

Grundy County Board of Health

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at 7:00am in the Conference Room at the Grundy County Annex Building in Grundy Center, IA. Per the Iowa Public Information Board, Chapter 21: Electronic Meetings for a Governmental Body will 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 off of 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: Tom Boheman, BS, Chairperson. Also present in person: Jordyn Beeghly, GCPH Program Coordinator; Carie Sparks, Grundy County Sanitarian; Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS). Appointed board members present virtually: Mike Nelsestuen, ARNP, Medical Provider; Julie Johnson, PsyD, LMHC.

The minutes from July 9th, 2024, regular meeting, and August 14th, 2024, partner presentations were reviewed. Motion to approve all minutes by Johnson; seconded by Nelsestuen; carried. The minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Boheman, and will be uploaded to public health portion of county website following meeting; it is no longer required to upload to IowaGrants.gov if meeting minutes are on public website.

Board Member Updates: Board reviewed matrix shared to make recommendations to BOS at regular scheduled November LBOH meeting, as at least one board member will not be rejoining board following 3-year term completion. Boheman states he will work with Lexie on recommendations to bring forth at regularly scheduled November meeting.

Partner Presentation Updates: Presentations held August 14th went well and recording has been shared for those who could not attend. LBOH Budget Meeting is scheduled to take place on December 3rd, 2024, 7:00am. Grundy County Memorial Hospital is scheduled to present their Strategic Planning initiatives at regular January 2025, meeting; Grundy County Auditor's Office is scheduled to present budget information/updates at regular March 2025 meeting.

Environmental Health Updates: Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian, Sparks, updated board on environmental health matters. Sparks states that in regard to the Lon's Plumbing and Heating appeal, Grundy County Attorney, Erika Allen, has told her that there is a delay in the court case and the septic system is still currently illegally installed. The company's license is revoked until at least October 23rd, if not later (which Sparks will clarify) and Allen is working with ICAP on matter. Smith inquires if the license revocation is just for owner of business and Sparks clarified that it is for the whole business. Sparks is continuing to work on her job description and hopes to have it ready to present at November regular meeting. She states that drivers license has been very busy and the Grundy County Treasurer has decided to start

charging out of county individuals who choose to get their license in Grundy County, which is what most counties are doing.

Landfill Commission: Landfill Representative, Smith, updated board on landfill commission matters. Smith stated that a new tractor was purchased for the landfill. Smith will be leaving BOS at end of 2024. LBOH will need to appoint a new Landfill Commissioner (and BOS representative for LBOH meetings) at that time.

Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS) Merger/Alignment Updates: GCPH department updated board on information provided regarding the IHHS merger/alignment, including emails previously sent to board (attachments shared with board throughout reporting period).

GCPH Department/Policy Updates: GCPH Program Coordinator, Jordyn Beeghly, was recently spotlighted on the Allen Alumni page for her work in public health, which is the first of such spotlights they are sharing...and Beeghly created the spotlight that they shared. July and August newsletters were distributed prior to the meeting and are available on GCPH social media platforms (Facebook, X/Twitter, and Instagram), created by Beeghly and shared with local partners. During a recent Iowa Disease Surveillance System (IDSS) outage, it was decided that a policy needs to be created by GCPH to work with local healthcare partners on how to report/receive possible reportable disease case information. This will be worked on in the upcoming year.

Public Health Report for July/August 2024:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

- The FY24 End of Year Progress Report was submitted on 7/10/24 (due date of 7/15/24) and has been accepted by state.
- 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), NEI3A (board), LPHS Collaborative (board), and Grundy Family YMCA Advisory Board. For specific updates on any of these collaborative matters, please contact GCPH Administrator.
- Internships: Thornton-Lang met with a University of Northern Iowa (UNI) School of Public Health major via zoom regarding general information on the status of public health at the local level and helped intern make connections with other partners and resources.
- Disease Outbreak Updates
 - E. coli isolated case reported on 7/8/24, closed 7/9/24 (Beeghly assisted for training purposes).
 - E. coli isolated case reported on 7/22/24, closed 7/29/24 (Beeghly assisted for training purposes).
 - E. coli isolated case reported on 8/6/24, closed 8/7/24.
 - Crypto isolated case reported on 8/7/24, closed 8/7/24.

- Crypto isolated case reported on 8/12/24, closed 8/15/24 (Beeghly assisted for training purposes).
- There are two new permanent reportable diseases added to Iowa's CADE reporting system: AGS and Cronobacter (please see previously emailed information).
- 1 case of Campylobacter (campy) were identified during reporting period; Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (IHHS) is following up on these cases, but they are still being reported to GCPH. GCPH may be asked to follow-up on some cases.
- Long-Term Care Reported Outbreaks (determined by 3 or more patients confirmed with respiratory illness).
- 1 facility reported outbreaks of COVID-19 during reporting period.
- Possible Scabies outbreak at local facility during reporting period. GCPH is working with facility and IHHS on matter.
- No 10% Absenteeism Reports from schools during reporting period. Schools are asked to report 10% absenteeism in each district building for respiratory, norovirus and other possible disease outbreaks each year.
- Diseases of Interest = information shared with local healthcare partners/stakeholders via email, as available:
 - Mpox increases from CDC/IHHS, 8/2024; Declared global health emergency from World Health Organization, 8/2024.
 - HPB19 increase from CDC/IHHS, 8/2024; A highly contagious respiratory virus; is not reportable.
 - Oropouche Virus Increase from CDC/IHHS, 8/2024; Also known as "Sloth Fever", and can be transmitted through midge and mosquito bites, as well as contact with rodents & sloths.
 - Pertussis increases in US from IHHS, 8/2024.
 - West Nile Virus (mosquito borne) from IHHS, 8/2024; No cases in Grundy County, but case confirmed in Iowa.
- Household Sharps Program: Received 3 containers during reporting period. 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): Education on booster to vehicle seat belt usage provided to family in July. Individual installation/education with family referred to GCPH by Operation Threshold.
- Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS): Hand Hygiene education will not be offered at AGWSR for the 2024 fall season due to their kindergarten classrooms being moved to Ackley. No updates on concussion/bike safety.
- Annual Jail Inspection: Completed on July 22nd, 2024. New addition to Sheriff's Office was also inspected. Beeghly updated formatting of reporting form and completed majority of inspection and report which was filed with Sheriff's Office.

Immunization (I4) Grant

- The FY24 Annual Report was submitted on 7/10/24 (due date of 8/5/24) and has been accepted by state.
- Immunization Audits scheduling has begun; schools to be completed by 11/1/24 (all currently scheduled), childcare centers to be completed by 1/31/25.
- Healthy Habit All-Stars (HHAS): Vaccine importance education will not be offered at AGWSR for the 2024 fall season due to their kindergarten classrooms being moved to Ackley.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant

- The FY24 Year End Report was submitted on 7/10/24 (due date of 8/1/24) and has been accepted by state.
- Beeghly has completed training for Elementary LifeSkills and will begin teaching classes in fall, which are already scheduled for Dike-New Hartford 3rd graders, Grundy Center 4th graders and Gladbrook-Reinbeck 4th graders; additional technology was purchased through grants (LPHS/I4/CO) to help with audits and teaching so that Beeghly and Thornton-Lang can do separate events, as needed; currently working with Pathways on Middle School LifeSkills at Timothy Christian school.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant

- Grant Required Deliverables:
 - Monthly Radio Checks
 - Completed in timely manner in July and August
 - National Incident Management System (NIMS): trainings completed by staff, training record, certificates uploaded to secure site, NIMSCAST
 - Completed 8/15/24 (due date of 12/1/24)
 - Point of Dispensing (POD) Workbook
 - Due date of 10/31/24
 - Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)
 - Due date of 12/1/24
- 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.
 - There are currently 23 volunteers.

Opioid Settlement Funding

- No updates

Social Media Stats

- Reporting period July/August 2024: 7385 individuals reached via Facebook and Instagram (X/Twitter stats not available).
- Beeghly completes social media stats weekly, monthly and yearly.

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

- Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fmpGIDJkVxHqmmwWFpgNGq7fk-RkBZ/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KoMvsvU3LFBng2uOTmudSME_vMyRJZM/view?usp=sharing
- Chat link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gmITP3el3NNVqhXWkoRq91bAW9eCuWJw/view?usp=sharing>
- File link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1asN4h-xvfFbG_UgcBn3pynkwkla73i01?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned at 7:22am; motion by Johnson, second by Nelsestuen; carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

Scheduled Meeting Topics:

Board Member Recommendations to Board of Supervisors (Board)

Environmental Health Matrix Updates (Carie Sparks)

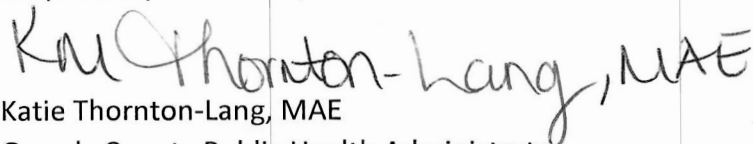
Dr. Kruse/Iowa Department of Health & Human Services Summer Tour Updates

Grundy County Safety Action Plan Workshop Information Sharing

Grundy County Emergency Management Agency County Disaster Recovery Planning Committee Information Sharing

Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Boheman, BS

Grundy County Local Board of Health Chairperson

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