

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, July 11<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.

Zoom/conference call attendance will 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 in minutes. Meeting recordings will be deleted from Drive after no less than 1-years-time but will continue to be available upon request on GCPH Administrator, Katie Thornton-Lang's, county computer drive. Appointed board members present in person: Lexie Hach, MA, Chairperson; Mike Nelsestuen, ARNP, LBOH Medical Provider; Tom Boheman, BS. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Thornton-Lang; Michelle VanDeest, GCPH Office Coordinator; Chase Babcock, Grundy County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC. Also present via zoom: Hannah Jaros, Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc. Community Prevention Educator.

The minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Boheman; seconded by Nelsestuen; 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 Presentation:** Katie Strub did not present due to presenting information this past January.

**Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc.:** Hannah Jaros presented updates from Pathways Behavioral Services provided to residents of Grundy County, sharing slides of services covered for county (which will be shared with board following meeting). Hach inquires to Jaros out of the 41 businesses reached out to, how many were interested in policies/education/resources in workplaces on gambling; Jaros states the YMCA and city clerk were interested.

**Office Coordinator Position Discussion:** GCPH discussed the office coordinator position with the board and will make recommendations to be voted on for approval at scheduled September meeting.

**Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS) Merger/Alignment Updates:** GCPH updated board on the IHHS merger/alignment and will continue to email information as it becomes available.

**Meeting/Presentation Schedule Discussion:** the board resumed discussion from May meeting regarding the option of having bi-monthly meetings for LBOH action items, with alternating

months of having presenters offer information to board on services provided to county. Thornton-Lang will make a proposal to the board for FY25 meetings by the end of FY24.

**Landfill Commission Updates:** Representative, Ryan Bingman has stated that he has not been invited to meetings so he has not attended; Smith will reach out to commission again to make sure Bingman is invited, as needed. Smith also states that there will be an Open House coming up for the landfill, a new person has been hired for various job duties and will complete trainings/certifications, and that the department recently purchased a new tractor.

**Environmental Health Updates:** County Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist, Carie Sparks, will provide an update via email following meeting. Previously discussed position job descriptions have not been obtained by county attorney, as of this report; Thornton-Lang will follow-up, as able, on this task.

### **Public Health Report for May/June 2023:**

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

- GCPH continues to participate in community meetings/discussions including but not limited to Grundy County Community Partners (board), Grundy Center Wellness Committee (board), Child Passenger Safety State Advisory (board), Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health Center (board), NEISA (board), LPHS Collaborative (board). For specific updates on any of these collaborative matters, please contact GCPH Administrator.
- Internships: GCPH will host an undergraduate intern from the University of Iowa College of Public Health during the end of the summer/fall semester. The intern currently plans on working on curriculum and education to extend the Healthy Habit All-Stars program to be offered to local kindergarten classes in the county.
- Disease Outbreak Updates
  - A case of cryptosporidiosis (crypto) was identified on 5/17/23. After speaking with patients' family, an epi-linked case was identified in the home on 5/18/23. Both cases recovered from illness and was isolated from rest of household. Cases were closed on 5/22/23.
  - Diseases of Interest = information shared with local healthcare partners/stakeholders via email, as available: C. auris, Fungal meningitis, Mpox
- Household Sharps Program
  - Received 14 containers during reporting period, and 61 during FY23.
  - GCPH distributed information on new procedures via email communications to local partners/ stakeholders, as well as on social media.
- Grundy County Child Passenger Safety Program (GCCPSP)
  - Nationally certified child passenger safety technician, Thornton-Lang, assisted 2 individuals with educational inquiries regarding what to do with expired car seats and recommendations for car seat usage.
  - Thornton-Lang was referred by Operation Threshold to a family in need of a belt-positioning booster. The fitting was completed on this seat, as well as the seat currently used which was to be utilized for younger child following fitting.

- Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS):
  - Concussion/Bike Safety: programming offered to all kindergarten classrooms in Grundy County. During reporting period, completion of programming at TC and AGWSR.
  - Hand Hygiene/Staying Healthy: No updates until next fiscal year.
- Sun Safety Day at Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Fair
  - Thornton-Lang was scheduled to present sun safety information to county 3rd/4th graders at the annual fair. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend but did provide educational materials and presentation outline to fair employees to continue presentations in her absence.

#### Immunization (I4) Grant

- Assisted 2 community members during reporting period for requested Hep B vaccination series documentation, finding information in GCPH files, inputting them into Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS) and emailing documentation.
- Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS) – Vaccination/Staying Healthy
  - No updates until next fiscal year.

#### Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant

- No updates

#### 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.
  - The yearly update drill was conducted in June with 19/26 members communicating in the time requested (24 hours). There were some members who chose to retire from the unit, but others have volunteered in their place. Unit leader, Thornton-Lang, will update the database to report new volunteer numbers at September meeting.

#### 6YR Preparedness Grant

- The public health emergency declaration for COVID-19 expired nationwide on 5/11/23. Data and information for COVID will continue to be made available weekly with IHHS respiratory surveillance report which is accessible to the public.
- GCPH has finalized funding made available for response by the end of FY23.

#### Opioid Settlement Funding

- No updates

#### Social Media Stats

- Reporting period May/June 2023: 3403 individuals reached via Twitter. Facebook and Instagram stats were not available for reporting period.
- FY23: 86,519 individuals reached.

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

- Video link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mH8I9cUINkViSMN2myhZEivtSEq73H0-/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mH8I9cUINkViSMN2myhZEivtSEq73H0-/view?usp=drive_link)
- Audio link:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dvY\\_JDIPPHqux6eBdvM6dGkjMP7bpg6O/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dvY_JDIPPHqux6eBdvM6dGkjMP7bpg6O/view?usp=drive_link)
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Meeting adjourned at 8:12am; motion by Boheman, second by Nelsestuen; carried.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

**Scheduled Meeting Topics:**

Partner Presentations: Black Hawk County Health Department, Allen Women’s Health, Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc. (as available)  
GCPH Structure Updates (as needed)  
Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



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Grundy County Public Health Administrator

Lexie Hach, MA  
Grundy County Local Board of Health Chairperson

