

## Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Called to Order: 7:00am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, January 11<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: Dr. Charles LaTendresse; Dave Stefl. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Program Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Jess Eilers; Lexie Hach; Crystal Petersen. Also present via zoom/conference call: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Stefl. The minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, were reviewed. Motion to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Eilers, carried; the minutes were approved as written. The minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, were reviewed. Motion to approve the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Hach, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by newly appointed Chair (see below), Stefl, and submitted to IowaGrants.gov.

**Member/Office Updates:** newly appointed LBOH members, Hach and Petersen, were introduced. Their information will be updated within IowaGrants.gov for grant requirements. Orientation has been held, virtually, for new members with Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant, Heather Bombei, on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. New Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were voted on by board members. Motion to approve the Stefl as Chair and LaTendresse as Vice Chair by Eilers; seconded by LaTendresse, carried; officers were approved. Member updates will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov.

**Meeting Days/Times Discussion:** As there are two new members of LBOH, a discussion was held as to if the current LBOH meeting day/time works (2nd Monday, bi-monthly: July, September, November, January, March, May). All members agreed current days/times will be as is going forward.

**Additional Item:** Hach suggested a "conflict of interest" statement should be in place for current appointed board members to review, sign and update annually. Hach will send Thornton-Lang suggested template to add to March meeting for discussion and possible signatory for all members.

**COVID-19 Updates:** The pandemic continues to be the main focus during reporting period. GCPH continues to participate in weekly phone conferences, webinars, and zoom meetings as pandemic continues; these meetings include information shared with and available from local, state, and national partners. Working with individual inquiries that have come up daily via email, phone calls, and Facebook messenger are a high priority. GCPH works regularly with local schools and sports teams' inquiries and guidance, long-term care facilities on guidance and updates, as well as childcare center guidance. We have also been reached out to by various businesses and churches for guidance offered by our department, IDPH and the CDC. Isolation and quarantine home orders have been instituted by the State of Iowa. If these were needed, LBOH would have to sign off orders, with GCPH personnel and local law enforcement working to execute orders. Vaccine administration has begun for local healthcare personnel. GCPH is working with hospital, clinics, pharmacies, long-term care facilities, and assisted living facilities in county to ensure administration to appropriate individuals. GCPH will not be housing vaccines; dosages will be distributed to participating entities, with local pharmacies in Grundy Center to be utilized as our main drop point for allocation to county entities. Upon availability of vaccine to the public, GCPH will create a vaccine campaign, similar to flu campaign, for all participating entities offering vaccine to the public. Hach suggests having regular updates distributed to LBOH members, especially regarding vaccine usage and distribution; Thornton-Lang suggests including them on monthly Healthcare COVID Discussion group, along with pharmacists and updates at Long-Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities and Physicians/clinics. Thornton-Lang will facilitate additions to these meetings, with GCPH facilitating meetings with support from County IT for zoom/conference call capabilities.

#### **Public Health Report for November/December, 2020:**

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

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

*Community Assessment:* The CHNA&HIP deadline for submitting to IDPH has been moved to 2022. Hach mentions planning should start in 2021 and offered assistance on this matter. Hach states that there are college students that could help out in a virtual format with this endeavor and will reach out to various agencies about this.

*Injury Prevention:* The Sharps Disposal program received 6 sharps container during reporting period.

Immunization (I4) Grant: A latent TB (LTBI) patient was being treated within Grundy County. GCPH representatives dispensed medications and offered education two times during reporting period to patient. The patient completed treatment in December. An additional TB (LTBI) patient was diagnosed in October. Medication was dispensed and education offered once during reporting period to patient. This patient was directed to discontinue medications by IDPH due to adverse reactions. No medications were distributed following. The Annual Flu campaign continues for local pharmacies with flyers being distributed weekly on social media.

Flyers have also been distributed to local media (i.e., newspapers, TV stations, radio stations), libraries, schools, childcare centers, etc. Campaign will continue in next months. Immunization audits, required by IDPH for all schools and licensed childcare centers were completed. Audit due date is normally on January 31st of fiscal year. Due to pandemic, that date was established to be extended to March of fiscal year. Upon scheduling of audits, GCPH did not know due date so all audits were scheduled and completed in timely manner. GCPH audited 2240 school certificates and 653 childcare certificates. Thornton-Lang, states this was the best year for audits since she has begun auditing. School nurses and childcare center staff are commended for the work they did on keeping these up-to-date given their extra duties with the pandemic.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills programming was completed in Dike Elementary School, working with 3rd graders for curriculum during reporting period. Program Coordinator, Thornton-Lang, worked with 3 classrooms on 8 lessons each, reaching 72 students for each lesson (24 students in each classroom). Thornton-Lang has met with a Coach through IDPH and has ideas going forward in lieu of programming directly in the schools, including video sharing and monthly newsletter re: LifeSkills lessons as topics to share with all students/families. She will continue to plan on this implementation process.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom, including weekly 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 27 active volunteers. Unit Activity Summary Report for reporting period September/October, 2020 (see attachment): 5 total number of activities; 4 total number of MRC participants; 23 total number of hours contributed; \$639.36 economic value of contribution.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): There was 1 installation & educational during reporting period, and 2 educations offered to community members. In-person inspections/installations/educational inquiries are allowed to be conducted, as of this report, with mitigation measures in place.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): No programming during reporting period.

Due to the pandemic, no additional grant searching is in plans to take place for the FY21 year.

Social Media Stats: Reached 116,265 individuals for reporting period November/December, 2020. GCPH is active on the following social media sites: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. We also promote our county website on all social media platforms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26am; motion by LaTendresse, second by Stefl; carried.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

**Scheduled Meeting Topics:**  
Conflict of Interest Statement  
Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE  
Grundy County Public Health Program Coordinator

Dave Stefl, RPH  
Chairperson

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