

Grundy County Board of Health

Monday, May 10th, 2021

Called to Order: 7:01am

The Grundy County Board of Health (LBOH) met on Monday, May 10th, 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: Dave Stefl, RPH, Chairperson; Dr. Charles LaTendresse, Vice Chair; Lexie Hach, MA. Also present in person: Barbara Smith, Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS); Katie Thornton-Lang, Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) Program Coordinator; Michelle VanDeest, GCPH Office Coordinator. Appointed board members present via zoom/conference call: Jessica Eilers, RN; Crystal Petersen, RDN, LD. Also present via zoom/conference call: Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regional Consultant; Anna Norton and Summer Woolsey, GCPH/LBOH APEX Students.

Regular meeting of the LBOH was called to order by Stefl. The minutes from March 8th, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve the March 2021 minutes by LaTendresse; seconded by Eilers, carried; the minutes were approved as written. Minutes were signed by Chair, Stefl, and will be submitted to IowaGrants.gov following meeting.

THANK YOU! Grundy County Public Health (GCPH) would like to thank LBOH and Grundy County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for their recognition to the department during National Public Health Week. 😊

6YR Response Grant: GCPH works with IDPH on various grants, including a response grant that was executed following the beginning of the pandemic. This grant can be utilized to receive assistance for the required activities to outside entities from the public health department. Due to GCPH's continued role in response to the pandemic, LBOH requested that another entity look at response grant to see where outside help could be utilized. Erika Allen, Grundy County Attorney, was emailed grant and activities to offer assistance. Email information from Allen will be discussed following meeting with Hach and GCPH to discuss details further. It was suggested for GCPH to reach out to Butler/Grundy County Alliance (Jeff Kolb) to help with amplification of marketing.

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, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Isolation and quarantine home orders have been instituted by the State of Iowa. If these are needed, LBOH would be required to sign off on orders, with GCPH personnel and local law enforcement working to execute orders. Vaccine administration was in Phase 1B during the first portion of reporting period, opening up to those ages 16+ (18+ for Moderna vaccine, which is what Grundy County receives from state program). GCPH continues to work 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 for administration to those identified as priority populations in Phase 1B during reporting period, and beyond following opening up to public. GCPH created a campaign, similar to flu shot campaign, to disseminate information to the public. All those identified in Tier 1 of Phase 1B received prime dosage of Moderna (who wished to be), including all school personnel in all 5 public districts and Timothy Christian during reporting period. GCPH also worked through tiers and those aged 65+ in the identified priority populations for Phase 1B in collaboration with local pharmacies and healthcare partners during reporting period. Currently, GCPH and local pharmacies and UnityPoint Clinic-Grundy Center are working on the future of clinics, as vaccination administrations have largely slowed in our county and beyond. We continue to find ways to reach high-risk populations and those with vaccine hesitancy.

Public Health Report for March/April, 2021:

Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Grant

Collaborative Relations: GCPH continues to participate, as available, in community meetings/discussions. Both Community Partners and Wellness Committee are available via zoom, and GCPH hopes to attend these more frequently in upcoming months.

Community Assessment: CHNA&HIP received a second extension by IDPH due to ongoing pandemic response by public health departments; current due date is Fall of 2023. For counties who have already begun process, they can either continue and submit when finished, or have the option to postpone submission. Grundy County CHNA&HIP updates provided by LBOH members Lexie Hach and Crystal Petersen. Working with 100 hours of APEx experience interns/students, who introduced themselves to board members, via zoom. They will each be working on different aspects of CHNA&HIP for GCPH/LBOH to take over for full completion; they will also work on various other projects with Lexie supervising. The Resource & Referral guide will be updated by students; GCPH will discuss with IT about putting on website upon updating. Plan is to have this completed by the end of December, 2021.

Disease Outbreak: On April 28th, 2021, investigation began on E. coli Shgt. isolated case. Case was closed on April 29th, 2021.

Injury Prevention: The Sharps Disposal program received 12 sharps container during reporting period.

The 3% hold was released for FY21 LPHS contract. LPHS money will be spent this month.

Immunization (I4) Grant: The Annual Flu campaign ended for local pharmacies with flyers being distributed weekly on social media.

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Grant: LifeSkills programming continued and ended in Reinbeck Elementary School, working with 4th graders for curriculum during reporting period. Program Coordinator, Thornton-Lang, worked with 2 classrooms on lessons reaching 14 students for each of the 8 lessons in each classroom. Thornton-Lang has reached out to Grundy Center Elementary for possible lessons at end of the school year; they were interested, but did not contact further. Will reach out to for programming for next academic year. GCPH is continuing to try to find ways to reach community members for substance abuse prevention topics and attend webinars, as applicable, in order to utilize grant opportunity and funding. Working with IDPH about possibly returning some grant dollars, as pandemic has made some programming difficult to complete. The FY22 contract was granted extension from FY21 contract, due to RFA suspension in Governor's Public Health Emergency Proclamation. The 3% hold was released for FY21 LPHS contract.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant: PHEP meetings have been held via zoom, including 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: 8 total number of activities; 5 total number of MRC participants; 12 total number of hours contributed; \$561.31 economic value of contribution.

6YR Preparedness Grant: GCPH continues to respond to pandemic with approved activities for vaccination efforts in county.

Grundy County Safety Seat Program (GCCPSP): There was 1 installation & education during reporting period. In-person inspections/installations/educational inquiries are allowed to be conducted, as of this report, with mitigation measures in place. Thornton-Lang is recertified until April 2023. Online CEU's in place of instructor seat-checks were pre-approved by National SafeKids Worldwide organization.

Healthy Habits All-Stars (HHAS): No programming during reporting period. During reporting period, local kindergarten classroom from AGWSR reached out to present concussion and bike safety that was created for HHAS program (<https://idph.iowa.gov/Healthy-Habit-All-Stars>) by Thornton-Lang before pandemic. AGWSR did not previously allow visitors to school during HHAS handwashing/vaccination presentations from Fall 2020, so will be presenting this program for the first time at AGWSR in May, 2021.

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

Due to the pandemic, total contacts for reporting period is not available.

Smith and Hach are registered for the Public Health Leadership Academy sessions, and will share information with group, when applicable.

Social Media Stats: Reached 94,370 individuals for reporting period (Pinterest analytics were not available). 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 was recorded via zoom and is available for future viewing/listening on Google Drive:

- Video link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRcJvInOU8zS3SYqKn51E5a7MT0rTiil/view?usp=sharing>
- Audio link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_xyVMvEnnx02P9IMbCxy5flZfuNUHosQ/view?usp=sharing
- Chat link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NmtN4PMNM-oawhWtqq_Pj5pMpaetwOA6/view?usp=sharing
- File link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hbdi41X3fRPVrgqNyUKbJKtheLNHYWj_?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned at 7:55am; motion by LaTendresse, second by Stefl; carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, July 12th, 2021, 7:00am, Grundy County Annex Building Conference Room/Zoom/Phone Conference

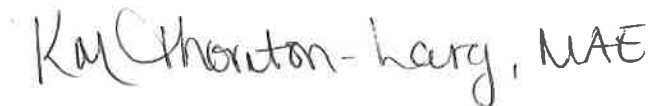
Scheduled Meeting Topics:

Operation Threshold WIC Updates (Amanda Kirchhoff)

CHNA&HIP Updates (under LPHS Grant)

Policy Updates (as needed)

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Thornton-Lang, MAE

Grundy County Public Health Program Coordinator



Dave Stefl, RPH

Chairperson