconded by Johnson; carried. The minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Hach, and will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

**Allen Women's Health Quarterly Report:** Katie Strub updated board on services provided to Grundy County for family planning and maternal health, with attachments sent prior to meeting. Strub will send full 2022 reports when they ready, which are also send to state representatives. Allen protective center provide various services to 27 counties, including Grundy County, for child services. They served almost 800 patients, 10 in Grundy County with 5 of those being allegations of abuse and drug endangerment in 2022. One goal is to have schools/families provide/body safety education through other agencies (i.e., crisis intervention services and others). Follow-up with schools and GCPH Administrator will take place for programming. There is a sex educator through the center and they are partnering with Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) for high school students/adolescent demographic with school education and clinic.

**Annual Items:** Annual items were emailed to board prior to meeting for new chair signature on signatory authorization and sanitarian position support. Conflict of interest statements were also distributed with a request for board members to return to GCPH Administrator upon signing.

**Landfill Commission Updates:** The following report from Ryan Bingman was emailed to board prior to meeting: *“The Grundy County Landfill Commission held a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in the Grundy County Courthouse. The group reviewed bills with no concerns or objections. They were unable to attend an earlier training due to scheduling conflicts. The group talked about the new credit card machine and how the process was going. It was noted that the percentage for using a card was automatically added to the charge by the credit card machine. The staff informs each customer prior to using the machine. Because there was a vote on the tractor in November that was not on the agenda, the board revoted to purchase the same tractor. They also voted to purchase a grapple bucket attachment. Ryan shared the flier, that was made by the County Board of Health, that showed sharps disposal locations and phone numbers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.”* Due to conflicts of previous representative discussed, board discussed possible new representative options for commission. Motion by Nelsestuen to keep Bingman as representative at quarterly meetings; seconded by Petersen; approved.

#### **Public Health Report for November/December, 2022:**

##### Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

- GCPH continues to participate in community meetings/discussions including but not limited to Grundy County Community Partners, Grundy Center Wellness Committee (board), Child Passenger Safety State Advisory (board), Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health Center (board), NEI3A (board), LPHS Collaborative (board).
- Internships: GCPH will have two interns from University of Iowa (UofI) college of Public Health in spring 2023: an undergraduate and a graduate student doing a hybrid in-person/virtual internship.
- Monkeypox cases have slowed. The CDC is reporting weekly on Wednesdays, as opposed to daily, for US case information.
- School 10% Absenteeism
  - During reporting period, there were more reports of 10% absenteeism in county school buildings than in any other prior year.
  - November had 1 district building submit 1 report
  - December had 6 district buildings submit 26 reports during a 2-week period prior to the holiday break
- Household Sharps Program
  - Received 2 containers during reporting period.
  - GCPH distributed information on new procedures via email communications to local partners/stakeholders, as well as on social media.

- GCPH did have two individuals who brought sharps into office in detergent bottles; department personnel explained new policy/procedures to them and referred them to Grundy County Convenience Center, giving them hours of operation and address. One of those individuals returned to office a week later with sharps in a red sharps container.
- GCPH Administrator will resent flyer to local partners and place on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)
- Grundy County Child Passenger Safety Program (GCCPSP)
  - Installation/education for three individual families during reporting period: two expecting mothers and a grandmother.
- Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS) – Hand Hygiene/Staying Healthy
  - No updates until next fiscal year.

#### Immunization (I4) Grant

- The LTBI (non-communicable) case that was identified in July, 2022 was given last medication doses in December, 2022. Individual is non-English speaking, and GCPH Administrator is using electronic tools to work with.
- Mandated Immunization Audits
  - Childcare center audits are required to be completed by 1/27/23.
  - A local childcare center changed ownership during reporting period and was not fully licensed. According to state law, only licensed centers can be audited. GCPH Administrator worked with childcare center, DHS representative, and Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (IHHS) on this matter and will look to finish in January following full licensure of center.
  - All other licensed childcare centers audits have been completed. Will provide final report at next meeting.
- A local long-term care center did experience an outbreak of Influenza A during reporting period. The facility worked with IHHS on this matter, and kept GCPH up-to-date on status throughout stated outbreak.
- Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS) – Vaccination/Staying Healthy
  - No updates until next fiscal year.

#### Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant

- LifeSkills programming for fall finalized in Grundy Center and continued in Dike-New Hartford; DNH had to extend dates to early spring due to extreme weather school cancellations. Timothy Christian and Gladbrook-Reinbeck are scheduled to start in January. BCLUW receives similar programming from another entity, and AGWSR does not have this age group for programming in Grundy County (in Hardin County).

### 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 currently 26 active volunteers.
  - Three volunteers donated time at Christmas in Grundy County event, helping low-income families provide holiday gifts for their families.

### 6YR Preparedness Grant

- A local long-term care center did experience an outbreak of COVID-19 during reporting period. The facility worked with IHHS on this matter, and kept GCPH up-to-date on status throughout stated outbreak.
- 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 continues to be a high priority, but have slowed down considerably. GCPH continues to work with local school 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. Vaccine administration/distribution continues, with vaccines coming through GCPH. GCPH works with hospital, one clinic and all county pharmacies to ensure administration to community members. GCPH does not house vaccines; dosages are being distributed to pharmacies, hospital, and UnityPoint Clinic - Family Medicine in Grundy Center for administration. The county's COVID-19 website is still active and being updated as needed (<https://tinyurl.com/38ffnwwz>). Positive cases, and vaccine rates including booster dosages, continue to increase in Grundy County. Available data continues to be tracked through the DOMO internal service by GCPH, as well as on state and federal websites. All vaccine updates and general COVID information continues to be shared with local partners and on social media platforms.

### Social Media Stats

- Reporting period November/December, 2022 (see attachment): 23,543 individuals reached.

Recorded Meeting available via zoom for future viewing on Google Drive:

- Video link:  
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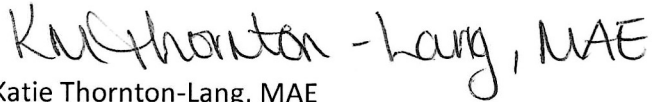
Meeting adjourned at 8:11am; motion by Johnson, second by Boheman; carried.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00am, Grundy Center Kling Memorial Library/Zoom/Phone Conference

**Scheduled Meeting Topics:**

Grundy County Emergency Management Coordinator Meet & Greet  
Auditor's Office Budget Procedure (possibly another meeting)  
GCPH Structure Updates  
Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE  
Grundy County Public Health Administrator



Lexie Hach, MA  
Chairperson